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THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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1 [REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN CLOSED SESSION ON

2 TUESDAY, JULY 21, 2020 ON PAGE 220]

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5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. WELCOME TO THE
6 REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF
7 SUPERVISORS. TODAY IS TUESDAY, JULY 21ST, 2020. OUR MEETING
8 TODAY IS BEING HELD REMOTELY DUE TO THE CURRENT PUBLIC HEALTH
9 CRISIS TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF ALL. I WILL TAKE ROLL CALL TO
10 CONFIRM ATTENDANCE. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC AND RESPOND WHEN
11 YOUR NAME IS CALLED. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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13 **SUP. SOLIS:** PRESENT.

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15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR
16 RIDLEY-THOMAS? SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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18 **SUP. KUEHL:** HERE.

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20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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22 **SUP. HAHN:** HERE.

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24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SACHI HAMAI, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** HERE.

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3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MARY WICKHAM, COUNTY COUNSEL?

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5 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** LORAYNE LINGAT, ASSISTANT EXECUTIVE

8 OFFICER OF THE BOARD?

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10 **MS. LINGAT:** HERE.

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12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA, WE WILL
13 BE TAKING TELEPHONIC PUBLIC COMMENTS DURING TODAY'S MEETING.

14 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE BOARD RECEIVED OVER 10,800 WRITTEN

15 PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR TODAY'S MEETING, AND AS THOSE WRITTEN

16 COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED, ALL OF THEM WERE AVAILABLE TO THE

17 SUPERVISORS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION CONSISTENT WITH THE BROWN

18 ACT REQUIREMENTS. WE WILL CONTINUE TO RECEIVE WRITTEN PUBLIC

19 COMMENTS THROUGHOUT THE MEETING. DUE TO THE NUMBER OF WRITTEN

20 PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED, WE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO READ ALL THE

21 NAMES, HOWEVER, THESE COMMENTS WILL BECOME PART OF THE

22 OFFICIAL RECORD. COLLEAGUES, FOR TODAY'S MEETING, THE

23 EXECUTIVE OFFICER WILL READ IN THE AGENDA, FOLLOWED BY ONE

24 HOUR OF PUBLIC COMMENT, AND WE WILL VOTE ON CONSENT ITEMS AND

25 ITEMS NOT HELD BY SUPERVISORS, AFTER WHICH WE WILL HEAR FROM

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1 THE SHERIFF. WE WILL THEN CONVENE INTO CLOSED SESSION, THEN
2 WE WILL TAKE UP DISCUSSION FOR THE ITEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HELD
3 BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
4 CALL THE AGENDA.

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6 **MS. LINGAT:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS OF THE
7 BOARD. TODAY'S AGENDA WILL BEGIN ON PAGE TWO SPECIAL DISTRICT
8 AGENDA. THIS IS THE AGENDA FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
9 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY.

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11 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I SIMPLY WANT YOU TO KNOW
12 THAT I AM PRESIDENT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU.

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18 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. ITEMS 1-8, PAGE 4, CONSENT CALENDAR,
19 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1-22. ON ITEM 2, SUPERVISOR
20 RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM THREE,
21 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON
22 ITEM 8, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND AS IT IS RELATED TO ITEM 25, AND
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 10,
25 SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 13,

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1 SUPERVISOR HAHN REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. ON ITEM 19,
2 SUPERVISOR BARGER WILL VOTE -- WOULD LIKE TO ABSTAIN FROM THE
3 VOTE. ON ITEM 20, THIS INCLUDES A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE
4 AGENDA, ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS
5 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. IN ADDITION, ON THIS ITEM,
6 SUPERVISOR BARGER VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. ON PAGE 20,
7 ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS, ITEMS 23-53, ON ITEM 23, THE CHIEF
8 EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTED THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO
9 SEPTEMBER 15TH, 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ITEM
10 25, THIS ITEM RELATES TO ITEM 8 AS INDICATED ON THE
11 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND THIS ITEM IS BEING HELD BY SUPERVISOR
12 KUEHL. ON ITEM 34, THE FIRE CHIEF REQUESTS THIS ITEM BE
13 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4TH, 2020. ON ITEM 35, THE
14 INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER REQUESTS IT BE CONTINUED TO
15 SEPTEMBER 21ST, 2020, AS INDICATED ON THE POSTED AGENDA. ITEM
16 37, THIS IS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING COUNTY
17 CODE TITLE 5, PERSONNEL, RELATING TO TEMPORARY CHANGES IN
18 CAFETERIA PLAN RULES FOR THE 2020 PLAN YEAR FOR THE HEALTHCARE
19 AND DEPENDENT CARE SPENDING ACCOUNTS AND RELATING TO
20 INCREASING THE CARRYOVER AMOUNT EFFECTIVE THE 2020 PLAN YEAR.
21 ON ITEM 38, THIS IS AN URGENCY ORDINANCE FOR ADOPTION AMENDING
22 AN EXISTING URGENCY ORDINANCE WHICH ESTABLISHED DEVELOPMENT
23 RESTRICTIONS AND ALLOWED FOR DISASTER RECOVERY, INCLUDING
24 TEMPORARY HOUSING, RECONSTRUCTION, AND PERMITTING FOR
25 PROPERTIES THAT SUFFERED IRREPARABLE DAMAGE IN THE WOOLSEY

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1 FIRE AND AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 22, PLANNING AND ZONING,
2 TO INCREASE THE MAXIMUM FLOOR AREA ALLOWED FOR TEMPORARY
3 HOUSING. ON PAGE 34, THIS INCLUDES MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO
4 THE AGENDA WHICH WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF
5 THE MEETING AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM
6 51B, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
7 ON ITEM 51C, SUPERVISOR KUEHL REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.
8 ON ITEM 51E, SUPERVISOR BARGER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
9 HELD. ON ITEM 51S, SUPERVISOR SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE
10 CONTINUED TWO WEEKS TO AUGUST 4, 2020. ON ITEM 51G, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD, AND ON THIS ITEM, SHE
12 ALSO REQUESTS IT TO BE REVISED FOR THE MOTION TO INDICATE
13 DIRECTOR OF PARKS OF RECREATION INSTEAD OF DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC
14 WORKS IN THE DIRECTIVE. ON ITEM 51L, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE FOR
15 INTRODUCTION AMENDING COUNTY CODE TITLE 8, CONSUMER PROTECTION
16 BUSINESS AND WAGE REGULATIONS, TO ADD THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
17 COVID-19 WORKER PROTECTION ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A CAP ON
18 FEES THAT A FOOD DELIVERY PLATFORM MAY CHARGE TO RESTAURANTS
19 REQUIRING DISCLOSURES TO (INAUDIBLE) BY THE FOOD DELIVERY
20 PLATFORM TO CUSTOMERS. THE REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCES THROUGH
21 51L ARE BEFORE YOU.

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23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, SECONDED BY
24 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** PAGE 35, SEPARATE MATTER, ITEM 54 IS A
2 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTIONS TO LEVEE THE 2021 SPECIAL
3 TAXES COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT NUMBER 3, IMPROVEMENT
4 AREAS B AND C, NUMBER 6, IMPROVEMENT AREA A, AND NUMBER 7. ON
5 PAGE 36, PUBLIC HEARING, THIS ITEM WILL BE HELD FOR HEARING.
6 ON PAGE 38, NOTICES OF CLOSED SESSION, ON ITEM CS2, THIS
7 INCLUDES AN A REVISION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL
8 AGENDA, AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA, MADAM
9 CHAIR.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE PUBLIC
12 COMMENTS FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
13 READ THE CALL IN INFORMATION THAT WAS ALSO PROVIDED ON THE
14 AGENDA AND EXPLAIN THE SPEAKING RULES TO THOSE MEMBERS OF THE
15 PUBLIC WHO ARE CALLING IN TO ADDRESS THE BOARD.

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17 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. AS INDICATED ON THE AGENDA, MEMBERS OF
18 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO OFFER PUBLIC COMMENT SHOULD CALL 844-
19 767-5651 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER 9676434. TO REPEAT,
20 PLEASE CALL 844-767-5651 AND USE PARTICIPANT CODE NUMBER
21 9676434. TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC CALLING IN, WHEN IT IS YOUR
22 TURN TO SPEAK, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME AND WHICH AGENDA ITEMS
23 YOU WISH TO SPEAK ON. YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE TO SPEAK ON ONE
24 AGENDA ITEM, OR TWO MINUTES TO SPEAK ON TWO OR MORE AGENDA
25 ITEMS. IN ADDITION, THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD

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1 WITH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT WILL BE PROVIDED ONE ADDITIONAL
2 MINUTE FOR A MAXIMUM TOTAL OF UP TO THREE MINUTES PER PERSON
3 FOR ALL AGENDA ITEMS, INCLUDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. WE
4 WILL ALLOCATE UP TO 60 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT ON ALL THE
5 ITEMS. IF THERE ARE NO SPEAKERS WAITING BEFORE 60 MINUTES HAVE
6 LAPSED, WE WILL CLOSE PUBLIC COMMENT. IN SPEAKING ON THE
7 AGENDA ITEMS, YOU MUST BE ON TOPIC. OUR GOAL IS TO GET THROUGH
8 AS MANY SPEAKERS AS WE CAN, IF YOU ARE NOT SPEAKING ON TOPIC,
9 OR WE CANNOT TELL IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON AN AGENDA ITEM, YOU
10 WILL GET ONE WARNING FROM COUNTY COUNSEL OR THE CHAIR. IF YOU
11 DO NOT IMMEDIATELY OR CLEARLY GET ON TOPIC OR IF YOU STRAY OFF
12 TOPIC AGAIN, YOU WILL FORFEIT THE REST OF YOUR TIME AND THE
13 CHAIR WILL MOVE TO THE NEXT SPEAKER. PLEASE NOTE THAT IF YOU
14 ARE ALSO LISTENING TO THE BOARD MEETING ON A COMPUTER OR
15 SPEAKER PHONE, YOU WILL NEED TO TURN DOWN THE VOLUME ON THOSE
16 DEVICES AS SOON AS THE MODERATOR CALLS ON YOU, OTHERWISE THERE
17 WILL BE AN ECHO. ITEM 55 IS A HEARING ON CONFIRMATION OF
18 FISCAL 2019-'20, HAZARDOUS VEGETATION WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES
19 TO BE ASSESSED TO OWNERS OF DESIGNATED PARCELS. THERE IS NO
20 DEPARTMENTAL SPEAKER ON THIS ITEM, AND CORRESPONDENCE WAS
21 RECEIVED, BUT FOR THOSE WHO PLAN TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE BOARD
22 ON THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, PLEASE PREPARE TO BE SWORN IN. BY
23 ADDRESSING THE BOARD TODAY, IN THE TESTIMONY YOU MAY BE GIVEN
24 BEFORE THIS BOARD, YOU SOLEMNLY SWEAR TO TELL THE TRUTH, THE

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1 WHOLE TRUTH, AND NOTHING BUT THE TRUTH, SO HELP YOU.

2 MODERATOR, MAY WE HAVE THE FIRST SPEAKER PLEASE.

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4 **MODERATOR:** AND AS A REMINDER, TO ADDRESS THE BOARD, PLEASE

5 PRESS 1 THEN 0 AT THIS TIME. WE DO NEED YOU TO PRESS 1 THEN 0

6 TO PLACE YOUR LINE INTO THE QUEUE. OUR FIRST SPEAKER IS DAVID

7 MALCOLM, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE

8 ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

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10 **DAVID MALCOLM:** RESOLUTION FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN. MY NAME IS

11 DAVID MALCCOLM, AND I'M THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD OF

12 EDUCATION FOR ROLLING UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. ON AUGUST 10TH,

13 WE WILL BE GOING TO DISTANCE LEARNING THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE

14 DISTRICT. THIS HAS CREATED MANY CHALLENGES TO US, BUT THE

15 BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS FOR OUR MCKINNEY-VENTO CHILDREN.

16 MCKINNEY-VENTO CHILDREN ARE WHAT'S KNOWN AS THE HOMELESS

17 CHILDREN. THAT DOES NOT MEAN THAT THEY ARE LIVING ON THE

18 STREET, BUT THIS MEANS THEY DON'T HAVE A PERMANENT ADDRESS,

19 EITHER HOTEL, GARAGE, ETC. IN ORDER TO GO TO DISTANCE

20 LEARNING, WE HANDED OUT COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS, ETC. TO ALL THE

21 CHILDREN. HOWEVER, YOU NEED HOT SPOT TO CONNECT WITH THE

22 TEACHER. THAT HOT SPOT NEEDS A PERMANENT ADDRESS. SINCE THESE

23 MCKINNEY-VENTO CHILDREN DO NOT HAVE A PERMANENT ADDRESS, THEY

24 CANNOT GET A HOT SPOT. THIS IS WHERE THE PARKS AND RECREATION

25 AND THE LIBRARIES COULD JOIN WITH THE SCHOOL DISTRICT AS

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1 PARTNERS AND PROVIDE THAT HOT SPOT IN THAT LOCATION WHERE
2 THESE CHILDREN CAN GO TO CONNECT WITH THEIR TEACHERS. THE
3 RESOLUTION FROM SUPERVISOR HAHN WILL ENABLE THE PARKS AND
4 RECREATION DEPARTMENT AND THE LIBRARIES TO PARTNER WITH THE
5 SCHOOL DISTRICT.

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7 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
8 PLEASE.

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10 **MODERATOR:** ANTHONY DUARTE, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
11 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
12 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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14 **ANTHONY DUARTE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS ANTHONY DUARTE. I AM
15 THE CURRENT SCHOOL BOARD PRESIDENT FOR HACIENDA-LA PUENTE
16 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, WHICH ENCOMPASSES MOSTLY
17 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. I AM CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM
18 13, THE USE OF PARKS AND LIBRARIES AS ALTERNATIVE PLACES OF
19 LEARNING FOR 2020-2021 SCHOOL YEAR AS INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN. WITH SCHOOL DISTRICTS GOING TO 100 PERCENT DISTANCE
21 LEARNING FOR THE FALL, WE ARE IN NEED OF CREATIVE PARTNERSHIPS
22 LIKE THE ONE BEING PROPOSED HERE TO MEET THE NEEDS OF OUR MOST
23 NEEDY STUDENTS, WHICH ARE OUR FOSTER YOUTH AND HOMELESS YOUTH
24 AND STUDENTS OF ESSENTIAL WORKERS. SO I AM CALLING IN TO

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1 SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND I URGE THE SUPERVISORS TO VOTE FOR
2 IT.

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4 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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6 **MODERATOR:** TAB ROADS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU
7 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY
8 BEGIN.

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10 **TAB ROADS:** GOOD MORNING, REGARDING 51C AND GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT, MY NAME IS TAB ROADS, I AM PRESIDENT OF THE LOS
12 ANGELES COUNTY PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION,
13 REPRESENTING OVER 9,500 CURRENT AND RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
14 AS MEMBERS WHO LIVE AND WORK IN THE AREA, WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR
15 YOUR RECOGNITION UNDERFUNDED COMMUNITY PROGRAM AND
16 APPRECIATIVE OF ALL EFFORTS TO IMPROVE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.
17 HOWEVER, P.P.O.A.'S PROFOUNDLY CONCERNED THAT THIS ISSUE IS A
18 PRIORITY DUE TO THIS TIME OF LIMITED ACCESS AND CONVERSATION
19 DUE TO THE COVID-19 CRISIS. THIS MOTION WHICH WAS JUST BROUGHT
20 FORWARD LAST FRIDAY WITHOUT PREVIOUS DISCUSSION REQUIRES
21 SERIOUS DIALOGUE AS WELL AS AN IN DEPTH ANALYSIS OF ITS
22 EFFECTS, LEGAL REVIEW, AND EXAMINATION OF UNANTICIPATED
23 OUTCOMES. WHY ARE WE ENTERTAINING SWEEPING CHANGES TO OUR
24 COUNTY SYSTEM WHEN WE ARE FACING YET ANOTHER POTENTIAL
25 LOCKDOWN OF OUR STATE AND COUNTY DUE TO THE PANDEMIC.

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1 (INAUDIBLE) OF THIS IS ENDEAVOR APPEARS TO BE ILL-TIMED AND
2 POORLY-ADVISED WHILE WE SHOULD BE FOCUSED ON PUSHING OUR
3 COMMUNITIES THROUGH THE EXISTING HEALTH CRISIS AND LOOMING
4 FINANCIAL DISASTER WHICH TO DATE HAS NOT YET BEEN QUANTIFIED.
5 FOR GENERAL COMMENT, ADDITIONALLY, P.P.O.A. HAS GREAT CONCERNS
6 FOR WHAT THE RESULT OF A BALLOT MEASURE COULD REPRESENT IN
7 UNINTENDED POTENTIALLY CATASTROPHIC CONSEQUENCES TO THE SAFETY
8 OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND COUNTY EMPLOYEES. WE CANNOT, AT THIS
9 TIME, SUPPORT THE IDEA OF SUCH A COMPLICATED BUDGET AND LEGAL
10 ISSUE, DEFERRING THE BOARD'S FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY AND THE
11 CONTROL OF BILLIONS OF DOLLARS TO THE VOTERS, WHICH COULD
12 AFFECT ALL FAMILIES WITHIN THE COUNTY AND POSSIBLY THE
13 EMPLOYMENT STATUS OF THOUSANDS OF UNIONIZED COUNTY EMPLOYEES.
14 AS I DISCUSSED WITH EACH OF YOU INDIVIDUALLY, OUR MEMBERSHIP
15 REPRESENTS NUMEROUS CLASSIFICATIONS OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES AND
16 THE SUBJECT MATTER EXPERTISE TO PROVIDE INSIGHT AND
17 PERSPECTIVE IN A COLLABORATIVE CONVERSATION. AS THE PRESIDENT
18 OF P.P.O.A., WE URGE YOU TO PLEASE MEET WITH US AND OTHER
19 COUNTY LABOR ORGANIZATIONS BEFORE INITIATING SUCH DRASTIC
20 MODIFICATIONS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

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22 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** HUBEN HERNANDEZ, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
2 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
3 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **HUBEN HERNANDEZ:** HELLO, I AM ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 51-C, ON
6 THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. I AM A RESIDENT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY
7 UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF SUPERVISOR KATHRYN BARGER. I AM
8 SPECIFICALLY ADDRESSING SUPERVISORS SOLIS AND KUEHL THIS
9 MORNING ON THE AGENDA ITEM 51C. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAVE
10 LONG AND EXTENSIVE YEARS OF COMBINED EXPERIENCES ON BUDGET
11 ISSUES, AND THEY ALREADY HAVE A 100% CONTROL OVER THE COUNTY'S
12 BUDGET. WHY ARE YOU PUTTING THIS TO THE VOTERS SO QUICKLY, SO
13 LAST-MINUTE, WITHOUT MUCH PUBLIC STUDY AND ANY CITIZEN INPUT?
14 ISN'T THIS A WAY TO TIE THE HANDS OF THE FUTURE SUPERVISORS
15 AND VOTERS? HOW WOULD WE POSSIBLY UNDERSTAND THE NEEDS OF THE
16 FUTURE L.A. COUNTY? THIS WOULD VERY LIKELY RESULT IN LAYOFFS
17 AND FURLOUGHS FOR PUBLIC EMPLOYEES BY CUTTING MASSIVE AMOUNTS
18 OF PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAMS. IS THIS THE RESULT THAT THE BOARD
19 OF SUPERVISORS WANT? I STRONGLY URGE A NO VOTE ON THIS MOTION.

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21 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, NEXT SPEAKER,
22 PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** SANDRA JAY. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
2 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

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5 **SANDRA JAY:** GOOD MORNING, I AM ADDRESSING 51-C ON THE
6 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA PROVIDING GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TO HILDA
7 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MY QUESTION IS HOW IS THIS IS
8 MEASURE GOING TO ASSURE THAT THE COUNTY HAS NOT MISSPENT
9 MONEY. IT DOESN'T SEEM THAT THERE IS ANY SET OUT PLAN OR
10 COURSE ON HOW THE MONEY IS GOING TO BE ALLOCATED AND TO WHOM
11 AND WHO WILL HAVE AN OVERSIGHT OVER THE BUDGET ISSUE. ALSO, IT
12 SEEMS LIKE THE COUNTY APPROVED A BUDGET TWO WEEKS AGO AND THEN
13 DECIDED TO CHANGE THE BUDGET RECENTLY, AND IT APPEARS IT MIGHT
14 BE A KNEE-JERK REACTION AND IT DOESN'T APPEAR THAT THERE IS
15 SORT OF AN EXPLANATION AS TO WHY THE COUNTY HAS DECIDED TO
16 INCREASE THE BUDGET CUTS TO THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, THE
17 SHERIFF, AND OTHER PROBATION DEPARTMENT BECAUSE IT HAS ALREADY
18 DONE THAT WITH WITH THE BUDGET AGENDA THAT THEY DECIDED ON TWO
19 WEEKS AGO, AND I WITH LIKE TO UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT WHY THE
20 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FEEL NEED TO MAKE ADDITIONAL CUTS.

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22 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, NEXT SPEAKER,
23 PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** MICHAEL GRUNNICK, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
2 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
3 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **MICHAEL GRUNNICK:** I AM SPEAKING ABOUT MOTION 51C AS WELL
6 GENERAL COMMENT. I BELIEVE THIS IS AN ILL CONCEIVED, KNEE JERK
7 REACTION TO RECENT PROTESTING, AND THIS NEEDS TO BE RESEARCHED
8 FURTHER BEFORE ALLOCATING FUNDS. IT HAS ONLY BEEN TWO MONTHS
9 SINCE THESE PROTESTS BEGAN. AND CLEARLY, YOU WANT TO APPEAR
10 LIKE YOU ARE DOING SOMETHING, BUT THIS APPEASING A VERY VOCAL
11 SEGMENT OF THE CITIZENRY WHO ARE VERY ANTI-POLICE. WHAT ABOUT
12 THOSE WHO DON'T WANT TO SEE PUBLIC SAFETY DEFUNDED? MAKE NO
13 MISTAKE ABOUT IT, THIS IS EXACTLY WHAT THIS IS. YOU ARE BOWING
14 TO CALLS TO DEFUND THE POLICE AND REDIRECT TAX DOLLARS. WE
15 KNOW YOU DON'T LIKE SHERIFF VILLANUEVA, BUT WHY PUNISH ALL THE
16 THOUSANDS OF COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE COMMITTED
17 THEIR LIVES TO THE PROFESSION. AND THEY DO SO HONORABLY.
18 PLACING OVERALL PUBLIC AND PUTTING SAFETY IN JEOPARDY. AND
19 ADDITIONALLY, YOUR LINE ITEM ABOUT REDIRECTING MONEY TO
20 MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, PARTICULARLY BLACK-OWNED
21 BUSINESSES, IT SENDS A MESSAGE OF RACIAL DIVISION THAT OUR
22 COUNTY DOESN'T NEED. THANK YOU.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** JOSEPH CHARNEY, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
2 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
3 YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **JOSEPH CARNEY:** 51C, JOSEPH CARNEY SPEAKING. I URGE THIS BOARD
6 NOT TO VOTE FOR THIS UNNECESSARY MOTION, ONE THAT CONSTRAINS
7 YOUR BOARD AND FUTURE BOARDS FROM USING DISCRETIONARY FUNDS AS
8 CIRCUMSTANCES REQUIRE. IF YOU WANT TO CUT 10 PERCENT FROM LAW
9 ENFORCEMENT, YOU DON'T NEED A CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT COMPELS
10 YOU AND FUTURE BOARDS TO DO SO. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT WOULD
11 UNDERMINE COMMUNITY SAFETY AND CONSTRAIN ADAPTATION TO FUTURE
12 NEEDS, NEEDS OF THE VERY COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE SUFFERED THE
13 MOST FROM VIOLENT OFFENSES LIKE 6700 VIOLENT OFFENDERS NOW
14 HOUSED IN OUR COUNTY JAILS. NOT ONCE DOES THE SYSTEM OR
15 COMMUNITY SAFETY APPEAR IN A MOTION THAT CALLS FOR THE
16 REDUCTION OF LAW ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES. RATHER, IF WE IMAGINE
17 A WORLD WHERE THE RULE OF LAW DOES NOT MERIT FUNDING AND WHERE
18 IDEOLOGY REPLACES REALITY, IF YOU WANT TO CUT THE BUDGETS
19 RELATED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, DO NOT HIDE BEHIND A CHARTER
20 AMENDMENT. DO IT AND EXPLAIN TO YOUR CONSTITUENCY WHY YOU
21 CHOSE THAT OPTION.

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23 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. **MODERATOR:**
24 PHILLIP STERLING. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU

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1 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY
2 BEGIN.

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4 **PHILLIP STERLING:** HI, THIS IS PHILLIP STERLING. I AM SPEAKING
5 ON ITEM 51C. I HAVE BEEN A DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY FOR 29
6 YEARS, THE LAST 25, PROSECUTING VIOLENT CRIMES AND PRIMARILY
7 MURDERS. I HAVE BEEN IN MANAGEMENT FOR ABOUT 7 YEARS. AND NOW
8 I'M BACK IN TRIALS. PRESENTLY, WITH THE RECENTLY FAST BUDGET
9 AND THE 8 PERCENT CUT FROM THE D. A.'S OFFICE, WE ARE ALREADY
10 UNABLE TO PROPERLY PROSECUTE CASES AS WE WOULD IF WE WERE
11 FULLY AUTHORIZED. WE HAVE SIGNIFICANT SITUATIONS OF VIOLENT
12 CRIME, SEXUAL ASSAULT, HATE CRIMES, THEFT CRIMES, CRIMES
13 AGAINST HOMELESS, AND MANY OTHERS. THIS SITUATION AND THESE
14 CRIMES LARGELY AFFECT THE UNDERREPRESENTED BLACK AND BROWN
15 POPULATIONS, THE MOST VULNERABLE PEOPLE IN OUR COMMUNITY. HOW,
16 WITH THE PROPOSED BUDGET CUTS, THE ADDITIONALLY PROPOSED
17 BUDGET CUTS --

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19 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER.

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21 **MODERATOR:** JOHN COLELLO, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
22 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

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1 **JOHN COLLELLO:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JOHN COLELLO, AND I AM
2 CALLING REGARDS TO AGEND ITEM 51C ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA
3 AS WELL AS GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ALTHOUGH I OFTEN DISAGREE
4 WITH THE L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL BOARD, I FULLY AGREE AND WISH TO
5 HIGHLIGHT IN SUMMARY WHAT THEY SAID TODAY ABOUT THIS BALLOT.
6 IT IS IRRESPONSIBLE. IT IS A LAST-MINUTE MEASURE THAT WAS
7 RUSHED, SPUR OF THE MOMENT, WITHOUT SCRUTINY OR DISCUSSION. IT
8 IS AN ILL-CONCEIVED PROPOSAL. IT IS YOUR JOB, AS THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS, TO ALLOCATE MONIES AND TO BUDGET. AND TO HAVE
10 BALLOT BOX BUDGETING FOR THIS JOB IS A BAD IDEA AND A POOR
11 SUBSTITUTE FOR A CAREFUL STUDY AND DELIBERATION IN DECISION-
12 MAKING. ALL OF THOSE ARE LACKING IN THIS PROPOSAL. WE SHOULD
13 NOT LOCK IN FUTURE SPENDING BASED ON PRIORITIES TODAY. THOSE
14 PRIORITIES MAY CHANGE. AND ONCE YOU LOCK THOSE IN, YOU'RE
15 DOING A DISSERVICE TO OUR COMMUNITY. OUR PRIMARY DUTY AS A
16 GOVERNMENT IS THE PUBLIC SAFETY. THE MOST VULNERABLE
17 COMMUNITIES, THOSE OF COLOR, ARE THE ONES MOST AFFECTED.

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19 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE YOUR ONE MINUTE TO BEGIN
20 YOUR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

21

22 **JOHN COLELLO:** AS I WAS STATING, ONE OF THE PRIMARY DUTIES OF
23 THE GOVERNMENT IS PUBLIC SAFETY. THE MOST VULNERABLE IN OUR
24 COMMUNITIES, THOSE OF COLOR, ARE MOST AFFECTED BY VIOLENT
25 CRIME. IT MAKES NO SENSE TO CUT FUNDING OF THOSE AGENCIES AND

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1 ENTITIES THAT HAVE A DUTY AND A RESPONSIBILITY TO PROTECT OUR
2 COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE MOST AFFECTED BY VIOLENT CRIMES.
3 I URGE THIS BOARD TO PLEASE RECONSIDER THIS. ANALYZE IT,
4 DELIBERATE ON IT, DISCUSS IT FIRST, BEFORE YOU MAKE THIS KNEE-
5 JERK REACTION. PLEASE VOTE NO ON THIS PROPOSAL. THANK YOU.

6

7 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

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9 **MODERATOR:** JUST A REMINDER, ONE FOLLOWED BY 0 TO PLACE
10 YOURSELF INTO QUEUE FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. NEXT WE HAVE THE LINE,
11 OF KRISTIN BROWN. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE
12 ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY
13 BEGIN.

14

15 **KRISTIN BROWN:** AGENDA ITEM 51C, I AM KRISTIN BROWN, AND I AM
16 IN SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I AM ALSO CALLING TO OPPOSE
17 THIS AGENDA ITEM. WHILE I DO THINK THAT IT WAS WELL-MEANING
18 AND HAS GOOD INTENTIONS BEHIND IT, IT IS A -- WITHOUT
19 VETTING, INAPPROPRIATE SCRUTINY. IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING THAT
20 THE BUDGET WAS -- DROP IN AUDIO -- WITH THIS ITEM ONLY BEING
21 ADDED LAST FRIDAY, THERE COULD NOT POSSIBLY HAVE BEEN ENOUGH
22 TIME TO APPROPRIATELY VET THE ORGANIZATIONS THAT YOU WISH TO
23 ALLOCATE THE MONEY TO OR RESEARCH THE IMPACT ON EXISTING
24 COMMUNITIES AND GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND HOW THIS WOULD
25 ADVERSELY IMPACT THE COUNTY EMPLOYEES AS WHOLE. I AM CONCERNED

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1 ABOUT LAY OFFS, FURLOUGHS, AND CUTS TO SERVICES THAT ALREADY
2 EXIST WITHOUT KNOWING SPECIFICALLY HOW THIS MONEY IS GOING TO
3 BE ALLOCATED. AGAIN, I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS AMENDMENT, AND I
4 HOPE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL TAKE THE NECESSARY
5 TIME TO GET ADEQUATE PUBLIC COMMENT AND THOROUGHLY RESEARCH.

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7 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, NEXT SPEAKER,
8 PLEASE.

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10 **MODERATOR:** SUSAN POWERS, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
11 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
12 MAY BEGIN.

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14 **SUSAN POWERS:** I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM 51C AND GENERAL
15 PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS SUSAN POWERS, AND I LIVE IN
16 DISTRICT 5. I STRONGLY OPPOSE THIS HASTILY DRAFTED, POORLY
17 CONCEIVED CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT SMACKS OF POLITICAL
18 EXPEDIENCY AND TAKES ADVANTAGE OF THIS TIME'S UNCERTAINTY TO
19 RUSH THROUGH WHOLESALE CHANGE WITHOUT APPROPRIATE PLANNING. I
20 LIVE IN ALTADEN WHERE THEY ARE TRYING TO CLOSE THE SHERIFF'S
21 STATION. MY NEIGHBORS AND I ARE CONCERNED THAT SUCH ACTIONS
22 WILL LEAVE US UNPROTECTED AND UNSERVED. THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT
23 WILL NOT ONLY ENSURE THE CLOSURE OF THE STATION BUT WILL LEAVE
24 US WITH EVEN LESS SECURITY. VICTIMS OF CRIME ARE YOUR
25 CONSTITUENTS, TOO. YOU HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO ENSURE THAT

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1 THOSE VICTIMS OF CRIME, PEOPLE OF EVERY COLOR, ARE PROTECTED
2 AND PROVIDED JUSTICE. 30 YEARS AGO, OUR COUNTY AND COMMUNITY
3 WAS RIFE WAS CRIME. MURDERS WERE AT AN ALL TIME HIGH. WE
4 SOLVED THAT PROBLEM WITH PROGRAMS AND POLICIES THAT WORKED SO
5 WELL. AND AS THEY HAVE BEEN DISMANTLED, OUR CRIME RATE HAS NOT
6 RETURNED TO THE SAME HIGH LEVELS. YOUR CHARTER AMENDMENT WILL
7 MAKE IT --

8

9 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOU HAVE ONE MINUTE FOR YOUR GENERAL
10 PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

11

12 **SUSAN POWERS:** THANK YOU. YOUR CHARTER AMENDMENT WILL MAKE IT
13 IMPOSSIBLE FOR FUTURE BOARDS TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS, JUST
14 AS YOU ARE TRYING TO DO NOW. PLEASE MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS FOR
15 THIS FISCAL YEAR AND FOR THE NEAR FUTURE AND ALLOW FUTURE
16 BOARDS TO MAKE APPROPRIATE PLANS FOR THE PROBLEMS THEY SPACE.
17 IT IS SHORT SIGHTED TO THINK THAT YOU COULD JUST RACE AND
18 DON'T NEED TO APPROPRIATE FOR REASONABLE FOR REASONABLE LAW
19 ENFORCEMENT TO SOLVE THE PROBLEMS THAT THEY FACE, PROBLEMS
20 THAT WE REALLY CAN'T IMAGINE RIGHT NOW. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

21

22 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

23

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1 **MODERATOR:** ALFONZO JIMENEZ, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
2 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
3 YOU MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **ALFONSO JIMENEZ:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I AM
6 SPEAKING ON 13. MY NAME IS DR. ALFONSO JIMENEZ. I'M THE
7 SUPERINTENDENT OF THE HACIENDA-LA PUENTE UNIFIED SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT. I'M CALLING IN TO PROVIDE OUR DISTRICT'S SUPPORT ON
9 AGENDA ITEM 13 AS OUR DISTRICT HAS MOVED TO 100 PERCENT
10 DISTANCE LEARNING. HAVING OUR PARKS AND LIBRARIES SERVE AS
11 PLACES OF LEARNING, PROVIDE OR PROMISE STUDENTS WITH A SAFE
12 PLACE TO ACCESS THE INTERNET, WHETHER IT BE AT A RESTORATION
13 CENTER OR THROUGH ANY OF THE LIBRARIES THAT ARE OPEN OR BECOME
14 OPEN. OUR STUDENTS WHO MAY NOT HAVE EQUITABLE INTERNET ACCESS
15 CAN USE THESE ACCESS POINTS FOR OUR DISTANCE LEARNING
16 INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL. WORKING TOGETHER WITH OUR PARKS AND
17 RECREATION WILL ONLY ENSURE THAT STUDENTS SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL
18 WELLBEING IS ENHANCED THROUGH ANY OTHER TUTORING AND OTHER
19 OPPORTUNITIES THAT CAN BE PROVIDED. IN CLOSING, WE ASK THE
20 BOARD TO SUPPORT IN FAVOR OF SUPERVISOR'S HAHN AGENDA ITEM FOR
21 THE STUDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THANK YOU.

22

23 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

24

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1 **MODERATOR:** GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS
2 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
3 TODAY, YOU MAY BEGIN.

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5 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL.
6 I WILL BE ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 3, CS1, AND 51A. ON NUMBER
7 3, THE DESCRIPTION IS RACIST ON THE DESCRIPTION. I THINK ALL
8 RACES SHOULD BE TREATED EQUALLY AND APPROPRIATELY, NOT JUST
9 BLACK ALONE. SO I'M IN FAVOR OF THAT, BUT FOR ALL FACES. AND
10 FOR CS1, IT IS A LAWSUIT OF THE ALLIANCE AGAINST L.A.H.S.A. I
11 THINK WE NEED TO SOLVE THAT ISSUE. PERSONALLY, I DON'T STRIKE
12 ME AS DIRECTED AND TWO OF THE REPORTS SHOWN TODAY UNTIL
13 SEPTEMBER IS A MISTAKE. AND 51A, THE BIOSCIENCE IS A GREAT
14 IDEA, BUT I THINK YOU HAVE TO WATCH WHO IS IN CHARGE AND HOW
15 RESPONSIVE THEY ARE TO SCIENTISTS. THANK YOU, HAVE GOOD DAY.

16

17 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

18

19 **MODERATOR:** ELISE BOOTH, PLEASE ADDRESS YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
20 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU MAY
21 BEGIN.

22

23 **ELISE BOOTH:** GOOD MORNING. THIS IS ELISE BOOTH OF THE UNITED
24 WAY. AND YES, I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE BOTH GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
25 AND SPEAK ON ITEM 51C. I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR

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1 COMMITMENT TO JUSTICE AND LEADERSHIP AND THE WORK TO CREATE AN
2 L.A. COUNTY THAT IS ROOTED IN EQUITY, AND I WANT TO EXTEND A
3 SPECIAL THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR HELPING
4 TO INTRODUCE THIS MOTION THAT MANY OF US ARE FOCUSED ON TODAY.
5 IT IS CLEAR WE HAVE A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY IN THE HISTORY OF OUR
6 COUNTY, AN OPPORTUNITY TO PARTNER WITH VOTERS AND STRUCTURALLY
7 CHANGE OUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT TO REFLECT OUR VALUES. THE UNITED
8 WAY IS PROUD TO STAND WITH ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN
9 FIGHTING FOR THIS KIND OF JUSTICE FOR A VERY LONG TIME, AND WE
10 ARE PROUD TO STAND WITH EACH SUPERVISOR WHO IS WILLING TO TAKE
11 ON THIS CHALLENGE. MY ASK OF YOU TODAY IS TWO-FOLD. I ASK THAT
12 YOU CONSIDER INCREASING THE PERMANENT SET ASIDE TO 20 PERCENT
13 ANNUALLY OR AS CLOSE TO AS IT AS POSSIBLE. IT IS CRITICAL WE
14 CREATE LARGER PORTION OF DEDICATED RESOURCES. WE NEED TO HELP
15 AS MANY PEOPLE AS WE CAN AND PUSH OURSELVES TO BE CREATIVE. IN
16 THE EVENT THAT WE CANNOT INCREASE THE SET ASIDE, I'D ASK THAT
17 YOU ADD A MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT LANGUAGE TO THE FRAMEWORK.

18

19 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOU A HAVE ONE MINUTE TO BEGIN YOUR
20 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

21

22 **ELISE BOOTH:** SO THAT WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS NEW FUNDING
23 AND ARE HELPING MORE PEOPLE. WE ARE PROUD TO STAND WITH THE
24 REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY COALITION THAT HAS SUBMITTED THOUSANDS
25 OF COMMENTS IN SUPPORT TODAY. THIS A TIME WHERE WE MUST MOVE

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1 BEYOND STATEMENTS OF INTENT TO ACTIONS OF INTENT. AND TO
2 ACHIEVE RACIAL EQUITY, OUR RESOURCE ALLOCATIONS MUST REFLECT
3 OUR VALUES AND PRIORITIES, NOT ONLY NOW, BUT FOR DECADES TO
4 COME. THANK YOU.

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6 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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8 **MODERATOR:** MARK ANTHONY CLAYTEN JOHNSON, PLEASE STATE YOUR
9 ITEMS AND IF YOU ARE SPEAKING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.

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11 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON,
12 AGENDA 51C, AGENDA ITEMS 3, AND AGENDA ITEM 11, GENERAL PUBLIC
13 COMMENT. I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISORS THIS MORNING FOR YOUR
14 LEADERSHIP AND FOR COMING TO THIS MORNING WITH ALREADY AT OUR
15 BACKS A SERIES OF MOVES THAT YOU MADE TO INVEST IN THE LIVES
16 AND WELLBEING OF FOLKS WHO ARE MOST IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION,
17 MOST IMPACTED CRIMINALIZATION, AND MOST IMPACTED BY A CRISIS
18 THAT WE HAVE BEEN NAMING OVER AND OVER AGAIN, AND I THINK WHAT
19 51C PRESENTS TO US IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY DOUBLE DOWN ON
20 THAT, AND THE VOTERS ARE WITH YOU. AND WE UNDERSTAND VERY
21 CLEARLY THAT OUR VALUES AND OUR PRIORITIES SHOULD BE REFLECTED
22 IN THE BUDGET. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO MOVE THIS FORWARD WITH AN
23 UNDERSTANDING THAT HOW WE SHAPE OUR BUDGET WILL IN FACT
24 REFLECT THE WELLBEING OF THOSE MOST IMPACTED -- [MULTIPLE
25 PEOPLE TALKING]. WITH REGARD TO AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3, I JUST

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1 WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR MOVING THIS MOTION
2 FORWARD AND REALLY WANT TO PUT FORTH TO THIS BOARD THAT IT IS
3 A REALLY CRITICAL MOTION THAT ENCOURAGES US NOT TO JUST THINK
4 ABOUT ENDING SYSTEMIC ANTI-BLACK RACISM AGAINST OUR FOLKS IN
5 THE TIME THAT HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED BY THE MOTION, NOT JUST
6 WAITING FOR A 60-DAY REPORT BACK, BUT WE HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY
7 TO ADDRESS THIS NOW, AND I AM REALLY EXCITED ABOUT THIS
8 OPPORTUNITY. I THINK IT IS CRITICAL AND NECESSARY BECAUSE WHAT
9 WE KNOW IS THAT MOVING A PROGRESSIVE AGENDA DOESN'T
10 NECESSARILY MEAN THAT THE TOTALITY OF BLACK LIVES AND THAT
11 BLACK PEOPLE WILL PROGRESS. AND I THINK YOU HAVE THE CLEAREST
12 EXAMPLE OF THAT VIA THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, WHICH
13 IS DOING PHENOMENAL WORK. WE HAVE SEEN THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION
14 AND REENTRY, AFTER 5 YEARS OF DIVERTING THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE,
15 PRODUCING BETTER HEALTH AND PUBLIC SAFETY OUTCOMES THAN THE
16 SHERIFFS, THE JAIL, EVER HAVE. AFTER 5 YEARS OF THAT WORK, THE
17 COMMISSIONS OF THE O.D.R. SAID WE NEED BLACK FOLKS IN THE
18 COUNTY JAILS AND PRODUCED A REPORT THAT YOU SAW IN JANUARY
19 SHOWING THAT --

20

21 **MS. LINGAT:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
22 COMMENT. PLEASE BEGIN.

23

24 **MARK ANTHONY CLAYTON JOHNSON:** AFTER 5 YEARS OF GROUNDBREAKING
25 SUCCESS, WHAT WE SEE IS THAT BLACK PEOPLE ARE STILL 8 PERCENT

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1 OF THE COUNTY POPULATION, 30 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY JAIL
2 POPULATION, AND 41 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY JAIL POPULATION WITH
3 SERIOUS MENTAL HEALTH DISABILITY. MOVING A PROGRESSIVE AGENDA
4 DOES NOT NECESSARILY MEAN IT WILL TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF BLACK
5 PEOPLE. SO WHAT WE ARE PUTTING BEFORE YOU TODAY, INCLUDING
6 51C, INCLUDING THE MOTION OF AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3, AND
7 INCLUDING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 11, WE ARE EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF
8 THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISING COMMITTEE TO LOOK AT THE WHOLE
9 SCALE OF OUR FOLKS IMPACTED BY INCARCERATION, BUT INCLUDING
10 BLACK WOMEN, BLACK QUEER AND TRANS, AND GENDER NONCONFORMING
11 PEOPLE IN A CLEAR MANDATE TO ADDRESS -- AND THAT SHOWS UP IN
12 THE OUTCOMES, IN OUR BUDGETS, AND IN OUR CURRENT WORK. AND I
13 THANK YOU FOR MOVING THIS AGENDA ITEM FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR
14 THAT TODAY.

15

16 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** MICHAEL BRIGHT, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
19 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
20 YOU MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **MICHAEL BRIGHT:** I AM CALLING IN REGARDS TO SUPPORT FOR 51C,
23 REIMAGINING L.A. COUNTY, PUBLIC COMMENT, UP TO 10 PERCENT OF
24 BUDGET SET ASIDE, 20 PERCENT, AND THEN ENSURE THERE'S A

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1 MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT CLAUSE SO THAT WE CAN HELP MORE PEOPLE.

2 AND THAT'S IT.

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** YVETTE ALE, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF

7 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU

8 MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **YVETTE ALE:** HI, I'M CALLING IN STRONG SUPPORT OF THE 51C, 3,

11 11, 19, 20. I AM A REPRESENT OF DISTRICT 5. GOOD MORNING,

12 SUPERVISOR BARGER, AND CALLING IN AS A REPRESENTATIVE OF

13 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW, AN ORGANIZATION THAT IS MADE UP OF

14 SURVIVORS OF VIOLENCE, INTERPERSONAL VIOLENCE, DOMESTIC

15 VIOLENCE, BUT ALSO STATE SANCTIONED VIOLENCE FROM THE

16 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I'M PERSONALLY CALLING IN AS A

17 SURVIVOR OF VIOLENCE, AND I AM DISGUSTED WHEN NARRATIVES AND

18 STORIES OF SURVIVORS LIKE ME THAT HAVE SURVIVED SEXUAL ASSAULT

19 ARE BEING LEVERAGED AGAINST US, AND AGAINST BLACK AND BROWN

20 SURVIVORS TO KEEP THE NECESSARY RESOURCES THAT WE NEED, AS

21 REPRESENTED IN 51C, FROM OUR COMMUNITIES. AND I WANT TO THANK

22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND SOLIS ENTHUSIASTICALLY FOR MEETING THE

23 MOMENT AND EMPOWERING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH THIS MOTION,

24 ALLOWING THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR

25 SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD'S TRANSFORMATIVE VISION WILL NOT ONLY

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1 PROPEL A.T.I. PROCESS FORWARD, WHICH THIS BOARD HAS SUPPORTED
2 ALL THE WAY THROUGH, IT WILL ENSURE THAT BLACK, BROWN, AND LOW
3 INCOME COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE SERVICES THAT THEY NEED DURING
4 AND AFTER THIS CRISIS OF THE PANDEMIC. THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
5 PROVIDES A PATHWAY FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF
6 THE PANDEMIC BUT ALSO IT ADDRESSES THE LONGSTANDING RACIAL AND
7 ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS WORKED
8 DILIGENTLY, TO YOUR CREDIT, TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES. AND
9 SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR
10 MOTION TODAY ADDRESSING ANTI-BLACK RACISM. IT IS IMPORTANT THE
11 WE CENTER BLACK FOLKS IN THIS STRUGGLE, BUT BOLD INVESTMENT IS
12 LONG OVERDUE, DECADES OVERDUE. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO MOVE
13 BEYOND 10 PERCENT AND AMEND ENSURE THAT 20 PERCENT OF NET
14 COUNTY COSTS GO TOWARD A.T.I. AND COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT. THE
15 PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE REINVESTMENT AT A SCALE GREATER
16 THAN LEVEL OF INJUSTICE THAT WE HAVE EXPERIENCED. IF YOU
17 PROCEED WITH THE 10 PERCENT, REQUIRE THAT THE COUNTY NOT
18 REDUCE FUNDING FOR LISTED DIRECT COMMUNITY SERVICES AND
19 EXISTING DIVERSION AND REENTRY PROGRAMS BELOW FISCAL YEAR '20-
20 '21 FUNDING LEVELS. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT NOW MORE THAN EVER.
21 AND TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE COMMENTS THAT FOLKS HAVE LISTED --

22
23 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED, NEXT SPEAKER
24 PLEASE.

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1 **MODERATOR:** JULIE MITCHELL PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
2 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
3 MAY BEGIN.

4

5 **JULIE MITCHELL:** THANK YOU. I'M ADDRESSING AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
6 13. GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. I'M DR. JULIE
7 MITCHELL, THE SUPERINTENDENT IN THE ROLLING UNIFIED SCHOOL
8 DISTRICT, AGAIN ADDRESSING ITEM NUMBER 13. I AM SPEAKING IN
9 FAVOR OF THIS MOTION. WHILE OPEN OUR SCHOOLS IN ALL DISTANCE
10 LEARNING AND A FUTURE DATE TO MOVE TO BLENDED OR HYBRID MODEL,
11 SUPPORTS FROM OUR PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS
12 OUR COUNTY LIBRARIES WILL ASSIST THE YOUTH IN OUR COMMUNITIES
13 AND THEIR PARENTS BY HAVING A RESOURCE FOR CHILD CARE. THIS
14 WILL ALSO PROVIDE A LOCATION WHERE STUDENTS CAN HAVE ACCESS TO
15 MUCH NEEDED INTERNET ACTIVITY TO FULLY ENGAGE IN HIGH LEVEL
16 LEARNING OFFERED BY OUR SCHOOLS IN OUR DISTRICT AND THROUGHOUT
17 COUNTY. IF APPROVED, I WOULD REQUEST THIS OPPORTUNITY BE
18 EXPEDITED TO COINCIDE WITH THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. THANK
19 YOU FOR CONSIDERING OPTIONS TO MAINTAIN A STRONG PARTNERSHIP
20 WITH OUR SCHOOLS IN SERVING THE CHILDREN IN OUR COMMUNITIES
21 AND THROUGHOUT OUR COUNTY. I URGE APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEM 13.
22 THANK YOU.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

25

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1 **MODERATOR:** PHAL SOK. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF YOU
2 ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU MAY
3 BEGIN.

4

5 **PHAL SOK:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS PHAL SOK. I'M ADDRESSING
6 ITEM 51C, 20, 19, 11, AND 3. AND SPEAKING AS A DIRECTLY
7 IMPACTED PERSON, OF COURSE NOT OFF OF SOME WRITTEN SPEECH OR
8 SCRIPT OR ANYTHING THAT HAS BEEN HANDED OUT BY LAW ENFORCEMENT
9 AND STUFF LIKE THAT. I WANT TO REMIND THE COUNTY THAT THESE
10 CONVERSATIONS HAVE NOT JUST STARTED TODAY OR YESTERDAY. THEY
11 HAVE BEEN ONGOING. FOLKS HAVE BEEN ENGAGING IN THE
12 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION PROCESS, CARE FIRST, JAILS LAST,
13 ETC. SO ALL OF THAT THE NEEDS FUNDING -- NEEDS TO GET BUILT
14 UP. THAT'S THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE NEED. AND I SPEAK THIS
15 FROM A PERSONAL -- WHEN I WAS 16, I WAS OUT ON THE STREETS. I
16 OPENED MY DOOR. I TELL YOU ALL THE TIME, THERE WAS NOBODY OUT
17 THERE EXCEPT A MAN WITH A BADGE AND FIREARM WAITING TO ARREST
18 ME, WAITING TO TAKE ME. AND EVENTUALLY, I GOT LOCKED UP AND
19 SENT INTO THE PRISON SYSTEM. WHEN YOU WANT TO JUST FUND
20 POLICING DEPARTMENTS, THAT IS ALL YOU GET. I KNEW THE CASE WAS
21 THERE WAITING FOR ME. I KNEW THAT THE SHINY TWIN TOWERS WAS
22 OUT THERE IN L.A. COUNTY HAD JUST BEEN BUILT. I KNOW IT WAS
23 THERE. THAT DID NOT STOP ME FROM PICKING UP AN ASSAULT RIFLE,
24 WALKING AROUND IN THE STREETS, AND DOING STUFF WITH IT.
25 POLICING, THE IDEA OF PUBLIC SAFETY, OF VICTIMS OF CRIME IS

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1 PREDICATED ON SOMEBODY BEING HARMED. SO THE ISSUE OF PUBLIC
2 SAFETY, TO ME, IS NOT ABOUT CAGES OR ANYTHING, IT'S ABOUT HOW
3 DO WE PREVENT THOSE HARMS, HOW DO WE SUPPORT PEOPLE TO MAKE
4 THE CHOICES AND DECISIONS THAT WILL GIVE THEM OTHER
5 OPPORTUNITIES OTHER THAN THAT. SO WHEN I CAME HOME, OBVIOUSLY,
6 AS MANY OF YOU KNOW, I ENDED UP IN I.C.E., ETC. BECAUSE OF
7 INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT, COMMUNITY SUPPORT, ALSO THIS BOARD OF
8 SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT, -- THAT'S WHAT BOARD SUPPORT DOES,
9 BUILDS PEOPLE UP, GIVES PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES. AND TODAY, I
10 SIT ON THE COUNCIL OF THE VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION
11 PROGRAM, PART OF THE EXECUTIVE STEERING COMMITTEE AND ONE OF
12 THE INDIVIDUALS OVERSEEING A \$30 MILLION POT OF MONEY THAT'S
13 DESIGNATED FOR VIOLENCE INTERVENTION AND PREVENTION. THAT IS
14 WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE SUPPORT PEOPLE. WE GIVE PEOPLE
15 OPPORTUNITIES, CHOICES, AND DECISIONS AND AGENCY OVER THE
16 COMMUNITY. YOU DON'T JUST LOCK THEM AND THROW THEM AWAY IN THE
17 CAGE, LIKE THEY DID WHEN I WAS 16 OR 17 YEARS OLD, SENT AWAY
18 FOR LONGER THAN I HAD BEEN ALIVE. THESE ARE THE REALITIES OF
19 THE SYSTEM. LOOK AT THESE PEOPLE.

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21 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER
22 PLEASE.

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24 **MODERATOR:** ZACHARY WARMA. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND
25 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY.

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2 **ZACHARY WARMA:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ZACHARY WARMA,
3 PUBLIC AFFAIRS SPECIALIST FOR DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER, CALLING
4 TODAY ON ITEMS 3, 51C, 51K, AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. ON
5 BEHALF OF D.W.C., I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ITEM 3,
6 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S MOTION ON ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-
7 RACIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICY AGENDA. AT D.W.C., WHERE THE
8 MAJORITY OF THE WOMEN WE PROVIDE SERVICE TO ARE BLACK, WE
9 UNEQUIVOCALLY BELIEVE THAT SYSTEMIC INSTITUTIONAL ANTI-BLACK
10 RACISM IS A PUBLIC HEALTH ISSUE AND A ROOT CAUSE OF
11 HOMELESSNESS THAT HAS HARMED THE LIVES OF UNTOLD NUMBERS OF
12 BLACK ANGELENOS ACROSS MULTIPLE GENERATIONS. CIS GENDER AND
13 TRANSGENDER BLACK WOMEN, ALREADY DISPROPORTIONATELY
14 REPRESENTED IN L.A.'S UNHOUSED POPULATION, ARE LEFT EVEN MORE
15 VULNERABLE DUE TO THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN RESULTING FROM THE
16 COVID-19 PANDEMIC. BY EXPRESSLY ADOPTING A LENS OF RACIAL AND
17 GENDER EQUITY FOR POLICY OUTCOMES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY CAN
18 POWERFULLY MOVE IN A DIRECTION OF RECOGNIZING THE DIGNITY AND
19 HUMANITY OF ALL OF ITS RESIDENTS. I AM ALSO CALLING TODAY TO
20 URGE YOUR SUPPORT FOR ITEM 51C TO BEGIN THE PROCESS OF PLACING
21 THE REIMAGINE L.A. CHARTER AMENDMENT BEFORE L.A. VOTERS THIS
22 NOVEMBER AND THAT THE 10 PERCENT BASELINE BE INCREASED TO 20
23 PERCENT. D.W.C. IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE REIMAGINE L.A.
24 CAMPAIGN AS WE BELIEVE THAT ONLY BY ADVANCING PERMANENT
25 HOUSING SOLUTIONS, CAN WE TRULY ERADICATE HOMELESSNESS. BY

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1 MANDATING THAT UPWARDS OF 20 PERCENT OF THE NET COUNTY COSTS,
2 A NEARLY 9 BILLION DOLLAR FUND THAT CURRENTLY ALLOCATES 42
3 PERCENT OF ITS RESOURCES TOWARD LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE LEGAL
4 SYSTEM, WE CAN MAKE HISTORIC INVESTMENTS IN HOUSING,
5 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, AND EQUITY CENTERED COMMUNITY
6 INVESTMENT. REIMAGINE L.A.'S' BALLOT MEASURE WILL HELP KEEP
7 MORE PEOPLE IN THEIR HOMES AND LIFT MORE ANGELENOS OUT OF
8 HOMELESSNESS BY INCREASING THE COUNTY'S COMMITMENT TO FUNDING
9 HOUSING VOUCHERS, RENTAL ASSISTANCE, AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF
10 AFFORDABLE AND PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE ALSO ASK THAT
11 FOR ITEM 51K, THE BOARD FULLY FUND YEAR ONE OF THE THREE YEAR
12 L.A.H.S.A RECOVERY PLAN TO HOUSE 15,000 OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE
13 NEIGHBORS. D.W.C., AS A PROJECT ROOM KEY PROVIDER FOR 60
14 WOMEN, IS STRONGLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE BOARD STATED POLICY
15 INTENTION THAT EVERY ANGELENO WHO ENTERED PROJECT ROOM KEY
16 WILL EXIT TO A LONGTERM HOUSING SOLUTION. TO ACHIEVE THIS GOAL
17 AND TO HELP THE THOUSANDS MORE OF L.A.'S MOST VULNERABLE
18 UNHOUSED RESIDENTS, IT IS CRITICAL THAT THE RECOVERY PLAN EVEN
19 IN A TIME OF UNCERTAIN BUDGETARY REALITIES IS PROVIDED FULL
20 FUNDING FOR THE NEXT YEAR. AND FOR GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT,
21 DOWNTOWN WOMEN'S CENTER WANTS TO THANK THIS CURRENT BOARD'S
22 HISTORIC AND UNPRECEDENTED COMMITMENT TO DISMANTLING THE
23 SYSTEMIC AND INSTITUTIONAL RACISM THAT IS SO DEEPLY INGRAINED
24 IN THE FABRIC OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO MANY OF THE MOTIONS
25 BEFORE YOU TODAY STRIKES AT THE HEART OF ADDRESSING

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1 MULTIGENERATIONAL DISINVESTMENT, NEGLECT, AND OUTRIGHT
2 HOSTILITY TOWARDS HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES. AND
3 MANY OF THESE MOTIONS ARGUE FOR A MORE INCLUSIVE AND A MORE
4 JUST VISION OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY, THANK YOU.

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6 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

7

8 **MODERATOR:** LEX STEPLING, PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
9 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. YOU MAY
10 BEGIN.

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12 **LEX STEPLING:** YES, ADDRESSING ON THE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND 51C,
13 3, AND AGENDA ITEM 3. IT IS INTERESTING THAT WE ONCE AGAIN
14 FIND OURSELVES IN THIS ARGUMENT THAT IS ROOTED IN FEAR
15 MONGERING VERSUS FACT. THE FACTS, OVER AND OVER AND OVER
16 AGAIN, SUBSTANTIATE THE NOTION THAT IF WE INVEST IN COMMUNITY-
17 BASED SERVICE PROVIDING INFRASTRUCTURE, THAT PUBLIC SAFETY
18 BENEFITS. THE PROOF IS IN THE PUDDING IN EVERY POSSIBLE WAY
19 THAT ONE CAN LOOK AT IT. AND SO THE ONLY OPPOSITION IS ROOTED
20 IN THE POLITICAL SELF INTEREST OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OR IN THE
21 DESIRE TO KEEP A REGRESSIVE AND HARMFUL SYSTEM IN PLACE. AS A
22 VICTIM OF VIOLENT CRIME MYSELF, AND HAVING SEEN THE
23 DEVASTATING IMPACTS THAT IT CAUSED MY FAMILY AND SUBSEQUENT
24 SYSTEMS INTERACTION IT HAS CAUSED MY FAMILY, I KNOW THAT IF
25 INVESTMENT IN COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS THAT INVOLVED SOCIAL

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1 AND MENTAL AND CLINICAL HEALTH HAD BEEN PRESENT THAT WE WOULD
2 HAVE FARED FAR BETTER RATHER THAN ENDURE THE PERPETUATION AND
3 CONTINUED FAMILY SEPARATION -- AT THE HANDS OF THE STATE. THE
4 IDEA THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT IS BEING HASTILY ROLLED OUT
5 IS INCORRECT. THE ONLY THING HASTY IS THE OPPOSITION'S
6 ENGAGING IN AN ISSUE THAT THEY HAVE NOT BEEN PAYING ATTENTION
7 TO. I THANK THE COUNTY FOR THEIR DILIGENCE, FOR THEIR RIGOR,
8 FOR THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE BEEN WALKING THE WALK AROUND WHAT
9 IT LOOKS LIKE TO GENUINELY AND DEMOCRATICALLY ENGAGE YOUR
10 CONSTITUENCY, AND I STRONGLY SUPPORT THE MOTION. AS FAR AS
11 AGENDA ITEM NUMBER 3, I CAN ONLY LAUGH AT THE IDEA THAT IT IS
12 RACIST. THESE ARE THINGS THAT ARE DECADES OVERDUE. LOS ANGELES
13 COUNTY HAS LONG BEEN A BELLWETHER WITH REGARD TO THE
14 POSTMODERN INDICATIONS OF SYSTEMIC RACISM. WE HAVE AN
15 OPPORTUNITY TO BEGIN UNDOING THAT. THESE ARE DECADES OVERDUE.
16 THERE IS NOTHING HASTY ABOUT IT. THIS IS ONLY A FIRST STEP,
17 AND I COMMEND YOU ALL. THANK YOU.

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19 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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21 **MODERATOR:** ERIC PREVEN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
22 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

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1 **ERIC PREVEN:** THANK YOU. IT IS ERIC PREVEN, AND I WILL ADDRESS
2 ALL THE ITEMS SO THAT YOU DON'T HOBBLE ME WHEN I SPEAK ON
3 SOME, AND I WILL GIVE A GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS AS WELL. AND I
4 WOULD LIKE TO START WITH, YOU KNOW, THE INITIATIVE TO AMEND
5 THE CHARTER TO UNDO SOME OF THE CURRENT FUNDING AND PLANS FOR
6 CONTINUED LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE WAY THAT THE WE HAVE BEEN
7 DOING IT. YOU KNOW, I DO THINK THAT THE L.A. TIMES ARTICLE IS
8 A STRANGE ONE BECAUSE THEY TALKED ABOUT HOW IT HAS BEEN
9 HASTILY PUT ON THE BALLOT, OR WILL BE HASTILY PUT ON THE
10 BALLOT, AND THAT IS NOT FAIR. AND OF COURSE, THIS IS A COUNTY
11 HALLMARK, BUT WHAT THEY ARE NOT TALKING ABOUT 41, THE CURRENT
12 PLAN TO SETTLE WITH THE F.P.P.C. AND HOW -- TAXPAYERS, PEOPLE
13 WHO SUED THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT IS NOT LABELED PROPERLY
14 IN ITEM 41, BUT THEY SUED THE COUNTY AND MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS
15 AND SHEILA KUEHL AND KATHRYN BARGER AND EVEN JANICE HAHN
16 BECAUSE THEY HAD PUT THEIR THUMBS ON THE SCALES AT THE TIME
17 WHEN WE WERE ALL CONCERNED, HYPER-CONCERNED IN VOTING IN
18 FAVOR OF MEASURE H, WHICH IS THE \$350 MILLION A YEAR TO
19 SUPPORT THE H.H.H., WHICH IS THE BRICKS AND MORTAR THE MAYOR
20 GOT PASSED TO HELP WITH THE HOMELESS PROBLEM. NOW EVERYBODY
21 KNOWS IT HAS BEEN A DISASTER AND A FAILURE, AND WHAT THE
22 PROBLEM, I THINK, IS THAT THERE'S NOT BEEN A GOOD PLAN. SO THE
23 REAL -- I AM BEHIND THIS TAKING APART SOME OF THE STRUCTURES
24 THAT ARE IDIOTIC AND RACIST AND ONEROUS, AS WE SEEM, BUT I
25 THINK WE NEED A GOOD PLAN. I DON'T THINK WE HAVE A GOOD PLAN

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1 WITH MEASURE H, WHICH IS WHY MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS'S BIG CONCERN
2 WAS TO PUSH MONEY OUT THE DOOR. I DON'T CARE, THIS IS FRAUD,
3 THAT IT IS NOT PUSHED OUT THE DOOR SO QUICKLY. WHAT THAT
4 RESULTED IN IS IN THE SAFE PARKING MORASS, AND WHERE IS THAT?
5 AND ALL OF THE CRAZY THINGS, LIKE THE, YOU KNOW, THE INVENTORY
6 SYSTEM OF HOMELESS PEOPLE, WHATEVER THEY CALL THAT. WHAT WE
7 HAVE A SYSTEM THAT HAS FAILED, AND JOHN (INDISCERNIBLE) IS
8 STUCK IN, THE FORMER AUDITOR.

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10 **MS. LINGAT:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
11 COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

12

13 **ERIC PREVEN:** I THINK THE \$1.35 MILLION THAT THE THE COUNTY
14 WANTS TO PAY TO GET THE LAWSUIT ABOUT MEASURE H OFF THEIR BACK
15 SHOULD COME OUT OF THE OFFICEHOLDERS' ACCOUNTS BECAUSE THOSE
16 ARE THE ONES THAT PUT THEIR THUMBS ON THE SCALES AND
17 BENEFITED. I THINK IT IS REALLY PROBLEMATIC IF THE PUBLIC HAS
18 TO PAY FOR THAT. AND THEY WILL JUST LOB IT OFF THE \$350
19 MILLION A YEAR. I'D ALSO LIKE TO SAY THAT THE ONE TO AMEND THE
20 CHARTER, WHY NOT AMEND THE CHARTER SO THAT ALL THE AGENCIES
21 WITHIN THE COUNTY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO DO WHAT METRO LOS ANGELES
22 DOES, THE L.A. COUNTY METRO, WHICH IS DISPOSE OF EMAILS AFTER
23 60 DAYS. THIS IS APPALLING. I LEARNED ABOUT THIS BECAUSE
24 L.A.P.D. HAS DESTROYED ALL EMAILS PRIOR TO 2016, SO GOOD LUCK
25 TO THE REPORTERS AND INVESTIGATIVE JOURNALISTS WORKING ON

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1 THOSE THINGS, GONE. THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS, OKAY. THE PEOPLE --
2 THERE IS NO REASON TO DESTROY GOVERNMENT EMAILS NOW. WE WANT
3 TO BE ABLE TO HOLD THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS RESPONSIBLE FOR --

4

5 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER
6 PLEASE.

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8 **MODERATOR:** SCOTT DOMINGUEZ. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
9 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
10 YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SCOTT DOMINGUEZ:** THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY, SUPERVISORS.
13 MY NAME IS SCOTT DOMINGUEZ. I AM ADDRESSING ITEM 51C. I AM A
14 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND I AM ON THE BOARD OF THE LATINO
15 PROSECUTOR'S ASSOCIATION. I LIVE IN TORRANCE IN SUPERVISOR
16 HAHN'S DISTRICT. I GREW UP IN ALHAMBRA IN SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S
17 DISTRICT. MY 5 SIBLINGS AND I WERE RAISED BY A SINGLE MOTHER.
18 MY BROTHERS AND I, WE STILL GO BACK AND MOW THE LAWNS EVERY
19 OTHER WEEKEND. I BECAME A DEPUTY D.A. AND WENT TO LAW SCHOOL
20 TO SERVE MY COMMUNITY AND TO GIVE BACK. AND I FEEL I'VE HAVE
21 BEEN DOING THAT ALONG WITH MY COLLEAGUES. WE WORK VERY HARD
22 DAY IN AND DAY OUT, EVEN DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WHERE PEOPLE
23 FROM MY COMMUNITY, BROWN PEOPLE, ARE 5 TIMES MORE LIKELY TO
24 CATCH CORONAVIRUS. AND WE HAVE BEEN WORKING EVERY DAY IN OUR
25 OFFICES, GOING TO COURT, MASKED UP, TO HELP OUR COMMUNITIES.

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1 SUCH A DRASTIC DRACONIAN CUT TO OUR SERVICES WILL AFFECT
2 PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY, THOSE PEOPLE THAT WE HELP. IT
3 BREAKS MY HEART TO EVEN MENTION ISABELLA CORTEZ, BUT SHE WILL
4 HAVE A -- HER FAMILY WILL HAVE A DEPUTY D.A. WHO WILL HER
5 FAMILY GET THROUGH THIS HORRIFIC, HORRIFIC EXPERIENCE. I HAVE
6 HAD TO DO THAT FOR PEOPLE FROM MY COMMUNITY. CHRISTIAN, WHO
7 WAS A 15 YEAR OLD BOY WHO WAS KILLED A HIT AND RUN ON UBER. I
8 HANDLED THAT CASE THREE YEARS AGO. AND HIS SINGLE MOM, WHO WAS
9 ONLY SPANISH SPEAKING, I WAS THE ONE, ALONG WITH OUR VICTIM
10 ADVOCATES, WHO GUIDED HER THROUGH THIS SYSTEM AND BROUGHT
11 SOME CLOSURE AND SOME PEACE TO HER --

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13 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER,
14 PLEASE.

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16 **MODERATOR:** MICHAEL GREEN, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
17 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
18 MAY BEGIN.

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20 **MICHAEL GREEN:** YES, MY NAME IS MICHAEL GREEN. I AM
21 REPRESENTING S.E.I.U. LOCAL 721 ON BEHALF OF BOB SCHOONOVER
22 AND OUR 96,000 MEMBERS.. I AM ADDRESSING 51C AND ALSO WOULD
23 LIKE TO SPEAK ON PUBLIC COMMENT. FIRST OF ALL, S.E.I.U. 721,
24 WITH OUR PRINCIPLES, WE BELIEVE L.A. COUNTY SHOULD INVEST IN
25 THE HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELLNESS OF MARGINALIZED PEOPLE FOR

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1 MENTAL HEALTH, JOB CREATION, AND STABLE HOUSING. HOWEVER, THE
2 TIMING OF THIS MEASURE IS PROBLEMATIC. WE ARE IN THE WORST
3 BUDGET CRISIS WE HAVE FACED IN 25 YEARS, SO WE WOULD ADVISE
4 TAKING ACTION TODAY ON THE MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER 2020
5 BALLOT. WE DON'T KNOW HOW THIS WILL LAND WITHOUT PROPER
6 VETTING, BUT OUR MEMBERS ARE FACING LAYOFFS, HIRING FREEZES,
7 AND REQUESTS FOR PAY CONCESSIONS. WE HAVE BEEN VERY CAREFUL
8 NOT TO FRAME THE PROBLEM AS BLAMING IT ON THE COUNTY, BUT ON
9 THE FAILURE ON THE PART OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE
10 DESPERATELY NEEDED FISCAL RELIEF TO STATES AND LOCAL
11 GOVERNMENTS. OUR MEMBERS HAVE BEEN ON THE PHONE BANKING NOT
12 ONLY THE SENATORS BUT IN NEIGHBORING ARIZONA. SO WE DEFINITELY
13 SHOULD BE UNITED IN DEMANDING MORE FUNDING FROM THE FEDERAL
14 GOVERNMENT. THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT DECISION THAT WOULD
15 AFFECT THE FUTURE OF ALL IN L.A. COUNTY --

16

17 **MS. LINGAT:** YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS GENERAL PUBLIC
18 COMMENT, PLEASE MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **MICHAEL GREEN:** YEAH, MOREOVER, IN NOVEMBER, THE VOTERS OF
21 CALIFORNIA WILL HAVE A HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO REFORM
22 CALIFORNIA'S PROPERTY TAX SYSTEM WITH PROPOSITION 15, THE
23 SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITY FIRST BALLOT MEASURES, IN THE PAST, PROP
24 15 WILL HAVE A HUGE BENEFICIAL IMPACT ON THE FUNDING FOR
25 PUBLIC SERVICES IN L.A. COUNTY. WE CANNOT AFFORD TO CREATE

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1 DIVISIONS AMONG OUR SUPPORTERS OF PUBLIC SERVICES. NOW IS THE
2 TIME TO ASK VOTERS TO WEIGHT IN ON THE BUDGET PRIORITIES.
3 LET'S NOT FIGHT OVER HOW TO SLICE UP A SHRINKING PIE, BUT
4 LET'S UNITE TO FIGHT TO MAKE SURE THE PIE CAN GET BIGGER.
5 THANK YOU.

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7 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

8

9 **MODERATOR:** CAROL BROOKS. PLEASE STATE YOUR AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
10 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY. YOU
11 MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **CAROL BROOKS:** HI, MY NAME IS CAROL BROOKS. I LIVE IN
14 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S DISTRICT, AND I AM SPEAKING ON AGENDA ITEM
15 3. THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR OUR ONGOING
16 LEADERSHIP AND CONSISTENCY IN BRINGING ATTENTION TO THE IMPACT
17 OF SYSTEMIC RACISM ON BLACK PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. IN THE PAST
18 6 WEEKS, A VEIL OF UNKNOWING HAS BEEN LIFTED FOR ME REGARDING
19 THE FACT THAT WE LIVE IN A WHITE SUPREMACIST SOCIETY. AS A
20 WHITE WOMAN, I HAVE BEEN ABLE TO LIVE IN IGNORANCE ABOUT THE
21 WAYS IN WHICH OUR B.I.P.O.C. COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE
22 SYSTEMICALLY OPPRESSED AND DENIED ENTRY INTO WHAT WHITE PEOPLE
23 GET TO CONSIDER THE BASICS, LIKE HOUSING AND OPPORTUNITIES
24 FOR EMPLOYMENT AND EDUCATION. NOW THAT THE VEIL HAS BEEN
25 LIFTED, I CAN NO LONGER REMAIN SILENT WHILE THE RACIST SYSTEMS

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1 WITHIN OUR SOCIETIES THRIVE. PLEASE PRIORITIZE THE EXPERIENCE
2 AND NEEDS OF BLACK L.A. RESIDENTS, IMPLEMENT THE 114
3 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION RECOMMENDATIONS, AND ADDRESS THE
4 PROBLEM OF SYSTEMIC ANTI-BLACK RACISM THAT PROGRESSIVE AGENDAS
5 HAVE IGNORED FOR TOO LONG. I HOPE YOU WILL HEAR MY VOICE AS
6 WELL AS THE VOICES OF SO MANY OTHERS WHEN WE ASK YOU TO
7 SUPPORT AGENDA ITEM 3. THANK YOU, I YIELD MY TIME.

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9 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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11 **MODERATOR:** WALDO GONZALES. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEM AND IF
12 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
13 MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **WALDO GONZALES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
16 WALDO GONZALES. AND I AM HERE REPRESENTING INNER CITY
17 STRUGGLE, A COMMUNITY ORGANIZATION BASED ON THE EAST SIDE OF
18 LOS ANGELES. WE ARE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 51C. I SEE AND
19 SERVE SOME OF THE HIGHEST NEED AND THE MOST VULNERABLE
20 COMMUNITIES IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS SUCH, OUR MEMBERS BEAR A
21 HIGH BURDEN WITH REGARD TO SYSTEMIC RACISM AND LACK OF ACCESS
22 TO QUALITY HEALTHCARE, BOTH OF THESE MANIFESTING IN A
23 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR.
24 ON AGENDA 51C, THANK YOU SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR
25 LEADING A MOMENT AND EMPOWERING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS WITH

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1 MOTION 51C. ALLOWING THE PEOPLE OF L.A. COUNTY TO DEMONSTRATE
2 THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE BOARD'S TRANSFORMATIVE VISION WILL ONLY
3 PROPEL THE A.T.I. PROCESS FORWARD AND ENSURE THAT BLACK,
4 BROWN, AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE SERVICES THEY
5 NEED DURING AND AFTER THIS CRISIS. THE CHARTER AMENDMENT
6 PROVIDES A PATHWAY FOR RELIEF FROM THE DEVASTATING IMPACT OF
7 THE PANDEMIC AND CONFRONTS THAT LONGSTANDING RACIAL AND
8 ECONOMIC INEQUALITY IN OUR COUNTY. THE BOARD HAS WORKED
9 DILIGENTLY TO ADDRESS THESE ISSUES BUT BOLD INVESTMENT IS LONG
10 OVERDUE. WE ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO MOVE BEYOND 10 PERCENT AND
11 AMEND THE MOTION AND ENSURE THAT AT LEAST 20 PERCENT OF THE
12 NET COUNTY COSTS GO TOWARD A.T.I. AND DIRECT COMMUNITY
13 INVESTMENT. THE PEOPLE OF LOS ANGELES DESERVE REINVESTMENT AT
14 A SCALE GREATER THAN THE LEVEL OF INJUSTICE. OTHERWISE, IF WE
15 PROCEED AT 10 PERCENT, WE MUST REQUIRE THE COUNTY NOT REDUCE -
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18 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED, NEXT SPEAKER
19 PLEASE.

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21 **MODERATOR:** GLORIA AMAR, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
22 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
23 MAY BEGIN.

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1 **GLORIA AMAR:** THANK YOU, I AM A RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 4, AND I
2 AM CALLING REGARDING 51C. I AM STRONG OPPOSITION TO THIS 51C
3 BECAUSE IT WAS JUST TWO WEEKS AGO THAT THIS BOARD VOTED ON OUR
4 COUNTY'S BUDGET. IT WAS TWO WEEKS AGO THAT YOU HAD THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS ALL OF THE NEEDS THAT HAS BEEN RAISED
6 ON THIS CALL REGARDING THE NEED FOR COMMUNITY AGENCIES TO BE
7 FUNDED -- RACISM. WERE YOU NOT CONCERNED THEN? WHERE WAS YOUR
8 LEADERSHIP THEN? TO CHANGE DRASTICALLY THE CHARTER WITHOUT THE
9 PROPER PROCEDURE IS IRRESPONSIBLE. I URGE YOU TO AT LEAST
10 CONSIDER MOVING THIS ITEM AND HAVE IT PROPERLY GO THROUGH THE
11 PROPER CHANNELS, SO THAT ALL OF THE VOICES YOU HAVE BEEN
12 HEARING CAN PROPERLY BE HEARD. THANK YOU.

13

14 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

15

16 **MODERATOR:** LUCIA PETERS. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
17 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
18 MAY BEGIN.

19

20 **LUCIA PETERS:** I MY NAME IS LUCIA PETERS. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR
21 KUEHL'S DISTRICT. HI, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I AM CALLING IN
22 SUPPORT OF ITEMS 51C, 3, 11, 19, AND 20 AND WOULD ALSO LIKE TO
23 SPEAK ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SPECIFICALLY, TODAY I WANT
24 TO SPEAK TO 51C. I AM APPALLED BY THE FEAR MONGERING THAT I
25 HAVE HEARD FROM PEOPLE CALLING IN IN OPPOSITION TO THIS

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1 MOTION, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR
2 HAVING THE COURAGE TO -- AND EMPOWERING L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS
3 THROUGH THIS MOTION. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT IT AND
4 SUPPORT RESPONDING TO THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES. IT'S
5 CLEAR THAT LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LACK OF COMMUNITY
6 INVESTMENT, AND A OVER RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION HAVE CREATED
7 A MONUMENTAL CRISIS FOR OUR COUNTY WELL BEFORE THE PANDEMIC.
8 NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE IMPACTED BY THIS THAN BLACK RESIDENTS,
9 WHO MAKE UP ONLY 8 PERCENT OF OUR COUNTY POPULATION BUT ARE
10 OVER 30 PERCENT OF OUR JAIL AND HOUSELESS POPULATION. AMENDING
11 THE COUNTY CHARTER TO ENSURE THAT OUR MOST VULNERABLE
12 COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE CARE AND SUPPORT THAT THEY NEED IS
13 THE JUST AND MORAL THING TO DO, AND I KNOW THAT THE BOARD
14 KNOWS THIS BECAUSE YOU HAVE MADE THIS INCREDIBLE PIVOT TOWARDS
15 DECARCERATION FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I JUST ENCOURAGE YOU
16 TO KEEP MOVING IN THAT DIRECTION IN ORDER TO FULLY REALIZE THE
17 CARE FIRST VISION YOU HAVE COMMITTED TO. WE ARE GOING TO NEED
18 FAR MORE INVESTMENT THAN WHAT IS PROVIDED BY THIS BALLOT
19 INITIATIVE. SO I ASK YOU TO ALLOW L.A. RESIDENTS TO APPROVE
20 THE FUNDING THAT WE ALL KNOW IS NEEDED AND AMEND THIS MOTION
21 TO INCREASE FUNDING TO 20 PERCENT. WE DESERVE REINVESTMENT AT
22 A SCALE GREATER THAN THE LEVEL OF INJUSTICE, AND INCREASING TO
23 20 PERCENT WILL REFLECT THAT. SO THANK YOU AGAIN TO KUEHL AND
24 SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS MOTION FORWARD. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO
25 HEARING ALL OF YOU VOTE YES. THANK YOU.

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1

2 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

3

4 **MODERATOR:** ELIAS GARCIA, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
5 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
6 MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **ELIAS GARCIA:** GOOD MORNING, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS. MY NAME
9 IS ELIAS GARCIA. I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF THE ASSOCIATED GENERAL
10 CONTRACTORS OF CALIFORNIA TO SPEAK ON ITEM 10 BY SUPERVISORS
11 KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH HOW THIS
12 MOTION COULD IMPACT CONSTRUCTION JOB SITES, BUT UNDERSTAND
13 THAT DETAIL THAT'S FLUID IMPLEMENTATION WILL BE MORE READILY
14 KNOWN ONCE THE REPORT IS COMPLETE. SHOULD CONSTRUCTION BE
15 IMPACTED BY THIS MOTION, WE STAND READY TO WORK WITH YOU AND
16 YOUR RESPECTIVE STAFFS IN CRAFTING A SOLUTION THAT
17 ACCOMPLISHES THE AUTHORS GOALS WHILE RECOGNIZING THE UNIQUE
18 NATURE OF CONSTRUCTION. THERE ARE NUMEROUS QUESTIONS THAT THIS
19 MOTION RAISES, INCLUDING HOW IT WOULD AFFECT EXISTING
20 COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS ON JOB SITES THAT HAVE THEM
21 AND THE INTERPLAY BETWEEN THE VARIOUS EMPLOYERS THAT OPERATE
22 ON THESE JOB SITES. WE BELIEVE THAT GREAT SOLUTIONS CAN BE
23 ACHIEVED WHEN INDUSTRY IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATION
24 PROCESS, AND THAT IS WHY WE WELCOME THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS

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1 SOME THESE UNIQUE ISSUES THAT THIS MOTION RAISES TO ENSURE THE
2 MOST SUCCESSFUL OUTCOME POSSIBLE FOR ALL PARTIES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** HENRY MANSELL, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
7 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
8 MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **HENRY MANSELL:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS HENRY MANSELL. I AM
11 CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 51C, 3, 11, 19, AND 20. I
12 WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK SPECIFICALLY ABOUT 51C. I FIRMLY BELIEVE
13 THAT WE HAVE OVERINVESTED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT AND UNDERINVESTED
14 IN COMMUNITIES, PARTICULARLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, ACROSS
15 LOS ANGELES. I GREW UP IN THIS CITY, AND I AM FORTUNATE
16 ENOUGH TO HAVE HAD ACCESS TO PLENTY OF OPPORTUNITIES,
17 SECURITY, A ROOF OVER MY HEAD, FOOD ON MY PLATE, BUT THE FACT
18 IS THESE THINGS SHOULD NOT BE PRIVILEGES. THEY SHOULD BE THE
19 RIGHTS OF EVERYBODY IN THE CITY. AND I THINK 51C DOES NOT GO
20 FAR A ENOUGH. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD INCREASE IT TO AT LEAST 20
21 PERCENT OF THE NET COUNTY COSTS TO GO TOWARD A.T.I. AND DIRECT
22 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK MY SUPERVISOR,
23 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, FOR HER LEADERSHIP IN THIS AREA, AND I URGE
24 A STRONG YES VOTE ON ALL OF THESE ITEMS, THANK YOU.

25

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** MICHELLE HENESSEY, PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS
4 AND IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT
5 TODAY. YOU MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **MICHELLE HENESSEY:** THANK YOU. THIS IS MICHELLE HENESSEY, AND
8 I'M ADDRESSING ITEM 51C. I GREW UP IN L.A. COUNTY, AND I
9 CURRENTLY LIVE IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT IN ALTADENA.
10 AND I AM STRONGLY OPPOSED TO ITEM 51C FOR A NUMBER OF REASONS.
11 FIRST THE FISCAL IRRESPONSIBILITY OF MANAGING THE BUDGET VIA
12 PERMANENT LEGISLATION THUS DELEGATING THE VERY RESPONSIBILITY
13 OF THIS BOARD TO BALANCE THE BUDGET BASED ON PRESENT FINANCIAL
14 NEED. THE ACTIONS PROPOSED BY THE CHARTER AMENDMENT CAN BE
15 UNDERTAKEN BY THE BOARD NOW WITHOUT AN AMENDMENT TO THE CHART.
16 SECONDLY, I FIND THE LACK OF NOTICE PROBLEMATIC. IF THE STATE
17 WAS ENACTING A LAW BY ANY PROCESS, OR EVEN A REGULATION, THE
18 LANGUAGE OF THE PROPOSED NEW LAW WOULD HAVE TO BE PUBLISHED IN
19 ADVANCE TO GIVE STAKEHOLDERS AND THE PUBLIC TIME TO A PROPER
20 ANALYSIS AND MEANINGFULLY COMMENT. THIS BOARD HAS LESS THAN 3
21 WEEKS TO GET HIS ON THE BALLOT. IT HAS NOT EVEN PUBLISHED THE
22 PROPOSED LANGUAGE OF THE CHARTER AMENDMENT. FURTHER, THERE HAS
23 BEEN NO STUDY ABOUT THE IMPACTS THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT WOULD
24 HAVE ON PUBLIC SERVICES OR ON THE IMPACT TO EXISTING COUNTY

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1 EMPLOYEES AND THE UNIONS THAT NEGOTIATE WITH THE COUNTY. AND
2 FOR THESE REASONS, I --

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT SPEAKER
5 PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** ELIZABETH THORN. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND
8 IF YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY,
9 YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **ELIZABETH THORN:** HI, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON AGENDA ITEM 11
12 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. MY NAME IS ELIZABETH THORN. I LIVE
13 IN SUPERVISOR BARGER'S DISTRICT. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISORS
14 KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR RECOGNIZING THE CRITICAL NEED TO
15 INCLUDE TRANS AND GENDER NON-CONFORMING AND INTERSEX PEOPLE
16 ALONG WITH CIS GENDER WOMEN IN THE SCOPE OF THE GENDER REFORM
17 FOR THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. I URGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS TO VOTE
18 IN FAVOR OF ITEM 11. I IDENTIFY AS G.N.C. AND GENDER QUEER,
19 AND I GREW UP AS A FEMALE-BODIED PERSON, SO I FELT VULNERABLE
20 MY WHOLE LIFE BECAUSE OF MY BODY. I HAVE BEEN GROPED WHILE
21 PATTED DOWN, AND NOW THAT I HAVE HAD TOP SURGERY, I FEEL THAT
22 THE REACTION WOULD BE WHEN AN OFFICER EXPECTS TO FEEL BREASTS
23 WHERE THERE ARE NONE. AND SEXUAL ASSAULT IS A HUGE PROBLEM IN
24 CARCERAL SETTINGS. AND IT IS EVEN 10 TIMES HIGHER FOR
25 TRANSGENDER PEOPLE. L.A. COUNTY SHOULD FOCUS ON SUPPORTING THE

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1 RELEASE OF CIS GENDER WOMEN, TRANS, G.N.C., AND INTERSEX
2 PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY BLACK TRANS WOMEN, AND PROVIDE THEM WITH
3 THE SERVICES AND CARE THEY NEED TO THRIVE. FOR THE GENERAL
4 COMMENT, I ALSO URGE YOU TO SET UP A MORE EQUITABLE SYSTEM
5 FOR CALLING IN FOR PUBLIC COMMENT. TWO WEEKS AGO, IT WAS
6 LEAKED THAT THE SHERIFF INTENTIONALLY ORGANIZED A FILIBUSTER
7 OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT, AND I SUSPECT THAT THE SAME HAPPENED
8 TODAY, JUDGING BY THE PEOPLE WHO FIRST GOT THROUGH. IT IS NOT
9 FAIR TO THE PUBLIC IF THE SHERIFF AND HIS ASSOCIATES KNOW THE
10 EXACT TIME THAT THE CALL QUEUE OPENS SO THEY CAN STACK THE
11 LINE WITH THEIR SUPPORTERS. SO PLEASE CHANGE THE CALL IN
12 SYSTEM SO THAT INSIDERS CANNOT TAKE ADVANTAGE. THIS IS AN
13 ISSUE OF ACCESS, ACCOUNTABILITY, AND TRANSPARENCY. THANK YOU.
14 I YIELD MY TIME.

15

16 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

17

18 **MODERATOR:** DANIEL GAINS. PLEASE STATE THE AGENDA ITEMS AND IF
19 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
20 MAY BEGIN.

21

22 **DANIEL GAINS:** MY NAME IS DAN GAINS. I LIVE IN SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL'S DISTRICT. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON 3, 8, 20, AND
24 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I SUPPORT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S
25 EFFORTS TO ADOPT RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE AD HOC COMMUNITY ON

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1 BLACK PEOPLE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AS A SOCIAL WORKER WHO
2 HELPS TO PLACE FOLKS INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, I
3 UNDERSTAND THAT OFFERING SERVICES LIKE HOUSING IS THE
4 SOLUTION, WHILE POLICING MERELY DISRUPTS AND DELAYS THAT
5 PROCESS WHILE OFTEN CAUSING MENTAL AND PHYSICAL HARM IN THE
6 PROCESS. L.A. COUNTY IS ONLY 5 YEARS AWAY FROM THE DEPARTMENT
7 OF JUSTICE SETTLEMENT THAT EXPOSED THE COORDINATED EFFORT BY
8 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE HOUSING AUTHORITY OF L.A. TO
9 TARGET BLACK PEOPLE ON SECTION 8, CAUSING MANY TO LOSE THEIR
10 HOUSE. WHILE THIS CASE HAS BEEN SETTLED, SETTLEMENTS ARE NOT
11 SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS AND REFORMS, IN AND OF THEMSELVES, DO NOT
12 ADDRESS SYSTEMIC RACISM. SO I DEFINITELY SUPPORT ITEM 3. AND
13 FURTHERMORE, THE COUNTY MUST ACT NOW IT TO EXTEND THE
14 TEMPORARY EVICTION MORATORIUM AND MAKE IT THE BASELINE FOR ALL
15 CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY. THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND MUST BE
16 RENEWED, AND \$1 MILLION MUST BE SET ASIDE FOR FUNDING OF THE
17 L.A. J.F. 5,580 PEOPLE WERE DETAINED BY I.C.E. L.A. COUNTY
18 RESIDENTS NEED TO BE PROTECTED FROM THEIR FAMILIES BEING TORN
19 APART. AND THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND IS ONE TANGIBLE WAY TO DO
20 THAT. LASTLY, I URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MOVE QUICKLY
21 AND DECISIVELY TO INCLUDE AN AMENDMENT TO THE L.A. COUNTY
22 CHARTER ON THE NOVEMBER 2020 BALLOT THAT WOULD PRIORITIZE
23 INVESTMENT IN UNDER-RESOURCED AND LOW INCOME COMMUNITIES, BUT
24 THAT IS 51C. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT THIS MOTION, AND IT IS
25 CLEAR THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, LACK OF COMMUNITY

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1 INVESTMENT, AND OVER RELIANCE ON INCARCERATION HAVE CREATED A
2 MONUMENTAL CRISIS IN OUR COUNTY WELL BEFORE THE PANDEMIC. AND
3 NO ONE HAS BEEN MORE IMPACTED BY THIS THAN BLACK RESIDENTS WHO
4 MAKE UP ONLY 8 PERCENT OF RESIDENTS BUT OVER 30 PERCENT OF OUR
5 JAIL AND HOUSELESS POPULATIONS. AMENDING THIS COUNTY CHARTER
6 TO ENSURE OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES RECEIVE THE CARE AND
7 SUPPORT THEY NEED IS THE JUST AND MORAL THING TO DO. THE BOARD
8 HAS ALREADY TAKEN GREAT STEPS, BUT IN ORDER TO FULLY TO
9 REALIZE THE CARE FIRST VISION, WE NEED FAR MORE MORE
10 INVESTMENT.

11

12 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. YOU NOW HAVE ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS
13 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **DANIEL GREEN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO YEAH, I ASK YOU ALLOW L.A.
16 RESIDENTS TO APPROVE THE FUNDING THAT WE ALL KNOW IS NEEDED,
17 AMEND THE MOTION TO INCREASE FUNDING TO 20 PERCENT. FOR MY
18 GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT, I JUST WANT TO SAY I AM JUST ASKING
19 THE BOARD TO EXERCISE MUCH MORE CAUTION THIS DATA IN JUNE WITH
20 REGARD TO REOPENING BUSINESSES AND HEED THE GUIDANCE OF THE
21 C.D.C. AND THE SCIENCE WHEN CONSIDERING HOW TO DO THIS IN THE
22 FUTURE. I UNDERSTAND THE BOARD IS NOT FULLY TO BLAME FOR THE
23 SPIKE IN THE REOPENING, BUT JUST AS WITH EXTENDING THE
24 EVICTION MORATORIUM, WE MUST VALUE HUMAN LIFE OVER PROFITS AND

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1 WORK TOWARD OPENING SCHOOLS BEFORE WE OPEN BARS. I YIELD THE
2 REST OF MY TIME.

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

5

6 **MODERATOR:** CHRIS RIDDLE. PLEASE STATE THE ADDRESS ITEMS AND IF
7 YOU ARE ALSO ADDRESSING ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT TODAY, YOU
8 MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **CHRIS RIDDLE:** HI, I AM CALLING FROM RIDLEY-THOMAS'S DISTRICT.
11 AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEMS 3, 11, 19, 20, AND
12 51C AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT 51C
13 AND GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. I ENTHUSIASTICALLY SUPPORT AGENDA
14 ITEM 51C AND THANKS TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR TAKING THIS
15 IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD. I AM ASKING THE BOARD INCREASE THE
16 FUNDING TO 20 PERCENT TO MAKE A MEANINGFUL IMPACT ON
17 COMMUNITIES OF COLOR THAT HAVE BEEN OVER POLICED AND UNDER
18 SUPPORTED FOR DECADES. I ALSO THINK THAT THESE FUNDS NEED TO
19 BE DIRECTED DIRECTLY TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS AND NOT PASS
20 THROUGH ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS OR THEIR PROGRAMS.
21 WE KNOW WHAT MAKES COMMUNITY SAFE. IT IS AFFORDABLE HOUSING.
22 IT'S JOBS. IT'S HEALTHCARE. AND IT'S EDUCATION. AND IT IS NOT
23 COPS AND CAGES. I YIELD THE REST OF MY TIME, THANK YOU.

24

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. MADAM CHAIR, THAT NOW CONCLUDES THE
2 PUBLIC COMMENT PORTION.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, OUR TIME FOR PUBLIC SPEAKERS
5 HAS ENDED. THANK YOU TO ALL WHO CALLED IN TO SPEAK. IF YOU
6 WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE YOUR COMMENTS, YOU MAY SUBMIT WRITTEN
7 COMMENTS AS INDICATED ON IT AGENDA. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ACCEPT
8 ALL WRITTEN COMMENTS THAT COME IN DURING THE MEETING, WHICH
9 WILL BECOME PART OF THE RECORD. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
10 PLEASE INDICATE THE AGENDA ITEM NUMBERS WE WILL BE VOTING ON.

11

12 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. THE FOLLOWING ITEMS ARE
13 BEFORE YOU, ITEMS 1D-3D, ITEM 1, 4-7, 9, 11-12, 14-18, ON ITEM
14 19, SUPERVISOR BARGER ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE, ON ITEMS 21-22,
15 24, 26-33, 36-50, 51A, 51D, ON ITEM 51G, SUPERVISOR SOLIS
16 REQUESTS THIS BE CONTINUED TO AUGUST 4TH, 2020, ITEMS 51H-51L
17 AND ITEM 54. THESE ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
20 THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL TO APPROVE WITH THE
21 EXCEPTIONS NOTED. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE
22 ROLL.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

3 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

6

7 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

8

9 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

10

11 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

14

15 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

18

19 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. ITEMS PASSED 5-0 WITH THE
20 EXCEPTIONS NOTED.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. WE
23 WILL NOW HEAR FROM SHERIFF VILLANUEVA WHO REQUESTED TO ADDRESS
24 THE BOARD ON ITEM 51C. SHERIFF, YOU WILL HAVE 5 MINUTES TO
25 ADDRESS THIS ITEM. SHERIFF VILLANUEVA?

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1

2 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR BARGER. OKAY. CAN
3 YOU HEAR ME?

4

5 **SUP. HAHN, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. THE FLOOR IS YOURS.

6

7 **SHERIFF VILLANUEVA:** THE -- I AM ONLY GOING TO SPEAK ON ITEM
8 51C AND THE MOTION BY SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS, REIMAGINING
9 L.A. COUNTY, SHIFTING BUDGET PRIORITIES. AND I JUST WANT TO GO
10 THROUGH THE MEASURE ITSELF, AND SOME THINGS JUMPED OUT. WHEN
11 YOU READ THEM, THEY GRAB YOUR ATTENTION. PAGE TWO, IT SAYS FOR
12 DECADES, THE PRIMARY RESPOND TO INEQUALITY AND THE LACK OF
13 INVESTMENT HAS BEEN PROSECUTION AND INCARCERATION. I DON'T
14 KNOW WHO CAME UP WITH THAT LANGUAGE, BUT I SUPPOSE IT WASN'T
15 SOMEONE WHO IS THINKING THE WHOLE THING THROUGH AND CLEARLY
16 BECAUSE, I AM SORRY, BUT PROSECUTION AND INCARCERATION FOR THE
17 LAST 34 YEARS THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, IT
18 HAS TO DO WITH PEOPLE WHO COMMIT CRIMES. AND THEY ARE HELD
19 ACCOUNTABLE FOR THE CRIMES THEY COMMIT. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO
20 WITH INEQUALITY OR LACK OF INVESTMENT. YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT
21 A CAUSE AND EFFECT, THAT IS AN ACADEMIC ARGUMENT WE COULD
22 MAKE, AND HOWEVER, TO PUT THAT AS A FACT I THINK IT DOES A
23 DISSERVICE TO THE ENTIRE PROCESS. AND YOU GO ON TO SAY THAT
24 THE TIME TO PRIORITIZE THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AS
25 WELL AS OTHER PROMISING CARE FIRST/JAILS LAST PROGRAMS WITH A

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1 WITH A STABLE DEDICATED BUDGET COMMITMENT. THAT BUDGET
2 COMMITMENT SEEMS TO BE DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND
3 REIMAGINING L.A. COUNTY IS DEFUNDMENT IN DISGUISE, PLAIN AND
4 SIMPLE. AND THEN YOU GO ON TO SAY THAT YOU BEMOAN THE FACT
5 THAT 42 PERCENT OF THE NET COUNTY COSTS, WHICH IS 3.7 BILLION,
6 GOES TO OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT AND LEGAL SYSTEM USE, AND THIS
7 BUDGET ALLOCATION DOES NOT REFLECT THE BOARD'S VALUES AND
8 PRIORITIES. AND A REDISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES IS NEEDED. I
9 WILL SUBMIT TO YOU THAT I THINK THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
10 DOES NOT HAVE THE PRIORITIES THAT YOU HAVE. I WILL QUOTE NOT
11 THE UNITED WAY SURVEY THAT YOU DID, BUT A SURVEY JUST DONE BY
12 THE RECENTLY BY THE PEW RESEARCH CENTER, WHO APPARENTLY DOES
13 NOT HAVE ANY DIRECTORS WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF
14 SUPERVISORS OR THE C.E.O.'S STAFF. AND THEY DID A NATIONWIDE
15 SURVEY WITH 4700 PEOPLE. AND IT TURNS OUT THAT 73 PERCENT OF
16 AMERICANS BELIEVE POLICE SPENDING SHOULD REMAIN CURRENT LEVELS
17 OR INCREASING IT, NOT CUTTING IT. ONLY 25 PERCENT OF AMERICANS
18 WERE IN FAVOR OF REDUCING POLICE SPENDING. THAT IS A VERY
19 TELLING FIGURE RIGHT THERE. AND I'VE GOT ANOTHER DOCUMENT, AND
20 IT IS FROM AN INTERNAL DOCUMENT. IT SAYS CONFIDENTIAL, DO NOT
21 REDISTRIBUTE. AND IT'S REIMAGINE L.A. COUNTY. AND IT TALKS
22 ABOUT DIVEST FROM INCARCERATION AND POLICING AND INVEST IN THE
23 HEALTH AND ECONOMIC WELLNESS OF MARGINALIZED PEOPLE AND THEIR
24 COMMUNITIES. WELL, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE SHERIFF'S
25 DEPARTMENT WE'RE ALL FOR PROVIDING MENTAL HEALTH CARE. WE ARE

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1 ALSO PROVIDING FOR SUBSTANCE AND ABUSE AND THE OUTCOMES, AND
2 THOSE INVOLVED IN MISDEMEANOR CRIMES THAT WE CAN DIVERT AWAY
3 FROM THE JAIL SYSTEM, WE ARE ALL IN SUPPORT OF THAT. NO ONE IS
4 AGAINST THAT. THOSE ARE NO-BRAINERS. HOWEVER, WHEN YOU TRY TO
5 DISMANTLE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF PUBLIC
6 SAFETY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, YOU ARE ENDANGERING THE
7 PUBLIC. AND SUPERVISOR BARGER, YOU MAY LIVE IN THE COMFORT OF
8 SAN MARINO, A VERY WEALTHY CITY THAT HAS ITS OWN POLICE
9 FORCE, HOWEVER, THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT THE PEOPLE THAT CAN
10 LEAST AFFORD A LACK OF LAW ENFORCEMENT PROTECTION, AND THIS IS
11 GOING TO BE IN THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES. AND ACCORDING
12 TO THIS DOCUMENT, IT SAYS DIRECT COMMUNITY INVESTMENT. IT
13 TALKS ABOUT INCREASING FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH
14 DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS. I THOUGHT I PAID MY TAXES TO PAY FOR OUR
15 SCHOOLS. WHAT ON EARTH DO WE HAVE SCHOOLS FOR? WHY WOULD WE
16 HAVE COMMUNITY-BASED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS AND NOT WORK
17 TO MAKE SURE OUR SCHOOLS DO WHAT THEY ARE INTENDED TO DO. AND
18 THEN IT SAYS ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, REDUCES THE
19 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT BUDGET, REDIRECTS THE FUNDING TO PROGRAMS
20 AND SERVICES TO UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES. NOW BOTH SUPERVISORS
21 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR HAHN SPENT A LOT OF TIME ON CAMERA
22 YESTERDAY PAINSTAKINGLY TRYING TO DISCLAIM THE FACT THAT THIS
23 IS NOT ABOUT THE DEFUNDING OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS
24 IS EXACTLY ABOUT DEFUNDING THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS IN
25 WRITING, IT IS OBVIOUS. YOU ARE GOING TO REDUCE NET COUNTY

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1 COSTS, AND THAT IS A PRIME SOURCE OF OUR FUNDING TO PROVIDE
2 FOR UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITIES, TO STAFF THE JAIL SYSTEM, OUR
3 DETECTIVE DIVISION, EVERYTHING WE DO ON BEHALF OF VICTIMS.
4 REMEMBER THE PEOPLE YOU NEVER WANT TO HEAR FROM. HONEST LAW-
5 ABIDING CITIZENS AND VICTIMS OF CRIME ALSO HAVE A SAY IN THE
6 CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, AND NOW ALL OF OUR YOUTH SERVICES
7 HAVE BEEN CUT BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, AND WE HAVE A LOT
8 OF THINGS THAT ARE BEING CUT RIGHT NOW WITH THE CURRENT CUTS
9 THAT YOU'VE PROPOSED. THESE ADDITIONAL CUTS AND THESE FUNDS
10 ARE GOING TO BE TAKEN AWAY FROM OUR DEPARTMENT BETWEEN NOW AND
11 2024 WILL RESULT IN THE LOSS OF ALTADENA STATION, MARINA DEL
12 REY STATION, EAST LOS ANGELES STATION, CENTURY STATION, ALL OF
13 THE LARGE STATIONS THAT HAVE THE UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY
14 PATROL. THIS IS GOING TO DIRECTLY RESULT IN THEIR CLOSURE.
15 THERE IS NO WAY AROUND IT. WE ARE THE MOST UNDER STAFFED
16 METROPOLITAN AGENCY IN THE ENTIRE NATION IN LESS THAN ONE
17 DEPUTY PER 1,000. THIS IS GOING TO DRIVE IT DOWN TO LESS THAN
18 1 HALF ONE DEPUTY PER 1,000. AND YOU'RE GOING TO CLAIM THAT
19 SOMEHOW THAT'S GOING TO MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES SAFER. WE HAVE A
20 27 PERCENT INCREASE IN HOMICIDES RIGHT NOW AS WE SPEAK. AND
21 WE'RE SITTING ON THE LARGEST UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN THE NATION'S
22 HISTORY SINCE THE GREAT DEPRESSION. AND WE THINK SOMEHOW THIS
23 IS GOING TO MAKE PEOPLE SAFER. WE THERE'S LOT OF THINGS WE CAN
24 DO TO MAKE PEOPLE SAFER, BUT THE LAST THING WE DO IS, I AM
25 GOING TO QUOTE COLONEL GROSSMAN. WHEN THE WOLF CONVINCES THE

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1 SHEEP THAT THE SHEEP DOG IS A PROBLEM, WE ARE ALL IN TROUBLE.

2 ANYWAY, THAT IS ALL I HAVE TO SAY.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SHERIFF VILLANUEVA. MADAM

5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE READ US INTO CLOSED SESSION.

6

7 **MS. LINGAT:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS, NOTICE

8 IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL CONVENE IN

9 CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS CS1, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-

10 EXISTING LITIGATION, ITEM CS2, CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL

11 REGARDING ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, TWO CASES, AND ITEM CS-3,

12 DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS, AS INDICATED ON THE

13 POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, WE WILL ADJOURN AND TRY TO KEEP

16 CLOSED SESSION TO NO MORE THAN AN HOUR, AND THEN WE WILL COME

17 BACK INTO OPEN SESSION. THANK YOU. [MEETING ADJOURNS TO CLOSED

18 SESSION]

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, GREAT. I'M GOING READ US BACK INTO

21 OPEN SESSION, OKAY? WE ARE NOW RECONVENING IN OPEN SESSION.

22 I'LL NOW TAKE THE ROLL OF HOW IS ON. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

23

24 **SUP. SOLIS:** HERE.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** HERE.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** I'M HERE.

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11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SACHI HAMAI, COUNTY C.E.O.?

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13 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** HERE.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MARY WICKHAM?

16

17 **ATTORNEY:** HERE.

18

19 **SUP BARGER, CHAIR:** LORAYNE LINGAT?

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21 **MS. LINGAT:** HERE.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WILL YOU PLEASE

24 READ THE REPORT OF ACTION.

25

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** THE FOLLOWING IS A REPORT OF ACTION TAKEN IN
2 CLOSED SESSION ON JULY 21ST, 2020. ITEMS CS-1, CS-2, AND CS-3,
3 THERE IS NO REPORTABLE ACTION. THANK YOU.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL NOW TAKE UP ITEMS HELD
6 BY THE SUPERVISORS. WE WILL BEING WITH ITEM NUMBER 2, ITEM 3,
7 THEN ITEMS 8 AND 25 WHICH ARE RELATED, FOLLOWED BY ITEM 10,
8 ITEM 13, ITEM 20, AND THEN WE WILL HAVE 51B, 51C, ITEM 51E,
9 AND FINISHING UP WITH WITH THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, NUMBER 55.
10 SO WITH THAT, WE WILL BEGIN WITH ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPPORTING AN
11 EXPANSION OF SCHOOL-BASED SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL LEARNING
12 INTERVENTION, WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
13 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAVE THE FLOOR. SUPERVISOR
14 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** IT IS ALL YOURS.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY KINDLY. WE ALL RECOGNIZE
21 THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD HAS CREATED A WORLD-WIDE RESPONSE
22 THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED IN ITS SIZE AND IMPACT AND DESIGNED TO
23 ADDRESS NOT ONLY THE ISSUE OF RACIALIZED VIOLENCE AT THE HANDS
24 OF LAW ENFORCEMENT, BUT ALSO THE SYSTEMIC INEQUITIES THAT
25 UNFAIRLY DISADVANTAGE LARGELY AFRICAN-AMERICANS IN THIS

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1 INSTANCE, AND I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING
2 THIS MOTION AND LEANING IN WITH RESPECT TO THE ITEM AT HAND.
3 IT IS MOST EVIDENT IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS WHERE YOUNG AFRICAN-
4 AMERICAN MEN ARE DISPROPORTIONATELY ISOLATED, PUNISHED, AND
5 ARGUABLY PUSHED OUT INTO JUVENILE AND THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE
6 SYSTEM ITSELF. THE DATA IS DISTURBING, BLACK MALES MAKE ONLY
7 UP 9 PERCENT OF THE THE YOUTH IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
8 BUT ACCOUNT FOR 32 PERCENT OF ALL YOUTH ON PROBATION AND 80
9 PERCENT ARE ARRESTED WITHIN THREE YEARS. IN OTHER WORDS,
10 RECIDIVISM AND THE RELATED ITEMS ARE VERY, VERY REAL, BUT MANY
11 OF THESE YOUTHS ARE RESILIENT. THEY HAVE HISTORIES THAT ARE
12 REAL AND WORTH REFERENCING. HISTORIES ROOTED IN POVERTY,
13 ABUSE, OR NEGLECT AND WOULD MOST ASSUREDLY BENEFIT FROM
14 ADDITIONAL EDUCATIONAL MENTORING AND COUNSELING SERVICES.
15 THESE INTERVENTION STRATEGIES ARE CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. AND I
16 WANT TO SAY AS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION, WE HAVE AN
17 OBLIGATION, I BELIEVE, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, TO MAKE
18 SURE OUR INVESTMENTS REFLECT OUR VALUES AND OFFER THE HIGHEST
19 RETURN TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. AND I AM PROUD OF THE FACT
20 THAT WE DO THAT. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE THRUST OF THIS MOTION
21 IS TO SUGGEST THAT WE DO MORE OF THAT, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE
22 PARTNERSHIPS WITH PHILANTHROPY AND EVEN MORE. AND SO THIS
23 MOTION REPRESENTS A CRITICAL STEP FORWARD IN THAT DIRECTION BY
24 DISRUPTING THE SCHOOL-TO-PRISON PIPELINE, BUILDING A LIFETIME
25 OF OPTIONS AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR MEN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS

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1 B.L.O.O.M., AND BECOMING A MAN, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS B.A.M., ARE
2 TWO PROGRAMS THAT HAVE SHOWN GREAT PROMISE. THESE SCHOOL-BASED
3 INTERVENTIONS BRIDGE THE OPPORTUNITY GAP BY LEADING YOUNG MEN
4 OF COLOR TOWARDS EDUCATIONAL SUCCESSES AND HEALTHY PATHWAYS.
5 SO YOU WILL WANT TO KNOW THAT IN 2012, 100 PERCENT OF THE
6 B.L.O.O.M. SENIORS HAVING GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, NEARLY
7 ALL HAVE ENROLLED IN COLLEGE, AND YES, 97 PERCENT HAVE UPHELD
8 THE TERMS OF THEIR PROBATION AND HAVE NOT RE-OFFENDED. THIS
9 IS AN EFFECTIVE ANTIDOTE TO RECIDIVISM, FOR RECIDIVISM. I DID
10 SAY 97 PERCENT, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES. SO I AM GRATEFUL
11 TO SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AGAIN, TO THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH
12 AND OUR PARTNERS, THAT IS THE BROTHERHOOD CRUSADE AND THE
13 SOCIAL JUSTICE INSTITUTE FOR RESPONDING TO THE CALL FOR ACTION
14 AND STANDING WITH US TO ADDRESS THESE FUNDAMENTAL ISSUES THAT
15 ARE ROOTED IN BOTH RACE AND CLASS INEQUALITY. I LOOK FORWARD
16 TO SEEING THESE TWO PROGRAMS SCALED UP AND REPLICATED
17 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY TO ENSURE MORE YOUTH OF COLOR HAVE THE
18 OPPORTUNITY TO THRIVE. THIS IS ONE OF MANY THINGS THAT THIS
19 COUNTY IS DOING, DISTRICT AFTER DISTRICT, TO MAKE SURE THAT
20 YOUNG PEOPLE CAN BE ALL THAT THEY CAN BE AND THEN SOME. MADAM
21 CHAIR.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO
24 SAY SOMETHING?

25

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR
2 RIDLEY-THOMAS, I WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME THE HONOR
3 OF JOINING YOU IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT AND TIMELY MOTION. I
4 THINK IF PEOPLE LOOK AT OUR AGENDAS, ESPECIALLY TODAY, AND IN
5 PAST WEEKS, THEY CAN SEE A NEW AND INCREASING AWARENESS AMONG
6 THE BOARD AND OUR STAFF AND ESPECIALLY OUR CONSTITUENTS TO THE
7 UNIMAGINABLE RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY IN OUR COUNTRY AND,
8 SADLY, IN OUR COUNTY. AND IT'S NO MORE EVIDENT ANYWHERE THAN
9 WITH OUR YOUNG MEN OF COLOR. OF COURSE, YOU KNOW I HAVE BEEN
10 VERY, VERY CONCERNED WITH WOMEN AND YOUNG WOMEN, AND THEY ARE
11 ALSO INCLUDED IN MANY OF THE PROGRAMS THAT I SUPPORT, BUT IT'S
12 BECOME ABUNDANTLY CLEAR THAT, AMONG ALL OF THOSE WHO SUFFER
13 FROM RACIAL DISPROPORTIONALITY, YOUNG BLACK MEN, MOST
14 ESPECIALLY, HAVE FELT THE BRUNT OF THIS PANDEMIC OF RACISM. SO
15 I THINK WE HAVE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE FACT THAT WE FAIL TO TREAT
16 THEM WITH THE SAME RESPECT AND DIGNITY AS MANY OF THEIR PEERS
17 IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS. IT MAY NOT BE ON PURPOSE, BUT
18 INADVERTENT RACISM IS JUST AS DESTRUCTIVE. AND THIS IS
19 CERTAINLY TRUE IN OUR JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM. IN D.C.F.S., IN
20 PROBATION, AND IN OUR SCHOOLS, IT'S REALLY EVIDENT WE ARE NOT
21 GIVING THESE YOUNG MEN A FAIR SHOT, NOT GIVING THEM THE
22 SUPPORT THEY NEED, AND NOT GIVING THEM THE ENCOURAGEMENT TO
23 DREAM AND UNDERSTAND THAT THEY CAN TAKE CONTROL OVER THEIR OWN
24 LIVES. SO THAT IS WHY I AM VERY PLEASED TO DEDICATE
25 DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES ACT FUNDS TO EXPAND THE

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1 B.L.O.O.M. AND B.A.M. PROGRAMS IN MY DISTRICT AND ACROSS THE
2 COUNTY. AND THROUGH THESE HIGH SCHOOL ELECTIVES, OUR YOUNG MEN
3 OF COLOR WILL FOCUS ON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, ON COLLEGE
4 ENROLLMENT, AND IMPROVED SOCIAL AND EMOTIONAL WELLBEING. AND I
5 AM VERY PROUD TO COAUTHOR IT, THOUGH I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES
6 IF THEY SUPPORT, FEEL AS STRONGLY AS I DO, BUT YOU CAN HEAR IN
7 SOME OF THE PUBLIC TESTIMONY TODAY, I WAS REFLECTING AS I
8 LISTENED TO ONE OF MY CONSTITUENTS, CAROL BROOKS, WHO I DON'T
9 REALLY KNOW, BUT SHE WAS TALKING ABOUT HER OWN, REALLY,
10 AWAKENING AND ADMITTING HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO REALIZE, EVEN
11 IF IT IS NOW IN 2020, HOW DISPARATE THE IMPACTS HAVE BEEN ON
12 OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES. SO THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME
13 COAUTHOR THIS, AND I ENTHUSIASTICALLY VOTE YES.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU. I WANT TO COMPLIMENT SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND KUEHL FOR BRINGING THE MOTION BEFORE US. WE
19 HAVE BEEN ON THIS TRAJECTORY FOR SOME TIME NOW, AND IF YOU ALL
20 REMEMBER, BACK IN 2015, THE L.A. COUNTY JOINED MY BROTHER'S
21 KEEPER CHALLENGE. AS YOU KNOW, IT WAS ONE OF THOSE INITIATIVES
22 BROUGHT TO US BY PRESIDENT OBAMA, AND THE COUNTY CLEARLY
23 EMBRACED THAT, AND SO THAT WAS ANOTHER WAY OF STANDING UP THE
24 STOOL THAT WE HAVE A PROGRAM, A PLATFORM, TO HELP OUR YOUNG
25 PEOPLE, BOTH COMMUNITIES, AFRICAN-AMERICAN, LATINO, AND OTHER

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1 DISADVANTAGED YOUTH, AND I WANTED TO HIGHLIGHT THAT. AS WE
2 MOVE TOGETHER, ALL OF THESE THINGS HAVE BEEN A GREAT MEDIUM
3 AND USE, I BELIEVE, FOR OUR YOUNG MEN IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO,
4 AGAIN, I WANT TO APPLAUD YOU FOR THAT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING,
7 AND I KNOW SUPERVISOR HAHN DOES AS WELL. I JUST HAVE TO
8 COMMEND YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR
9 HOLDING THE MOTION, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR COAUTHORING IT
10 WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THERE IS NO QUESTION, I MEAN,
11 ESPECIALLY THE COUNTY-WIDE PROGRAM. THIS IS A CALL TO ACTION.
12 AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S POINT, EARLY ON WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA
13 ANNOUNCED HIS INITIATIVE, THIS COUNTY AGGRESSIVELY PURSUED IT,
14 AND WE ACTUALLY PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR MOUTH IS AS IT RELATES
15 TO PROGRAMS TO HELP DEVELOP PROGRAMS FOR -- SIMILAR TO WHAT
16 B.L.O.O.M. AND WHAT B.A.M. WERE GOING TO DO. I BELIEVE THAT WE
17 HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS PANDEMIC, TO MAKE A
18 DIFFERENCE, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT IT AND AM GRATEFUL
19 FOR YOU BOTH FOR BRINGING IT FORWARD. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR, YEAH, I JUST WANTED TO THANK
23 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THIS MOTION.
24 I WAS IN CONGRESS WHEN PRESIDENT OBAMA BROUGHT FORTH OUR
25 BROTHER'S KEEPER INITIATIVE, AND I ALSO SERVED ON THE

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1 SUBCOMMITTEE OF CONGRESS OF MEN AND BOYS OF COLOR BECAUSE THE
2 DISTRICT THAT I THEN REPRESENTED, THE 44TH CONGRESSIONAL
3 DISTRICT, CERTAINLY WAS MADE UP OF COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, AND
4 THE INEQUITIES THEN WERE CLEARLY BEING HIGHLIGHTED AND HAVING
5 SPOTLIGHTS ON THEM. I PARTNERED WITH COUNSEL MEMBER REX
6 RICHARDSON IN LONG BEACH TO BRING OUR BROTHER'S KEEPER TO ONE
7 OF THE HIGH SCHOOLS THERE. I BELIEVE IT WAS JORDAN HIGH
8 SCHOOL. AND THIS IS REALLY A GOOD MOTION, AND I HOPE TO OPT IN
9 AS WELL, AND USE SOME OF MY D.M.H. FUNDS TO SUPPORT THIS WITH
10 -- I'M LOOKING AGAIN AT LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT AS
11 A PARTNER FOR ME ON THIS ONE. SO THANKS FOR YOUR INSPIRATION
12 FOR THIS ONE, AGAIN, I LOVE WE ARE PUT OUR MONEY WHERE OUR
13 MOUTH IS.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO
16 YOU WANT ANY CLOSING COMMENTS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I WILL
19 SAY I AM PROUD TO BE A GRADUATE OF MANUAL ARTS HIGH SCHOOL.
20 TOILERS ARE IN THE HOUSE.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU FOR THAT. ITEM 2 IS BEFORE US,
23 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
24 KUEHL TO APPROVE THIS ITEM. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE
25 CALL THE ROLL.

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1

2 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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4 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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6 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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8 **MS. LINGAT:** SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS: AYE.

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10 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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12 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN? YES.

13 SUPERVISOR BARGER?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

16

17 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, MOTION PASSES 5-0.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOW WE ARE GOING TO MOVE ON TO

20 ITEM NUMBER 3, ESTABLISHING AN ANTI-RACIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY

21 POLICY AGENDA, WHICH ALSO WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

22 THOMAS.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR AND

25 COLLEAGUES. LET ME DIVE RIGHT IN AND SAY TO YOU THAT IT IS

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1 VERY IMPORTANT THAT WE ESTABLISH THE POINT THAT RACISM CAN
2 ENCOMPASS MANY FORMS, IDEOLOGICAL, BEHAVIORAL, INTERPERSONAL,
3 INSTITUTIONAL, AND STRUCTURAL, BUT IT IS STRUCTURAL RACISM
4 THAT IS ROOTED IN A LONG HISTORY OF OVERT RACIAL
5 DISCRIMINATION, SEGREGATION, AND EVEN VIOLENCE, AND OVER
6 TIME, IT MANIFESTS ACROSS MULTIPLE SYSTEMS. A LOT OF TIMES, IT
7 IS JUST THERE, TAKEN FOR GRANTED, AS IF NOTHING CAN REALLY BE
8 DONE ABOUT IT, BUT WELL TODAY, WE SEEK TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT
9 IT. IT IS TIME FOR THE COUNTY TO ADDRESS STRUCTURAL RACISM,
10 ESPECIALLY THAT WHICH UNFAIRLY DISADVANTAGES HISTORICALLY
11 HARMED COMMUNITIES, PRINCIPLE AMONG THEM IN MANY RESPECTS
12 WOULD BE AFRICAN-AMERICAN, ALTHOUGH NOT EXCLUSIVELY. WE JUST
13 HAVE HEARD ABOUT THE REMARKS OF B.L.O.O.M. AND B.A.M., THE
14 EXPANSION BECAUSE OF THE UNIQUE IMPACTS THAT AFRICAN-AMERICAN
15 MALES EXPERIENCE IN OUR PUBLIC SCHOOL SETTINGS. THEY FACE
16 DISPARATE TREATMENT AND OUTCOMES, AND IT IS LARGELY
17 ATTRIBUTABLE TO RACE. THIS IS WELL DOCUMENTED BY MANY.
18 PROFESSOR TYRONE HOWARD AT U.C.L.A., PROFESSOR, NOW DEAN,
19 PEDRO NEGERO AT U.S.C., PROFESSOR KELLY HERNANDEZ, AND MORE.
20 AND SO, I THINK WE JUST HAVE TO COME TO GRIPS WITH THIS,
21 STRAIGHT UP. AND I THINK WE ALSO HAVE TO NOTE THAT BLACK GIRLS
22 AND YOUNG WOMEN ARE ALSO EXPELLED AND ARRESTED MORE FREQUENTLY
23 THAN THEIR PEERS. IT IS THIS DISCRIMINATION ACROSS SCHOOLS AND
24 SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT DOES NOT RESULT FROM ONE PRINCIPAL'S
25 RACIST IDEOLOGY OR ONE SUPERINTENDENT'S IMPLICIT BIAS. IT

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1 MIGHT BE ARGUED IT IS ENDEMIC, AND TO THE EXTENT THAT IS THE
2 CASE, WE HAVE TO DIG DEEPER AND FIND WHAT IS REALLY GOING ON
3 HERE. MORE THAN ANY OTHER RACIAL OR ETHNIC GROUP, WE
4 UNDERSTAND THE DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS ON HOMELESSNESS,
5 FOSTER CARE, AND PARENTS WHO ARE INCARCERATED. AND WHEN YOU
6 LOOK A LITTLE DEEPER, WE FIND THAT THE MAJORITY OF THESE
7 STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOLS AND RESIDE IN COMMUNITIES THAT ARE
8 HIGHLY SEGREGATED BY RACE AND BY INCOME AND HAVE FEWER PARKS
9 AND RECREATION FACILITIES AND CONTAIN ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS
10 THAT NEGATIVELY AFFECT THEIR HEALTH AND THEIR WELLBEING. I
11 WANT TO SAY AT THIS VERY POINT, THIS IS WHAT THE COUNTY'S
12 ENVIRONMENTAL AGENDA HAS TRIED TO ADDRESS, AND IT IS TIME FOR
13 US TO STEP IT UP AND ADDRESS IT MORE DEEPLY IN TERMS OF ITS
14 CAUSAL FACTORS WHEN WE SPEAK THE LANGUAGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL
15 JUSTICE. BUT THE DISPARITIES THEMSELVES ARE NOT ROOT CAUSES,
16 THEY ARE, IN FACT, NEGATIVE OUTCOMES THAT HAVE RESULTED FROM
17 LITERALLY CENTURIES OF UNCHECKED ANTI-BLACK RACISM. I HOPE WE
18 CAN CALL IT BY ITS NAME. I'LL SAY IT AGAIN, HOMELESSNESS,
19 FOSTER CARE, CRIMINAL JUSTICE, EVEN ISSUES OF OPEN SPACE AND
20 RECREATIONAL AMENITIES, ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY, AND
21 HAZARD MITIGATION, THESE ARE ALL AREAS FOR WHICH THE COUNTY IS
22 PRIMARILY RESPONSIBLE, THUS THE TIME IS NOW FOR SUBSTANTIVE
23 SELF-EXAMINATION. AND I BELIEVE THE COUNTY HAS AN OBLIGATION
24 TO VIGILANTLY AND PURPOSEFULLY ENACT ANTI-RACIST POLICIES TO
25 COUNTERACT THESE WELL-DOCUMENTED DISPARITIES. IT IS INCUMBENT

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1 UPON THOSE OF US WHO SIT IN POSITIONS OF AUTHORITY HERE IN THE
2 COUNTY TO BEGIN DISMANTLING THESE BIASES WITHIN THE SYSTEMS
3 FOR WHICH THE COUNTY IS RESPONSIBLE. WE KNOW THAT IT WAS
4 RELIT, IF YOU WILL, BY THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD. AND IT
5 TELLS US QUITE A LOT, BUT THERE ARE MANY WHO WERE KILLED
6 PURSUANT TO EXCESSIVE USE OF FORCE, AND THERE IS NO DENYING
7 THAT IT IS WELL-DOCUMENTED THAT SUCH IS THE CASE. THE MOST
8 PRONOUNCED EXAMPLE OF THAT IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
9 PROPER, WE DON'T NEED TO GO TO ANOTHER STATE FAR AWAY, RIGHT
10 HERE, THE UNRESOLVED ISSUES RELATED TO ANDREAS GORDADO IS
11 VERY, VERY IMPORTANT IN TERMS OF DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACTS ON
12 LATINO YOUNG MEN AND THE NEED FOR INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION
13 STILL HAS TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF OUR CONCERNS. THIS BOARD
14 HAS EMBARKED ON WHAT I WOULD DESCRIBE AS ANTI-RACIST PROGRAM
15 IMPLEMENTATION, WHEN IT ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE OF REENTRY. AND
16 THAT WAS FIVE YEARS AGO, 2015, AND THEN IN 2017, WHEN IT
17 ESTABLISHED THE OFFICE OF YOUTH DEVELOPMENT AND DIVERSION. TWO
18 YEARS LATER, IT ESTABLISHED A PROCESS TO HAVE PROBATION
19 OVERSIGHT AND A COMMISSION THAT WOULD DEAL WITH THAT IN AN
20 OPEN, THAT IS TO SAY, TRANSPARENT AND ACCOUNTABLE WAY. AND WE
21 ARE NOW IN THE PROCESS OF IMPLEMENTATION WITH RESPECT TO THAT
22 P.L.C. IT IS WORTH NOTING WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE
23 SHERIFF'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, ALL OF THAT IS DESIGNED TO PUT
24 FORWARD. AND ULTIMATELY, IN 2020, WHEN THE BOARD ADOPTED A
25 CARE FIRST/ JAIL LAST POLICY PRACTICE, NOT OUT OF A SENSE OF

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1 BEING ANTI-LAW ENFORCEMENT, OR OUT OF A SENSE OF BEING PRO-
2 HUMAN SERVICES AND SHIFTING THE PRIORITIES IN TERMS OF OUR
3 POLICYMAKING THAT WE DO RIGHT BY THE ENTIRETY OF THE COUNTY OF
4 THE LOS ANGELES. MORE REMAINS TO BE DONE AS YOU WELL KNOW. AND
5 THIS MOMENT REQUIRES THE FORMALIZATION OF A POLICY AGENDA, A
6 REST ON A PLATFORM THAT WE CONTINUE OUR ONGOING EFFORTS AND
7 EXPAND THESE EFFORTS TO OTHER AREAS NEGATIVELY IMPACTING THE
8 LIVES OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN ANGELENOS AND OTHERS WHO HAVE BEEN
9 HISTORICALLY HARMED. I AM PLEASED THAT EVERY DEPARTMENT HEAD
10 HAS ALREADY BEGIN THIS TASK BY PUBLICLY COMMITTING TO A
11 LEADERSHIP DECLARATION THAT PROMISES TO ADVANCE RACIAL EQUITY
12 IN THE AREAS OF EMPLOYMENT, LAND USE, EDUCATION, VOTING,
13 HOUSING, HEALTH, ARTS, INFRASTRUCTURE, JUSTICE, VETERAN'S
14 SERVICES, ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION, COMMUNITY, AND SOCIAL
15 SERVICES.. THIS IS BROAD. THIS IS DEEP. THIS IS SUBSTANTIVE,
16 AND THAT'S WHAT THIS MOMENT REQUIRES. AND I CONTINUE TO
17 ACKNOWLEDGE THE COUNTY'S AFFINITY ASSOCIATIONS WHICH ARE
18 COMPRISED OF COUNTY EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE ALSO DEDICATED
19 THEMSELVES SIMILARLY. WE CANNOT DO THIS WORK ALONE. THERE'S A
20 LOT TO BE DONE. THE PUBLIC, MADAM CHAIR AND COLLEAGUES, TOOK
21 NOTE OF THIS, WELL OVER A THOUSAND PERSONS REGISTERED THEIR
22 SENTIMENT IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM TO CREATE AN ANTI-RACIST
23 POLICY FRAMEWORK FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DOCUMENTED BY
24 THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, WHO THANK THEM FOR WEIGHING IN AND BEING
25 SUPPORTIVE. AND WE NEED THAT COMMUNITY-BASED SUPPORT IN THOSE

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1 ORGANIZATIONS. WE NEED PRIVATE SECTOR, SCHOOLS, UNIVERSITIES,
2 FAITH-BASED INSTITUTIONS, AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, AGAIN, THE
3 CONSTITUENTS THAT WE SERVE TO BRING INSTANCES OF STRUCTURAL
4 RACISM TO OUR ATTENTION AND PARTNER WITH US TO END IT. WITH
5 THAT, MADAM CHAIR, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU TO YOU AND THE
6 BOARD. AND I WANT TO CALL ON MEMBERS OF OUR DEPARTMENT HEAD
7 CORPS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. MADAM CHAIR, THE OFFICE OF THE
8 PUBLIC DEFENDER, REPRESENTED BY RICARDO GARCIA, THE DEPARTMENT
9 OF HEALTH SERVICES, REPRESENTED BY DR. CHRISTINA GHALLY, THE
10 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES, REPRESENTED BY ANTONIA
11 JIMENEZ, AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES, REPRESENTED BY
12 LISA GARRETT, AND FINALLY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SACHI
13 HAMAI, WILL CLOSE THOSE DEPARTMENT HEADS OUT IN TERMS OF THE
14 COMMENTS. MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU FOR THESE MOMENTS TO SHARE MY
15 PERSPECTIVE.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. YOUR
18 COLLEAGUES, YOU WOULD LIKE TO SAY SOMETHING. DO YOU WANT THE
19 DEPARTMENT HEADS TO GO BEFORE YOU COLLEAGUES, OR MAY I CALL ON
20 YOUR COLLEAGUES?

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, PROTOCOL WOULD SUGGEST THAT
23 THE COLLEAGUES WOULD SPEAK FIRST.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** GOOD ANSWER. SO SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AND THEN
2 SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I WILL BE BRIEF, AND CONGRATULATIONS ON
5 BRINGING THIS MOTION FORWARD, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, FOR
6 YOUR COURAGE AND THAT OF THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS AND THE C.E.O.
7 AND THE STAKEHOLDERS, APPLAUD THE WORK YOU HAVE BEEN DOING FOR
8 MANY YEARS ON THIS ISSUE, TRYING TO BREAK THAT DIVIDE THAT
9 STRANGLES OUR COMMUNITIES, AND YOU SAID SO MANY RIGHT ON
10 THINGS, THAT THE MOMENT IS NOW. AND SOMETIMES WHEN WE ARE
11 FACED WITH CHALLENGES THAT ARE HARD, LIKE COVID, AND THE
12 KILLINGS OF INNOCENT YOUNG BLACK AND LATINOS, THAT'S THE TIME
13 THAT WE HAVE TO STAND UP. AND IT IS MOMENTS LIKE THAT THAT I
14 THINK REALLY MOVE US AS A SOCIETY AND PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND
15 THAT IT REALLY IS A BIGGER AGENDA THAN JUST A FEW FOLKS, OR A
16 FEW PEOPLE, THAT ARE EXPRESSING THEMSELVES, LIKE OURSELVES,
17 BUT THAT WE'RE ACTUALLY TRYING TO ELEVATE THE VOICES OF SO
18 MANY OTHERS. SO I KNOW THAT THIS IS A WELL-THOUGHT OUT PLAN.
19 I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO LIFTING ALL OF THOSE VOICES THAT
20 REPRESENT ALL THE PEOPLE OF COLOR AS WELL, BUT, MORE
21 IMPORTANTLY, THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN FACED WITH SYSTEMIC
22 DISCRIMINATION AND DISCRIMINATION IN EMPLOYMENT, IN SOCIETY,
23 AND EDUCATION, AND SO MANY OTHER ASPECTS. AND KNOW THAT WE
24 HAVE A LOT OF WORK TO DO, AND THESE ARE THE VALUES THAT I
25 BELIEVE OUR COUNTY RESIDENTS WANT US TO FIGHT FOR, AND WE HAVE

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1 SO MANY GOOD ITEMS COMING BEFORE US ON THIS AGENDA TODAY, THAT
2 I KNOW THIS IS ONE THAT HELPING TO GALVANIZE US AND TO MAKE US
3 BE EVEN STRONGER. WE SHOULD ELIMINATE THOSE BARRIERS AND SEEK
4 GOOD TROUBLE AS OUR COLLEAGUE SAID IN THE CONGRESS, JOHN
5 LEWIS, GOOD TROUBLE. GOOD TROUBLE MEANING RAISE THOSE VOICES.
6 LET'S CHANGE THE TRAJECTORY FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE SO THEY CAN
7 HAVE THE ASPIRATIONS AND HOPE THAT THIS COUNTRY SHOULD HAVE
8 AFFORDED THEM AND THEIR ANCESTORS MANY YEARS AGO. AND I SAY
9 THAT WHOLEHEARTEDLY BECAUSE I, TOO, HAVE BEEN A VICTIM OF
10 RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION, AND WE CONTINUE TO SEE IT IN OUR
11 DAILY -- IN OUR DAILY LIVES. AND I KNOW THAT YOU SHARE THAT
12 SENTIMENT, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT THAT DOESN'T DETER,
13 AND IT DOESN'T MEAN THAT IT IS RIGHT. AND WE KEEP FIGHTING THE
14 GOOD FIGHT. AND WHETHER IT IS FIGHTING FOR GEORGE FLOYD OR
15 ANDREAS GORDADO, OR THOSE THE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN FROM THE
16 FIRST DISTRICT WHO HAVE LOST THEIR LIVES SENSELESSLY, TO
17 OTHERS. I PRAY FOR THEM. I PRAY THE COUNTY WILL DO THE RIGHT
18 THING BECAUSE THAT'S THE DIRECTION THAT WE NEED TO GO IN.
19 THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK SON
20 THIS, AND I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT THIS. THANK YOU.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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24 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THIS MOTION BEFORE US
25 RECOGNIZES AND AFFIRMS AND DECLARES THAT RACISM IS A MATTER OF

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1 PUBLIC HEALTH IN THE COUNTY AND THAT RACISM AGAINST BLACK
2 PEOPLE HAS REACHED CRISIS PROPORTIONS THAT RESULT IN LARGE
3 DISPARITIES IN FAMILY STABILITY, HEALTH, MENTAL WELLNESS,
4 EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, PUBLIC SAFETY,
5 CRIMINAL JUSTICE, AND HOUSING. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
6 THOMAS, FOR THIS VERY BIG MOTION AND, FRANKLY, OVERDUE. I
7 THINK MANY OF US, MYSELF INCLUDED, HAVE CELEBRATED THE
8 PROGRESSIVE POLICIES AND REFORMS THAT THIS BOARD HAS PUT IN
9 PLACE, AND I BELIEVED THAT, BECAUSE THEY WERE PROGRESSIVE
10 POLICIES, THAT THEY WERE ENOUGH TO ADDRESS SOCIETY'S ILLS, BUT
11 THESE LAST FEW MONTHS HAVE BEEN A WAKE UP CALL FOR ALL OF US.
12 IT IS NOT ENOUGH TO BE NOT RACIST. WE MUST ALSO BE ANTI-
13 RACIST. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT DISMANTLING RACIST INSTITUTIONS, WE
14 CANNOT AND SHOULD NOT POINT FINGERS AT EVERY OTHER INSTITUTION
15 BUT OUR OWN. IT'S TIME THAT WE LOOK AT OUR OWN INSTITUTIONS
16 AND EXAMINE HOW THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE PERSISTENT
17 INEQUALITY AND DISCRIMINATION THAT HAS HELD BLACK L.A. COUNTY
18 RESIDENTS BACK AND CONTRIBUTED TO MAKING RACISM NOT JUST A
19 MORAL CRISIS, BUT A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS. AND I THINK WATCHING
20 ALL THE MEMORIES ABOUT MY FORMER COLLEAGUE, JOHN LEWIS, AS
21 WELL AS HILDA SOLIS'S FORMER COLLEAGUE, OVER THE WEEKEND,
22 WATCHING THE DOCUMENTARY ABOUT HIS LIFE, IT WAS EASY FOR US TO
23 SAY, WELL, THAT WASN'T US. YOU KNOW, THAT WAS THE SOUTH. AND,
24 EVEN THOUGH I DIDN'T GROW UP IN A LOS ANGELES THAT VISIBLY HAD
25 WHITES ONLY, COLORED ONLY, SIGNS, IT IS CLEAR THAT RACISM HAS

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1 PERPETUATED LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I REMEMBER MY DAD TALKING A
2 LOT ABOUT WHEN HE WAS THE COUNCILMAN FOR THE 8TH DISTRICT IN
3 THE CITY OF THE L.A., AND THEN, OF COURSE, AS THE SECOND
4 DISTRICT COUNTY SUPERVISOR, HOW HE FOUGHT REGULARLY AGAINST
5 INSTITUTIONAL RACISM WITHIN THE CITY AND THE COUNTY, MOSTLY BY
6 HIS COLLEAGUES. AND HIM TELLING US, HE WAS ON THE PUBLIC WORKS
7 COMMITTEE IN THE CITY OF L.A., AND HE REFUSED TO APPROVE OTHER
8 COUNSEL MEMBER'S REQUESTS FOR NEW POOLS, NEW PARKS, NEW
9 LIBRARIES BECAUSE THEY NEVER WOULD APPROVE THOSE FOR HIS
10 DISTRICT. AND SO EVERY POOL, EVERY PARK, EVERY LIBRARY
11 CURRENTLY IN YOUR DISTRICT, MARK, YOU KNOW WAS HARD-FOUGHT.
12 AND IT WILL BE GREAT TO FINALLY BEGIN LOOKING AT THIS COUNTY-
13 WIDE, SO IT IS NOT JUST ONE OR TWO SUPERVISORS WHO FEEL LIKE,
14 IN REPRESENTING THEIR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, THEY HAVE TO FIGHT
15 THE SYSTEM, BUT THAT WE, AS A WHOLE, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES,
16 WILL TAKE UP THAT CAUSE WITH THEM. I THINK THIS MOTION IS FAR-
17 REACHING. IT DOESN'T -- INSTITUTIONAL RACISM DOESN'T START AND
18 END IN OUR CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM. IT IS IMPORTANT THAT WE
19 NOT ONLY CRITICALLY AT OUR COURT SYSTEM, OUR PROBATION
20 DEPARTMENT, OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, BUT ALSO AT THE WIDE
21 RANGING WAYS THAT L.A. COUNTY HAS IMPACTED OUR RESIDENTS LIVES
22 AND SHAPED OUR SOCIETY. WHEN CONSIDER ALL THE WAYS L.A. COUNTY
23 TOUCHES OUR COMMUNITIES, FROM PLANNING, LAND USE,
24 DETERMINING WHO WE CAN LIVE WHERE, WHERE COUNTY PARKS AND
25 LIBRARIES ARE BUILT, WHO WE HIRE FOR JOBS, FROM FIREFIGHTERS,

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1 TO NURSES, TO DOCTORS, TO ENGINEERS, I REALIZE HOW
2 REVOLUTIONARY AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY WILL BE FOR THE 10 MILLION
3 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS A BIG MOMENT.
4 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU MET IT. THANK YOU FOR YOUR
5 LEADERSHIP.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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9 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, YOU KNOW, WHEN I WAS FIRST ELECTED TO
10 THE ASSEMBLY IN 1994, I HAD NO IDEA IT WOULD BE THE MOST
11 EMOTIONAL, TOUCHING JOB I HAD EVER HAD IN MY LIFE. I MEAN, I
12 HAD BEEN AN ACTOR. I THOUGHT I HAD DONE THINGS THAT REALLY HAD
13 TO DO WITH THE HEART, AND I THOUGHT THIS HAD TO DO MORE WITH
14 THE HEAD. AND I QUICKLY FOUND OUT THAT IT DOESN'T BECAUSE WHEN
15 THE ONLY THING THAT YOU ACTUALLY HAVE TO GIVE IN YOUR JOB IS
16 AN AYE VOTE IN FAVOR OF SOMETHING THAT CAN MAKE A CHANGE, IT
17 REALLY CHANGES THE WAY YOU THINK ABOUT IT BECAUSE EVERY TIME
18 YOU CAST A VOTE, YOU ARE ANSWERING THE QUESTION WHICH SIDE ARE
19 YOU ON. WHICH SIDE ARE YOU ON BECAUSE HISTORICALLY, ALL THE
20 WAY UNTIL TODAY, THERE HAS BEEN -- WE CALL IT DISCRIMINATION,
21 BUT IT HAS BEEN SO SYSTEMIC AND SO, KIND OF, INVISIBLE FROM
22 THE BEGINNING, THE KINDS OF DENIALS THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
23 THOMAS HAS SPOKEN OF, THE KINDS OF ISSUES THAT BLACK LIVES
24 MATTER HAVE ILLUMINATED OVER THE PAST COUPLE OF MONTHS, BUT
25 WAY BEFORE, IN BRINGING AND ORGANIZING THEMES INTO WHAT IS NOW

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1 AN INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT. NOT ONLY THOSE ITEMS THAT
2 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HAS TALKED ABOUT, BUT FROM THE VERY
3 BEGINNING, THE SYSTEMATIC DENIAL TO THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN
4 COMMUNITY OF THE ABILITY TO ACCRUE ANY KIND OF WEALTH. AND I
5 DON'T MEAN BIG WEALTH. I MEAN EVEN TO PUT A LITTLE MONEY
6 ASIDE. BANKS WOULD NOT ALLOW THEM TO OPEN ACCOUNTS, DENIAL OF
7 HOUSING IN SO MANY AREAS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. RENTAL
8 HOUSING, AND HOUSING TO PURCHASE. DENIAL OF JOBS, AND ALL OF
9 THE OTHER AREAS THAT HAVE -- THEIR AFFECTS, EVEN TODAY. YOU
10 LOOK AT OUR AFRICAN-AMERICAN FAMILIES. THEY ARE STILL
11 SUFFERING FROM THIS SYSTEMIC AND SYSTEMATIC, KIND OF, MARCH OF
12 INTENTIONAL ACTIONS TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT SOMEONE IS KEPT DOWN
13 SO THAT SOMEONE CAN RISE. AND I THINK IN DECLARING TODAY AND
14 DEVOTING OURSELVES, REALLY I WOULD SAY I AM VERY MOVED BY
15 LOOKING AT ALL OF THE WORK THAT JOHN LEWIS DID, BUT I KNOW
16 THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS HIMSELF, I REMEMBER MEETING HIM
17 AT THE SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE OFFICES, AND
18 IT HAS BEEN A LONG ROAD, AND IT IS GOING BE A LONGER ROAD. I
19 HAVE ONLY ONE THING TO GIVE TODAY, AND THAT'S MY AYE VOTE, AND
20 I GIVE IT WHOLEHEARTEDLY. THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THIS.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. AND I ECHO
23 ALL THE COMMENTS, AND I HAVE TO SAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
24 THE PREAMBLE OF YOUR MOTION SHOULD BE MUST READING FOR
25 EVERYBODY, WHERE YOU TALK ABOUT NO CHILD IS BORN WITH RACIST

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1 WORLD VIEWS, THESE ARE LEARNED ATTITUDES THAT LEAD TO
2 BEHAVIORS THAT HAVE BEEN WOVEN INTO EVERY ASPECT OF THE
3 CULTURE OF THIS NATION, ITS SOCIETY, AND THE FOUNDATION OF ITS
4 INSTITUTIONS. JUST AS RACISM CAN BE LEARNED, IT CAN BE
5 UNLEARNED AND REPLACED WITH WITH ANTI-RACISM, THE ADOPTION OF
6 BELIEFS, BELIEFS, ACTIONS, MOVEMENTS, POLICIES TO OPPOSE
7 RACISM. AN ANTI-RACIST POLICY IS ANY MEASURE THAT PRODUCES OR
8 SUSTAINS RACIAL EQUITY BETWEEN RACIAL GROUPS. AND THAT IS OUT
9 OF HOW TO BE ANTI-RACIST. THIS MOTION IS SO WELL-WRITTEN, BUT
10 SO ON POINT. AND I'M HAPPY TO SUPPORT IT, BUT I WANT TO THANK
11 YOU FOR REALLY TEACHING ME SO MUCH BEYOND BEING A BOARD
12 MEMBER. YOU ARE SOMEONE WHO I HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM, AND I
13 REALLY APPRECIATE THE WAY YOU VIEW AND HOW YOU WANT TO BE
14 CONSTRUCTIVE WHEN THERE IS SO MUCH DESTRUCTION OUT THERE. AND
15 I BELIEVE THIS BOARD HAS AN OPPORTUNITY IN THIS MOTION TO BE
16 CONSTRUCTIVE MOVING FORWARD, AND I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU
17 FOR YOUR GRACE AND YOUR INTELLIGENCE. AND, WITH THAT, LET'S
18 HAVE THE DEPARTMENTS SPEAK. WE WILL START WITH THE PUBLIC
19 DEFENDER.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR GETTING
22 US BEFORE THE BOARD, AND REALLY ALL OF YOUR WELL-THOUGHT OUT
23 AND INCREDIBLE STATEMENTS YOU JUST MADE ON THIS MOTION. BLACK
24 LIVES MATTER BEGINS WITH BLACK AMERICANS, BUT IT DOES NOT END
25 WITH THEM. AMERICANS HAVE RECOGNIZED THIS IS A TIME TO UNIFY

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1 AGAINST THE INJUSTICE OF SYSTEMIC RACISM FACED BY BLACKS AND,
2 IN EFFECT, ALL MEN AND WOMEN OF COLOR IN AMERICA. ULTIMATELY,
3 WE ARE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER, FROM CHICAGO TO PORTLAND, AND
4 ACROSS EVERY PART OF OUR GREAT COUNTRY. THERE'S A RISING
5 DEMAND FOR CHANGE. AMERICANS ARE CONDEMNING SYSTEMIC RACISM
6 AND INSISTING ON ELIMINATING DISCRIMINATION AND INEQUITY AT
7 EVERY LEVEL OF OUR SOCIETY. EVERY INSTITUTION IN OUR NATION
8 MUST RESPOND. THE DEMAND FOR CHANGE IS NOT A FLEETING MOMENT
9 BUT A LONG-AWAITED AND GROWING MOVEMENT FOR SOCIAL CHANGE.
10 THAT MOVEMENT WAS INVIGORATED ON MAY 25TH, 2020 IN MINNEAPOLIS
11 ON THE NECK OF GEORGE FLOYD, BUT THE MORAL IMPERATIVE FOR
12 CHANGE HAS ITS ROOTS IN THE HISTORY OF OUR NATION, INDEED IN
13 ITS VERY BEGINNING, THIS ANTI-RACIST MOVEMENT WAS BORN FROM
14 SLAVERY, TRAVELED THE TRAIL OF TEARS, SAW THE DISREGARD OF
15 TREATY OF GUADALUPE HIDALGO, THE DISGRACE OF OUR INTERNMENTS
16 CAMPS, AND FELT THE STING OF ANTI-IMMIGRANT HATRED AND HAS
17 GROWN IN COUNTLESS MOMENTS WHEREIN PEOPLE WERE ABUSED SIMPLY
18 BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. SYSTEMIC RACISM IS A
19 CRISIS, AND IT IMPACTS EVERY ASPECT OF OUR LIVES. IT IS THE
20 REALITY THAT PUBLIC DEFENDERS FIGHT AGAINST EVERY DAY AS WE
21 LISTEN TO AND LEARN FROM OUR CLIENTS WHO SUFFER THE FEAR AND
22 PAIN OF RACISM. BLACK PEOPLE ARE SUBJECTED TO UNACCEPTABLE
23 LEVELS OF VIOLENCE WITHIN THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM. BLACK AMERICANS
24 ARE ONLY 9.8 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATION IN LOS ANGELES. THEY
25 SHOULD NOT MAKE UP 20 PERCENT OF ARRESTS AND 29 PERCENT OF OUR

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1 JAIL POPULATION. THERE IS NO CLEARER EVIDENCE OF SYSTEMIC
2 RACISM THAN THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE MEN AND WOMEN SITTING ON
3 DEATH ROW ARE BLACK. IN THE END, WE MUST PROVE OUR ANTI-RACISM
4 THROUGH ACTION AND NOT JUST WORDS.. THE PUBLIC DEFENDER'S
5 OFFICES VALUES, ADVOCACY, COMPASSION, DEDICATION, AND
6 COLLABORATION SHAPE WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE WORK. THAT WORK MUST
7 BE ANTI-RACIST AT ITS CORE. I SUPPORT THIS MOTION BECAUSE IT
8 SETS A HIGH BAR, AN ASPIRATIONAL VISION OF LOS ANGELES
9 COMMITTED TO ELIMINATING RACISM AND BIAS IN OUR COUNTY, ENDING
10 RACIAL STIGMA, IMPLICIT BIAS, AND INEQUITIES FOR BLACK
11 ANGELENOS AND ULTIMATELY FOR ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR ACROSS THIS
12 GREAT COUNTY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WE WILL GO TO -- DR. GHALLY.

15

16 **DR. CHRISTINA GHALLY:** YES, THANK YOU SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
17 FOR THIS AMAZING MOTION AND FOR ALL OF THE SUPERVISORS FOR
18 YOUR COMMENTS AND YOUR CLEAR PASSION AND COMMITMENT TO THE
19 WORK. D.H.S.'S MISSION IS FOCUSED AROUND THE IDEALS OF EQUITY
20 AND JUSTICE AND HOW THAT PLAYS OUT IN HEALTH. OUR STAFF ARE
21 IMMENSELY PROUD OF THIS. OUR SAFETY NET HOSPITALS AND CLINICS
22 SERVE PEOPLE REGARDLESS OF THEIR INSURANCE STATUS OR INCOME.
23 OUR CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICE DEPARTMENT WORKS HARD TO
24 PREPARE PEOPLE FOR REENTRY AND TO WORK TO PREVENT THE
25 DOWNSTREAM CONSEQUENCES OF RACISM THAT WE SEE PLAY OUT IN

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1 HEALTH, WHETHER THAT'S PRENATAL MORBIDITY AND MORTALITY,
2 MATERNAL MORTALITY, HIGH RATES OF COLORECTAL CANCER, HEART
3 DISEASE. THE LIST GOES ON AND ON. OUR OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND
4 REENTRY AND OUR HOUSING FOR HEALTH PROGRAMS SEEK TO ADDRESS
5 SOME OF THE UNDERLYING CONSEQUENCES OF SYSTEMIC RACISM THAT
6 HAVE LED TO DISPROPORTIONATE INCARCERATION AND HOMELESSNESS
7 AMONG BLACK LIVES. OUR PROGRAMS WORK. WE HAVE SUBSTANTIALLY
8 BETTER HOUSING STABILITY AND PUBLIC SAFETY OUTCOMES THAN DO
9 TRADITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT ORIENTED PROGRAMS. OUR WORK HAS
10 MADE AND WILL CONTINUE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUT AS PROUD AS
11 D.H.S. STAFF ARE OF OUR WORK, AND I HAVE HEARD SO MUCH FROM
12 THE DEDICATED MEN AND WOMEN OF D.H.S. OVER THE PAST FEW
13 MONTHS, AS OUR NATION HAS RALLIED FOR CRIES OF RACIAL JUSTICE,
14 I'VE HEARD CLEARLY THAT THE WORK IS NOT ENOUGH. IN THE MIDST
15 OF THE COVID PANDEMIC, SCORES AND SCORES OF D.H.S. STAFF HAVE
16 COME FORWARD, NOT WITH A FOCUS ON THEIR OWN FATIGUE, BUT WITH
17 A DESIRE TO SEE D.H.S. AND THE COUNTY DO MORE BROADLY TO
18 COMBAT RACISM, TO SERVE OUR PATIENTS AND CLIENTS WHO TOO OFTEN
19 ARE THE VICTIMS OF LIFELONG RACISM, AND TO IMPROVE EQUITY AND
20 OPPORTUNITY AMONG OUR COUNTY STAFF. IT HAS BECOME CLEAR THAT
21 THE FOCUS ON RACIAL EQUITY IS NECESSARY, BUT IT IS NOT
22 SUFFICIENT THAT THE DISPROPORTIONATE BURDEN OF RACISM,
23 ILLNESS, INCARCERATION, POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS, DISEASE,
24 VIOLENCE, FALLS TO BLACK LIVES. IN THIS CONTEXT, I HAVE SEEN
25 AN ABSOLUTE OUTPOURING OF SENTIMENT FROM D.H.S. STAFF FOR THE

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1 MOTION BEFORE YOU TODAY. PEOPLE, MANY OF WHOM, SUPERVISORS,
2 NEVER PAY ATTENTION TO BOARD MEETINGS, THEY HAVE HEARD OF THE
3 MOTION, AND THEY WANTED ME TO KNOW THEY SUPPORT THE MOTION
4 WHOLE- HEARTEDLY AND THAT THEY FELT PROUD OF THE COUNTY'S MOVE
5 IN THIS DIRECTION. THE STAFF'S COMMENTS DEMONSTRATE AND
6 APPRECIATE THE MOTION AS SYMBOLIC STEP, CERTAINLY, BUT MORE SO
7 FOR ITS SUBSTANTIVE COMMENT THAT PUTS IN PLACE ACTION ORIENTED
8 GOALS THAT, IF COMMITTED TO WITH SINCERITY, CAN MOVE OUR
9 COUNTY MORE DEEPLY IN TO MEANINGFUL SUPPORT OF THE THE
10 SPECIFIC INDIVIDUALS AND COMMUNITIES THAT HAVE BEEN MOST
11 HARMED BY RACISM AND MOVE AWAY FROM NON SPECIFIC AND NON-
12 BINDING FOCUS ON RACIAL EQUITY. SO ON BEHALF OF WHAT I KNOW
13 ARE THOUSANDS OF D.H.S. EMPLOYEES WHO WANT TO BE PART OF THIS
14 WORK, AND THOUSANDS OF OTHER EMPLOYEES WITHIN OTHER COUNTY
15 DEPARTMENTS, WHO I KNOW ARE EQUALLY INVESTED, THANK YOU FOR
16 THE MOTION, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK, AND FOR CONTINUING
17 TO PUSH OUR COUNTY FORWARD. THANK YOU.

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, DR. GHALLY. NOW WE WILL HEAR
20 FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC AND SOCIAL SERVICES,
21 ANTONIA JIMINEZ. ANTONIA?

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23 **ANTONIA JIMENEZ:** GOOD MORNING SUPERVISOR. I AM SO PLEASED TO
24 ADDRESS THE BOARD TODAY TO PROVIDE MY FULL SUPPORT OF
25 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS'S BOARD MOTION, WHICH TAKES DECISIVE

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1 ACTION TO ADDRESS SYSTEMIC DISCRIMINATION THAT HAS PLAGUED THE
2 AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY FOR CENTURIES. AS A PERSON OF
3 COLOR, I HAVE EXPERIENCED FIRSTHAND THE SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION,
4 MARGINALIZATION, AND MALTREATMENT THAT OCCURS WHEN INDIVIDUALS
5 PASS JUDGMENT ON OTHERS SIMPLY BECAUSE OF THE COLOR OF THEIR
6 SKIN. THE TIME FOR ACTION IS LONG OVER DUE, AND I TRULY
7 BELIEVE THIS TIME IS DIFFERENT AND THAT REAL CHANGE IS ON THE
8 HORIZON AS LONG AS WE WORK TOGETHER TO FIGHT RACISM AND
9 EMBRACE OUR DIVERSITY, WHICH IS THE TRUE STRENGTH OF OUR
10 NATION. AS THE DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT SOCIAL SERVICES, THE
11 LARGEST SOCIAL SERVICES AGENCY IN THE COUNTRY, WITH A DIVERSE
12 WORKFORCE OF OVER 14,000 EMPLOYEES AS WELL AS A DIVERSE
13 COMMUNITY OF OVER 3.5 MILLION RESIDENTS, SERVED BY OUR
14 PROGRAMS AND SERVICES, I HAVE WITNESSED FIRSTHAND THE BENEFITS
15 AND IMPORTANCE OF PROMOTING AN ENVIRONMENT WHERE ACCESS,
16 OPPORTUNITY, AND UPWARD MOBILITY ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL,
17 IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR BACKGROUND OR THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN.
18 HOWEVER, THIS HAS NOT HAPPENED IN A VACUUM, AND IT REQUIRES
19 STRATEGIC PLANNING, RESOURCES, COMMITMENTS, AND DEDICATION TO
20 ESTABLISH A SUSTAINABLE FRAMEWORK THAT WILL LEAD TO A SYSTEM
21 OF FAIRNESS AND EQUALITY FOR ALL. TODAY'S MOTION IS A FIRST
22 STEP AND THE RIGHT STEP IN THE DIRECTION AND ESTABLISHES THE
23 NEEDED FRAMEWORK THAT WAS SET US ON THE PATH TOWARD REALIZING
24 THE GOALS OF ENSURING EQUITY FOR AFRICAN-AMERICANS ACROSS ALL
25 SYSTEMS. I STAND READY TO DO MY PART TO SUPPORT THIS

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1 WORTHWHILE EFFORT AND WILL USE MY ENERGY TO HELP DEVELOP
2 STRATEGIES AND REMOVE BARRIERS THAT PREVENT AFRICAN-AMERICANS
3 AND ALL PEOPLE OF COLOR FROM TRULY REALIZING THE AMERICAN
4 DREAM. I WOULD CLOSE BY EXPRESSING MY SINCERE GRATITUDE
5 TOWARDS THE SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND ALL
6 MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, FOR THE COURAGEOUS LEADERSHIP IN
7 SPONSORING THIS BOARD MOTION. LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS AND
8 CONTINUES TO BE AT THE FOREFRONT OF ADVANCING AND PROTECTING
9 THE RIGHTS OF THE UNDERSERVED AND THE VOICELESS IN OUR
10 COMMUNITY. WE ALSO STAND AS A MODEL AND A BEACON OF HOPE FOR
11 PEOPLE ACROSS THIS NATION WHO HAVE BEEN MARGINALIZED BY
12 SYSTEMIC OPPRESSION, AND I AM TRULY PROUD TO BE WORKING ON
13 THIS, AND I AM PROUD TO BE AN EMPLOYEE OF THIS GREAT L.A.
14 COUNTY.

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16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, ANTONIA. AND NOW, LAST BUT
17 DEFINITELY NOT LEAST, OUR DIRECTOR OF HUMAN RESOURCES, LISA
18 GARRETT.

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20 **LISA GARRETT:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS LISA
21 GARRETT, DIRECTOR OF PERSONNEL. FIRST, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU
22 TO MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR ADVANCING THIS MOTION TO ESTABLISH
23 AN ANTI-RACIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICY. I ALSO THANK YOUR
24 BOARD FOR THE PROGRESSIVE AND RELENTLESS WORK YOU'VE DONE IN
25 THE AREA OF EQUITY OVER THE YEARS. AS SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS MENTIONED, YOUR COUNTY LEADERS, BOTH APPOINTED AND
2 ELECTED, INCLUDING OUR C.E.O., HAVE CREATED A DECLARATION
3 AGAINST RACISM, SPARKED BY THE KILLING OF GEORGE FLOYD,
4 AGAINST AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND PEOPLE OF COLOR IN THIS COUNTRY.
5 I AM PROUD TO REPORT THAT WE HAVE SEEN RENEWED EQUITY
6 COMMITMENTS COME FROM THE DEPARTMENTS IN THE PAST SEVERAL
7 WEEKS. ADDITIONALLY, OUR COUNTY DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE TAKEN
8 THIS PIVOTAL MOMENT IN TIME TO REFLECT ON WAYS OUR SERVICES
9 ARE IMPACTED BY RACIAL DISPARITIES. THE DEPARTMENT HEADS
10 UNDERSTAND AS LEADERS IN GOVERNMENT, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
11 POSITIVELY IMPACT THE LIVES OF AFRICAN-AMERICANS AND OTHER
12 UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES IN OUR JURISDICTION. MORE IMPORTANTLY,
13 WE AIM TO SET AN EXAMPLE FOR THE REST OF THE NATION TO FOLLOW.
14 THE DECLARATION AGAINST RACISM STATES IN PART, THE DEPARTMENT
15 HEADS OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES RECOGNIZE AND AFFIRM THAT
16 ALL PEOPLE ARE CREATED EQUAL AND ARE ENTITLED TO ALL RIGHTS
17 AFFORDED BY THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES. WE
18 ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AS GOVERNMENT LEADERS SERVING THE MOST
19 POPULACE AND DIVERSE COUNTY IN THE NATION, THAT WE HAVE AN
20 OPPORTUNITY TO CHANGE THE NARRATIVE ON THE ROLE OF GOVERNMENT
21 AND ITS RELATIONSHIP TO THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE. MANY OF THE
22 INEQUITIES OUR DEPARTMENTS ADDRESS ARE THE DIRECT RESULT OF OF
23 SYSTEMIC RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION. WE STAND AGAINST RACISM IN
24 ANY FORM AND PLEDGE TO USE OUR OFFICES TO ADVANCE RACIAL AND
25 SOCIAL EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND FAIRNESS. THE DEPARTMENT HEADS

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1 WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH RENEWED PURPOSE TO BUILD ON
2 PROGRESS MADE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH YOUR BOARD, OUR EMPLOYEES,
3 OUR UNIONS, OUR CUSTOMERS, AND THE COMMUNITIES WE SERVE TO
4 IMPROVE QUALITY OF LIFE AND FOSTER VIBRANT AND POWERFUL
5 COMMUNITIES FOR ALL OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. UNDER THE VISION OF
6 YOUR BOARD IN RECENT YEARS, THE COUNTY HAS FACILITATED THE
7 TRAINING OF OVER 85,000 OF OUR EMPLOYEES ON IMPLICIT BIAS AND
8 CULTURAL COMPETENCY. WE HAVE HELD EQUITY SUMMITS, WHICH
9 RESULTED IN 75 DISTINCT EQUITY COMMITMENTS MADE BY THE 37
10 DEPARTMENTS. WE HAVE CONVENED DIALOGUE SERIES EVENTS ON
11 DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION TO SHED THE LIGHT ON DISCRIMINATION IN
12 ITS MANY FORMS, BUT WE CAN, AND WE WILL DO MORE. TODAY'S BOARD
13 MOTION WILL FURTHER ADVANCE THE COUNTY'S WORK IN EQUITY BY
14 ESTABLISHING AN 8TH BOARD PRIORITY DIRECTED AT THE ELIMINATION
15 OF RACISM AND BIAS ACROSS OUR VARIOUS SERVICE AREAS. THIS
16 MOTION HELPS TO TURN OUR CONVERSATIONS AND TRAININGS INTO
17 TANGIBLE ACTIONS AND BRINGS THIS CRITICAL WORK, THIS CRITICAL
18 WORK, WHICH IS IMPERATIVE, TO THE FOREFRONT OF ALL OF OUR
19 EFFORTS. COLLECTIVELY, THE DEPARTMENT LEADERS WILL CONTINUE
20 THIS WORK UNTIL THE VESTIGES OF RACISM ARE FINALLY DISMANTLED.
21 I WANT TO SAY AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THIS MOTION, AND WE ARE IN
22 FULL SUPPORT OF WORKING UNTIL WE ACHIEVE EQUALITY FOR ALL.
23

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LISA. AND I HAD MISSPOKEN. WE
2 HAVE ONE MORE, AND THAT WOULD BE OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
3 SACHI HAMAI. SACHI?

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5 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR
6 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND MEMBERS OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR THE
7 OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS YOU AND EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR
8 THIS IMPORTANT AND HISTORIC MOTION. I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO
9 YOU TODAY, NOT ONLY AS THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF LOS
10 ANGELES COUNTY, BUT ALSO AS THE DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER OF
11 PROUD JAPANESE AMERICANS WHO FELT THE DISTINCT HUMILIATION AND
12 INJUSTICE OF BEING UPROOTED TO INTERNMENT CAMPS DURING WORLD
13 WAR II. LIKE SO MANY AMERICANS OF JAPANESE DESCENT, THIS
14 EXPERIENCE BECAME AN INDELIBLE PART OF OUR FAMILY'S
15 NARRATIVE. IT FUELED MY PERSONAL SENSE OF INJUSTICE, OF WHAT
16 IS RIGHT AND WRONG IN OUR SOCIETY'S TREATMENT OF OUR FELLOW
17 HUMAN BEINGS. IT IS PART OF WHAT CALLED ME TO PUBLIC SERVICE,
18 AND AS AN ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMAN, THE FIRST ASIAN-AMERICAN WOMAN
19 TO HOLD THE RANK OF L.A. COUNTY C.E.O., IT IS SOMETHING THAT
20 MOTIVATES ME EVERY SINGLE DAY. I SAY THIS NOT BECAUSE MY
21 EXPERIENCE IS UNIQUE, BUT BECAUSE IT EXPRESSES THE COMMON
22 CAUSE THAT I FEEL IN JOINING WITH THIS BOARD AND WITH MY
23 COLLEAGUES OF ALL RACES AND ETHNICITIES TO STRONGLY AND
24 UNEQUIVOCALLY ENDORSE THIS MOTION. THIS IS OUR MOMENT. THIS IS
25 OUR OPPORTUNITY AS A COUNTY TO MEANINGFULLY ADDRESS NOT ONLY

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1 SYSTEMATIC ANTI-BLACK RACISM, BUT TO TAKE OUR PLACE AT THE
2 FOREFRONT OF THE ANTI-RACIST MOVEMENT THAT WILL DEFINE OUR
3 TIME. FROM ADDRESSING THE DEVASTATING IMPACTS OF RACISM ON
4 PUBLIC HEALTH, TO REMEDYING THE DISPARITIES IN HOUSING,
5 EDUCATION, AND EMPLOYMENT, WE ARE SETTING OUT TO OVERCOME
6 SOME OF THE BIGGEST CHALLENGES OUR COUNTY HAS FACED. THIS IS
7 A DAUNTING MISSION, BUT I KNOW OUR COUNTY HAS THE HEART AND
8 DETERMINATION TO GET THE JOB DONE. WE WILL DO IT THOUGHTFULLY,
9 AND STRATEGICALLY, FIRST BY ARTICULATING OUR GOALS, AND THEN
10 CHARTING THE ACTIONS, POLICIES, AND FUNDING COMMITMENTS THAT
11 WILL HELP US ACHIEVE THEM. THANK YOU FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO
12 BE PART OF THIS HISTORIC MOMENT.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SACHI. NOW, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
15 THOMAS, WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOME CLOSING COMMENTS?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, I'M MOVED BY THE REMARKS OF
18 THE BOARD, BY THE COMMENTS OF THE RESPECTIVE DEPARTMENT HEADS,
19 AND I -- I JUST KNOW HOW PROFOUNDLY IMPORTANT THIS IS IN THE
20 LIVES OF EVERYDAY PEOPLE WHO ARE TRYING TO PUT ONE FOOT IN
21 FRONT OF THE NEXT, TO RAISE THEIR KIDS, TO BE CONSTRUCTIVE
22 MEMBERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES, TO JUST SIMPLY BE
23 ABLE TO HOLD THEIR HEADS HIGH AND RECOGNIZE THAT THEY, TOO,
24 WERE SHAPED IN THE IMAGE AND LIKENESS OF GOD, WITH THE DIGNITY
25 THAT IS IMBUED IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF US. AND IT SEEMS TO ME

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1 FROM THE PUBLIC SECTOR PERSPECTIVE, WE HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO
2 MAXIMIZE THE EXTENT TO WHICH ALL PEOPLE CAN EMBRACE THAT, AND
3 TO RECOGNIZE THROUGH THE LENS OF THOSE WHO HAVE SUFFERED
4 UNSPEAKABLE FORMS OF DEHUMANIZATION, AS AFRICAN-AMERICANS
5 CAN TRANSLATE THAT EXPERIENCE INTO BROADER WITNESS. THIS IS
6 ULTIMATELY THE STORY OF JOHN LEWIS. THIS IS THE STORY OF C. T.
7 VIVIAN. THIS IS THE STORY OF ELLA BAKER AND MANY MORE. IT
8 SEEMS TO ME THAT THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW FOR US TO LEAN IN, TO
9 ADVANCE STRUCTURAL CHANGE IN A WAY THAT IS MEANINGFUL FROM THE
10 PERSPECTIVE OF THOSE WHO HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY AND THE
11 RESPONSIBILITY TO DO SO. MADAM CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, I
12 RESPECTFULLY ASK FOR UNANIMOUS VOTE TO ESTABLISH AN ANTI-
13 RACIST LOS ANGELES COUNTY POLICY FRAMEWORK. THANK YOU.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. AND
16 SO ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US, AND IT WAS MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SECOND IT TO APPROVE THIS ITEM.
18 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **MS. LINGAT:** ITEM 3 IS BEFORE US. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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24 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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3 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

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5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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7 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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9 **SUP. HAHN:** I VOTE AYE.

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11 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

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15 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5-0.

16 [APPLAUSE].

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18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM

19 NUMBER 8, EXTENDING EVICTION MORATORIUM THROUGH SEPTEMBER

20 30TH, 2020 AND ESTABLISHING COUNTY EVICTION PROTECTIONS AS

21 BASELINE IN INCORPORATED CITIES. ITEM 18 AND 25 WERE HELD BY

22 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR MIC,

23 AND YOU MAY GIVE THE OPENING REMARKS.

24

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. I REALLY
2 APPRECIATE IT. AND BRIEFLY, BECAUSE THIS IS A FAMILIAR ITEM TO
3 THIS BOARD, AS YOU KNOW, WE ESTABLISHED THE COUNTY'S
4 MORATORIUM ON EVICTIONS IN RESPONSE TO THE ENORMOUS NUMBERS OF
5 PEOPLE WHO WERE LOSING THEIR JOBS, LOSING THEIR REVENUE,
6 LOSING THEIR INCOME, AND REALLY UNABLE TO PAY THEIR RENT. AND
7 OF COURSE WE HOPED IT WOULD BE TEMPORARY. AND AS WE RENEWED
8 THIS, WE DECIDED TO RENEW IT ONCE A MONTH, TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT
9 WAS GOING ON. BUT AS YOU KNOW, JUST A MONTH AGO, OUR
10 UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURES IN L.A. COUNTY HIT OVER 20 PERCENT. THAT
11 IS ONE OUT OF EVERY 5 WORKERS, AND THAT IS THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
12 FILING FOR UNEMPLOYMENT. SO I BELIEVE THAT THOSE NUMBERS ARE
13 EVEN HIGHER. THEREFORE, I WANT TO PROPOSE EXTENDING THIS, NOT
14 ONLY FOR ONE MORE MONTH, BUT FOR TWO, AND THAT IS BECAUSE THE
15 BOARD WILL NOT BE MEETING IN AUGUST IN ORDER TO EXTEND THE
16 MORATORIUM FOR SEPTEMBER. AND I BELIEVE THAT EVERY INDICATOR
17 SHOWS US THAT WE WILL STILL BE DEEPLY, IF NOT EVEN MORE, INTO
18 THE ISSUE OF BUSINESSES NOT BEING ABLE TO REOPEN AND PEOPLE
19 NOT BEING ABLE TO GO BACK TO WORK AND, THEREFORE, PAY THEIR
20 RENT. AT THE SAME TIME, WE ARE UNDER THE ABILITY TO IMPACT ALL
21 THE CITIES. WE HAVE MADE OUR EVICTION MORATORIUM THE LAW IN
22 ALL CITIES THAT DO NOT HAVE THEIR OWN, AND THERE AROSE SOME
23 QUESTIONS ABOUT THE CITIES THAT DID BECAUSE SOME OF THEM
24 COVERED RESIDENCES OR NOT BUSINESSES, OR VICE VERSA, OR HAD
25 WEAKER LANGUAGE. SO WE ARE EXTENDING AND EXPLAINING AND

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1 CLARIFYING THAT OUR MORATORIUM APPLIES TO ALL CITIES, WHETHER
2 THEY HAVE THEIR OWN OR NOT, BUT EVERY CITY HAS THE ABILITY TO
3 ENACT A STRONGER MEASURE. AND IF THEIR CURRENT MEASURE IS
4 STRONGER, THAT WOULD BE THE MEASURE THAT MAINTAINS. HOWEVER,
5 TO CLARIFY IT, I HAVE CIRCULATED AN AMENDMENT IN WRITING TO
6 EACH OF THE BOARD OFFICES, AND IT IS POSTED FOR REVIEW, THAT
7 ONLY CLARIFIES BUT I HOPE IT HELPS IN THAT MATTER. AND I'D TO
8 OFFER THE AMENDMENT IF I MAY FOR CONSIDERATION FOR THE VOTE.
9 SO IN SECTION 3A, PAGE 4, THE LAST SENTENCE THAT HAD TO DO
10 WITH HOW CITIES ARE WITH MORATORIUM ARE EXEMPT, WE REPLACE IT
11 WITH, EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE INDICATED, EFFECTIVE JULY 21ST,
12 2020, THIS MORATORIUM APPLIES TO ALL UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND
13 INCORPORATED CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, PURSUANT
14 TO GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 86.38 SEC AND CHAPTER 2.68 OF THE
15 COUNTY CODE. IT IS THE INTENT OF THE COUNTY IN ENACTING THIS
16 MORATORIUM TO PROVIDE UNIFORM MINIMUM STANDARDS PROTECTING
17 RESIDENTIAL, MOBILE HOME SPACE RENTERS, AND COMMERCIAL
18 TENANTS, DURING THIS LOCAL EMERGENCY. NOTHING IN THIS
19 MORATORIUM SHALL BE CONSTRUED FROM PRECLUDE ANY CITY FROM
20 IMPOSING, OR CONTINUING TO IMPOSE, GREATER LOCAL PROTECTIONS
21 THAN ARE IMPOSED BY THIS MORATORIUM IF THE PROTECTIONS ARE NOT
22 INCONSISTENT WITH THIS MORATORIUM. EXAMPLES OF GREATER LOCAL
23 PROTECTIONS INCLUDE BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO, ADDITIONAL TIME TO
24 NOTIFY A LANDLORD OF INABILITY TO PAY, NO REQUIREMENT THAT A
25 TENANT NOTIFY A LANDLORD OF AN INABILITY TO PAY, NO

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1 REQUIREMENT TO PROVIDE CERTIFICATION OR EVIDENCE OF INABILITY
2 TO PAY, ADDITIONAL PROHIBITED REASONS FOR EVICTION, ADDITIONAL
3 TIME TO REPAY RENT DUE, OR THE APPLICATION OF PROTECTIONS
4 BEYOND THE EXPIRATION OF THIS MORATORIUM, CLOSE QUOTE ON THE
5 AMENDMENT. THIS CREATES A UNIFORM -- FOR ALL TENANTS ACROSS
6 THE COUNTY AND ALLOWS CITIES TO KEEP OR ADOPT ANY PROTECTIONS
7 THAT ARE STRONGER THAN THE COUNTY'S SO LONG AS THEY DO NOT
8 CONFLICT. ALSO ON PAGE 7, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD A SENTENCE AT
9 THE END OF SECTION 4 THAT SAYS, "NOTHING IN THIS MORATORIUM
10 SHALL BE CONSTRUED TO APPLY THIS LIMITATION OF RENT INCREASES
11 IN INCORPORATED CITIES WITHIN THE COUNTY." SO THAT MEANS THAT
12 IT -- TO MAKE IT CLEAR, BECAUSE WE HAVE HAD QUESTIONS, WE ARE
13 NOT EXPANDING THE COUNTY'S RENT FREEZE INTO THE CITIES, ONLY
14 THE EVICTION MORATORIUM. SO I HOPE THAT MAKES IT CLEAR, AND I
15 THINK WE HAVE TALKED QUITE A BIT ABOUT THE NEEDS OF PEOPLE WHO
16 ARE GOING THROUGH THE EFFECTS OF THIS PANDEMIC NOT ONLY ON
17 THEIR HEALTH, BUT THEIR ECONOMIC HEALTH, AND AS TO WHY THIS IS
18 NECESSARY, AND I HOPE THAT YOU WILL JOIN ME IN EXTENDING THIS
19 MORATORIUM UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH OF THIS YEAR. THANK YOU, MADAM
20 CHAIR.

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22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST -- THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
23 KUEHL AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. I THINK
24 WE ALL UNDERSTAND HOW SIGNIFICANT THE ECONOMIC CRISIS HAS BEEN
25 FOR OUR COMMUNITIES. I KNOW FIRSTHAND I HAVE TALKED TO MANY OF

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1 MY CITY COUNSEL MEMBERS WHO HAVE SHARED STORIES WITH ME. THIS
2 PANDEMIC HAS HARMED OUR COMMUNITIES PHYSICALLY, MENTALLY, AND
3 FINANCIALLY. THE THREAT OF MORE OF OUR CONSTITUENTS FACING
4 HOMELESSNESS IS ONE THAT WE SHOULD ALL TAKE SERIOUSLY. EVEN
5 PRE-COVID IT WAS A PROBLEM. WHILE I APPRECIATE THAT THE COUNTY
6 HAS A ROLE TO PLAY REGIONALLY, I DO WANT US TO BE CAUTIOUS IN
7 THE WAY THAT WE UTILIZE THAT AUTHORITY SO THAT WE DO NOT
8 CREATE MORE CONFUSION IN AN ALREADY DIFFICULT TIME. AND I
9 DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH MORE RESTRICTED A CITY COULD BE THAN WHAT
10 WE ARE PUTTING INTO PLAY, QUITE FRANKLY. THERE ARE MANY CITIES
11 IN THE REGION THAT HAVE ENACTED EVICTION PROTECTIONS THAT FIT
12 THE UNIQUE NATURE OF THEIR COMMUNITIES. CITIES HAVE DIFFERENT
13 PROVISIONS WITHIN THEIR MORATORIA, SOME OF WHICH ARE MORE
14 CONSERVATIVE THAN THE COUNTY'S WOULD BE AS A FLOOR.
15 ADJUDICATING DIFFERENCES ACROSS CITIES IN THE COUNTY WHEN OUR
16 MORATORIUM HAS A SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF PROVISIONS MAY PROVE
17 CHALLENGING AND CREATE CONFUSION ON WHICH MORATORIUM, CITY
18 VERSUS COUNTY, APPLIES WHEN AND WHERE. AND KNOW THAT THE
19 D.C.B.A. HAS EXPRESSED SOME OF THESE CONCERNS IN TERMS OF HOW
20 THIS WOULD BE PLAYED OUT, AND SO I HAVE HEARD FROM MANY OF MY
21 CONSTITUENTS NOT ONLY IN THE 5TH BUT ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND I
22 WOULD LIKE TO BRING IN AN AMENDMENT THAT READS THAT I,
23 THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS 1) ADOPT THE
24 ATTACH REVISED RESOLUTION FURTHER AMENDING AND RESTATING THE
25 EXECUTIVE ORDER TO EXTEND THE COUNTY'S EVICTION MORATORIUM

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1 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30TH, 2020 UNLESS FURTHER EXTENDED OR
2 REPEALED BY THE BOARD, BUT DEFER ESTABLISHING THE COUNTY'S
3 EVICTION PROTECTIONS AS THE BASELINE FOR ALL UNINCORPORATED
4 CITIES WITHIN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. I ASK THAT WE DIRECT THE
5 DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS,
6 IN CONSULTATION WITH COUNTY COUNSEL, TO REPORT BACK WITHIN 14
7 DAYS WITH A COMPARISON OF THE TENANT PROTECTIONS CONTAINED IN
8 EACH LOCAL MORATORIUM WITHIN THE COUNTY TO THE COUNTY'S
9 MORATORIUM IN DETERMINING WHICH OF THE COUNTY'S TENANT
10 PROTECTIONS WOULD APPLY TO THOSE CITIES IF THE COUNTY'S TENANT
11 PROTECTIONS WERE EXTENDED AS PROPOSED, INCLUDING THE RESOURCES
12 REQUIRED TO SUCCESSFULLY CREATE AN COMMUNICATIONS AND
13 EDUCATION CAMPAIGN FOR THE NEW PROCEDURES FOR TENANTS AND
14 LANDLORDS ACROSS ALL 88 CITIES COUNTY-WIDE. SO I WOULD ASK
15 THAT THAT BE ENTERTAINED AND PUT ON THE FLOOR. WITH THAT,
16 SUPERVISOR HAHN, YOU WANTED TO SPEAK.

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18 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE. I
19 SUPPORT THE EXTENSION OF THIS MORATORIUM UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH.
20 YOU KNOW, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR AMENDMENT AND I THINK AT THIS
21 POINT I CAN SUPPORT THAT BECAUSE I DO THINK THAT THE MOST
22 IMPORTANT THING WE DO RIGHT NOW IS EXTEND OUR MORATORIUM. AND
23 THEN I WOULD BE VERY INTERESTED IN SEEING THE REPORT BACK AS
24 HOW IT RELATES TO ALL OF THE CITIES, PARTICULARLY IN MY
25 DISTRICT, AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY HAVE ANY KIND OF POLICY THAT

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1 PROTECTS THE MOST VULNERABLE. I WILL SAY THAT MY OFFICE HAS
2 RECEIVED CALLS ABOUT THE COUNTY'S BEING THE BASELINE FOR ALL
3 CITIES, AND, YOU KNOW, WHILE I WILL SAY THAT WE DO KNOW WHAT
4 IS GOING ON OUT THERE, BUT I'M HAPPY TO SAY THAT SOME OF MY
5 INITIAL REPORTS BACK TO ME INDICATE THAT PEOPLE WHO CAN PAY
6 THEIR RENT, CERTAINLY ARE PAYING THEIR RENTS. BUT I KNOW I AM
7 VERY CONCERNED ABOUT PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT WORKING AND EXPECTED
8 TO PAY THEIR BILLS AND RENT. I'M CONCERNED THAT THIS PANDEMIC
9 IS GETTING WORSE. I'M CONCERNED THAT MANY SMALL BUSINESSES
10 (INDISCERNIBLE) OPEN AND THEN WE SHUT THEM DOWN AGAIN, EVEN
11 AFTER THEY INVESTED A LOT OF MONEY OUR SAFETY PROTOCOLS. SO
12 I'M WORRIED THAT THE PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT BONUS IS
13 GOING TO EXPIRE AT THE END OF THE MONTH AND IS GOING TO CAUSE
14 A LOT MORE UNCERTAINTY TO OUR FAMILIES, AND WE DO NEED TO MAKE
15 SURE THAT THE GOVERNMENT, WHICH IS US, DO EVERYTHING THAT WE
16 CAN TO HELP OUR RENTERS AND, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, ALSO THE
17 OTHER SIDE OF THIS EQUATION IS, OF COURSE, THE LANDLORDS AND
18 THE PROPERTY OWNERS. I KNOW ONE OF THE BOARD ITEMS TODAY THAT
19 WE'RE DOING TODAY INCLUDES AN ADDITIONAL \$100 MILLION FOR A
20 COUNTY RENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM, BUT EVEN THAT IS NOT GOING TO
21 BE ENOUGH. WHAT I AM CONCERNED ABOUT IS, AGAIN, THE TWO SIDES
22 OF THIS EQUATION, THE RENTERS, AND THEN THOSE WHO ARE PAYING
23 MORTGAGES ON THE VERY PROPERTY WE'RE ALLOWING PEOPLE TO DEFER
24 THEIR RENTS ON AND WE'RE NOT ALLOWING ANY EVICTIONS. SO I KNOW
25 THAT THE COUNTY BANKS WITH ANOTHER -- A NUMBER OF FINANCIAL

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1 INSTITUTIONS, AND BANK OF AMERICA, BANK OF THE WEST, CHASE,
2 CITY BANK, WELLS FARGO, AND I KNOW THAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL
3 OFFERED A MOTION FOR RESPONSIBLE BANKING BACK IN MAY. AND ONE
4 OF THE DIRECTIVES THAT WE GAVE WAS HOW DO WE LEVERAGE THESE
5 BANKS THAT WE DO BUSINESS WITH IN ASSISTING PROPERTY OWNERS,
6 HOMEOWNERS IN TERMS SOME SORT OF RELIEF FOR THE MORTGAGES THAT
7 THEY HAVE TO PAY. THIS PANDEMIC IS NOT EASING UP. IN FACT, IT
8 LOOKS LIKE IT IS GETTING WORSE. AND WE NEED ALL HANDS ON DECK.
9 WE'RE TRYING TO DO EVERYTHING WE CAN TO HELP THE RENTERS, BUT
10 WE NEED SOME HELP FROM THE BANKS TO GET SOME MORTGAGE RELIEF
11 AS WELL. AND UNTIL WE EQUALLY ADVOCATE ON THEIR BEHALF, I FEEL
12 LIKE WE'RE NOT LOOKING AT THE -- THE ENTIRE EQUATION. I WOULD
13 ASK PETE KNOX AND JOE NIKITA, I THINK THEY ARE ON THE LINE.
14 AND MADAM CHAIR, IF I COULD JUST ASK THEM AGAIN WHAT STEPS ARE
15 WE TAKING WITH THE BANKS THAT WE BANK WITH, THAT WE POSSIBLY
16 HAVE A LITTLE LEVERAGE OVER, WHAT STEPS ARE THOSE BANKS TAKING
17 TO HELP PROPERTY OWNERS GET SOME KIND OF A MORTGAGE RELIEF. SO
18 DO WE HAVE -- IS THAT THROUGH COUNTY PROGRAMS? OR IS IT JUST
19 THE BANKS THAT SERVICE THESE MORTGAGES? AND IF BOTH THOSE GUYS
20 COULD ANSWER THAT QUESTION AS WE'RE ON THIS ITEM, I'D
21 APPRECIATE IT.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY SO, JOE NIKITA, AND PETE KNOX. JOE,
24 ARE YOU ON?

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1 **KEITH KNOX:** SUPERVISOR, THIS IS KEITH KNOX. GOOD AFTERNOON.
2 I'M ON, AND JOSEPH NIKITA IS ON AS WELL I BELIEVE. IN OUR JUNE
3 15TH REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD ON THE RESPONSIBLE BANKING
4 MOTION, WE OUTLINED THE VARIOUS RELIEF EFFORTS THAT OUR SIX
5 BANKS ARE CURRENTLY PROVIDING, AS MENTIONED BY SUPERVISOR
6 HAHN, THE 6 BANKS. 5 OF THE 6 CURRENTLY SERVICE RESIDENTIAL
7 MORTGAGES, AND THOSE 5 ALL ARE PROVIDING SOME FORM OF
8 RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE RELIEF PROGRAMS, INCLUDING LOAN
9 FORBEARANCE, DEFERRED MORTGAGE PAYMENTS, AND FORECLOSURE
10 SUSPENSIONS. I WOULD POINT OUT THAT APPROXIMATELY 80 PERCENT
11 OF THE LOANS SERVICED BY THE BANKS ARE GOVERNMENT-BACKED
12 LOANS, INCLUDING FANNY MAY, FREDDY MAC, VETERANS' HOUSING
13 AUTHORITY. I MENTION THAT BECAUSE THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT
14 ESTABLISHED REQUIREMENTS FOR HOW COVID-19 BORROWER ASSISTANCE
15 PROGRAMS FOR FEDERAL MORTGAGE PROGRAMS MUST BE IMPLEMENTED.
16 AND ALTHOUGH THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT DOES NOT ALLOW RESIDENTIAL
17 MORTGAGE SERVICERS TO CONDITION FORBEARANCE ON RENTAL RELIEF
18 FOR TENANTS IN INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, IT DOES IMPOSE THE
19 CONDITION THAT OWNERS WITH FEDERALLY BACKED LOANS MAY NOT
20 EVICT OR INITIATE THE EVICTION OF A TENANT SOLELY FOR
21 NONPAYMENT OF RENTS OR FEES DURING THE DURATION OF THE
22 FORBEARANCE. ALL 6 BANKS CURRENTLY PARTNER WITH OR PROVIDE
23 REFERRALS TO H.U.D. CERTIFIED HOUSING COUNSELING AGENCIES. AND
24 OUR BANKS ALSO EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN PARTNERING WITH
25 D.C.B.A.'S FORECLOSURE PREVENTION UNIT. ALL THE BANKS ARE ALSO

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1 PROVIDING ADDITIONAL CONSUMER FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE, FEE
2 WAIVERS, PAYMENT OF BILLS, AND COUNSELING SERVICES OR ON
3 CREDIT CARDS AND AUTO LOANS AND OTHER TYPES OF PROGRAMS.
4 SEPARATELY, I WOULD POINT OUT THE TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR ALSO
5 HAS A PENALTY CANCELLATION REQUEST PROCESS FOR PROPERTY OWNERS
6 WHO AREN'T ABLE TO PAY THEIR PROPERTY TAXES IN FULL OR IN PART
7 DUE TO COVID-19. SO ALL THROUGHOUT OUR USE AND ENGAGEMENT, ALL
8 6 BANKS HAVE AGREED TO CONTINUE WORKING WITH US TO EXPLORE
9 ADDITIONAL OPTIONS TO PROTECT LANDLORDS AND TENANTS. THIS
10 WEEK IN FACT, WE HAVE MEETINGS WITH SENIOR LEADERSHIP AT EACH
11 OF OUR BANKS TO DISCUSS ADDITIONAL PROGRAMS AND IDEAS. WE ALSO
12 MET WITH THE HEALTHY L.A. COALITION ON THE INITIAL REPORT. WE
13 INTEND TO LOOP THEM IN AND THE BANKS TOGETHER TO DISCUSS
14 FURTHER MORTGAGE RELIEF EFFORTS. OUR NEXT UPDATE TO THE BOARD
15 IS GOING TO BE AUGUST 15TH, TALKING ABOUT OUR EFFORTS IN THAT
16 REGARD, AND I AM HAPPY TO TURN IT OVER TO JOE NIKITA TO TALK
17 FURTHER ABOUT FORECLOSURE PREVENTION AND ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL
18 RELIEF.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** JOSEPH NIKITA, YOU ARE ON.

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22 **JOE NIKITIA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES.

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1 **JOE NIKITA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH, SUPERVISORS. I JUST WANTED TO
2 SUPPLEMENT MR. KNOX'S STATEMENTS BY HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE
3 INITIAL EFFORTS UNDERWAY. THESE ARE COUNTY EFFORTS TO KEEP
4 PROPERTY OWNERS FROM LOSING THEIR PROPERTIES AND THEIR HOMES.
5 THE FIRST THING I'LL HIGHLIGHT IS THAT D.C.B.A. IS WORKING
6 WITH THE L.A. COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY IN RESPONSE TO
7 ANOTHER MOTION BY YOUR BOARD FROM MAY 12TH. THIS IS THE
8 EMERGENCY RELIEF MOTION. WE ARE WORKING TO ESTABLISH A
9 REFERRAL PROCESS BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND H.U.D.-CERTIFIED
10 COUNSELING AGENCIES. THOSE ARE ANCHORED BY NEIGHBORHOOD
11 HOUSING SERVICES OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OUR TEN AGENCIES ARE
12 CURRENTLY PARTICIPATING IN THE EFFORT AND ARE COMMITTED TO
13 SHARING AS WELL THAT WILL HELP US IDENTIFY DISPLACEMENT TRENDS
14 ACROSS THE COUNTY AND TARGET OUR SERVICES MORE EFFECTIVELY.
15 AND THE SECOND THING TO HIGHLIGHT IS THAT D.C.B.A. IS WORKING
16 WITH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT, AGING, AND COMMUNITY SERVICES TO
17 EXPAND LOW COST AND FREE POST PURCHASE AND PROBATE COUNSELING
18 FOR HOMEOWNERS AND FAMILY MEMBERS, PARTICULARLY FOR SENIORS,
19 AND WE HAVE IDENTIFIED A NEED TO HELP THOSE COMMUNITIES, LOW
20 TO MODERATE INCOME COMMUNITIES, WITH STATE PLANNING SERVICES
21 AS WELL. SO WE ARE LOOKING ACTUALLY TO EXPAND THAT. THE THIRD
22 THING I'LL HIGHLIGHT THAT WE HAVE HERE AT D.C.B.A. WITH
23 EXPANDING OUR FORECLOSURE PREVENTION UNIT. TYPICALLY, WE'RE
24 STATE FUNDED TO SERVE HOMEOWNERS THAT ARE IN DISTRESS.
25 WE EXPANDED THE UNIT TO SERVE LANDLORDS WITH 50 OR FEWER

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1 UNITS. WE REALLY HIGHLIGHTED THAT EFFORT TO HELP MOM AND POPS
2 WHO ARE FACING DISTRESS BECAUSE OF COVID-19. WE'VE ALSO
3 LAUNCHED A FORECLOSURE AVOIDANCE CAMPAIGN THAT INCLUDES
4 OUTREACH AND EDUCATIONAL WEBINARS IN ENGLISH AND SPANISH AND
5 ARE OPEN TO EXPANDING THAT TO OTHER LANGUAGES IN THE FUTURE.
6 ALL OF THE SERVICES AND THOSE MENTIONED MY MR. KNOX IN
7 ADDITION TO THE EMERGENCY EVICTION DIVERSION PROGRAM THAT
8 D.C.B.A. LAUNCHED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH -- THAT PROGRAM FUNDS,
9 C.B.O.S AND LEGAL AID ORGANIZATIONS TO ASSIST TENANTS WHO ARE
10 FACING EVICTION COUNTY-WIDE, AND THE SERVICES ARE ALSO IN
11 ADDITION TO RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS ESTABLISHED BY YOUR
12 BOARD, WHICH WILL BE MADE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE L.A. COUNTY
13 DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY. AND THROUGH THESE PROGRAMS, RENTAL
14 ASSISTANCE IS PAID DIRECTLY TO THE LANDLORDS WHICH OFFSETS
15 SOME OF THE HOUSE BURDEN AS WELL. AND I JUST WANT TO HIGHLIGHT
16 ONE THING MR. KNOX SAID ABOUT WORKING WITH THE HEALTHY L.A.
17 COALITION AND THE BANKS, WE THINK THAT BY BRINGING THOSE TWO
18 FOLKS TOGETHER WITH US TO TALK THROUGH INNOVATIVE PROGRAMMING
19 I THINK WE CAN MAKE PROGRESS IN GETTING MORTGAGE RELIEF OUT TO
20 SOME OF OUR MOST VULNERABLE COMMUNITY MEMBERS AND HOMEOWNERS
21 AT THIS TIME. SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO HAVING THOSE
22 MEETINGS THIS WEEK IN THE COMING DAYS, BEFORE I REPORT BACK IN
23 AUGUST.

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU TO BOTH OF YOU. I APPRECIATE
2 THAT. IT SOUNDS LIKE WE'VE GOT EVERYTHING, YOU KNOW, GOOD
3 HAPPENING, BUT I FEEL LIKE THERE MIGHT BE A BIT OF A
4 DISCONNECT ON THE GROUND BECAUSE I KNOW MY OFFICE IS JUST
5 FLOODED WITH CALLS FROM LANDLORDS AND PROPERTY OWNERS AND
6 HOMEOWNERS WHO ARE NOT FEELING THIS KING OF HELP FROM THE
7 BANKS THAT HOLD THEIR MORTGAGES, SO MY SUGGESTION IS, AGAIN,
8 IT SOUNDS REALLY GOOD ON PAPER. I REALLY WOULD ENCOURAGE BOTH
9 OF YOU TO BE MORE AGGRESSIVE WITH THE BANKS TO MAKE SURE
10 THEY ARE MORE AGGRESSIVE IN REACHING OUT TO THOSE. EVEN ON THE
11 RENTAL ASSISTANCE, I DON'T KNOW IF THIS IS A PROBLEM THAT CAN
12 BE SOLVED, BUT I HAVE BEEN IN CONTACT WITH A PROPERTY OWNER
13 WHOSE RENTER IS NOT PAYING RENT. OUR EVICTION MORATORIUM
14 EXISTS, AND HE IS FRUSTRATED BECAUSE THE TENANT WON'T APPLY
15 FOR RENTAL ASSISTANCE. SO HE IS NOT PAYING RENT. HE CANNOT BE
16 EVICTED, AND THE LANDLORD IS GOING WITHOUT RENT. AND HIS
17 TENANT WILL NOT EVEN APPLY. SO WE HAVE TO FIGURE THIS OUT,
18 AGAIN BOTH SIDE OF THE EQUATION, THOSE WHO DEPEND ON THE
19 RENTAL PROPERTY AND ALSO THOSE WHO DEPEND ON THE RENT FROM THE
20 RENTAL PROPERTY TO PAY THEIR EXISTING MORTGAGES. SO THANKS
21 EVERYBODY. I KNOW WE ARE ALL DISCONNECTED. I KNOW THIS IS ALL
22 DISTANCE LEARNING FOR EVERYBODY. I KNOW DEPEND ON EVERYONE TO
23 BE ABLE TO ACCESS WEBSITES AND THE INTERNET BUT MY
24 ENCOURAGEMENT TODAY FOR BOTH OF YOU WOULD BE TO WORK
25 AGGRESSIVELY WITH OUR BANKS. THEY ARE NOT NOTORIOUSLY KNOWN

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1 FOR REACHING OUT TO THOSE WHO HAVE THE MORTGAGES TO GET THEM
2 SOME KIND OF RELIEF, BUT I THINK THAT IS REALLY IMPORTANT
3 NOW. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** MADAM CHAIR, THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK
8 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR THIS VERY
9 IMPORTANT MOTION BEFORE US. I JUST WANTED TO ALSO THANK THE
10 OTHER BOARD OF SUPERVISOR, JANICE HAHN. I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE
11 BEEN WORKING WITH OUR STAFF WE HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH OUR
12 STAFF ON TRYING TO SEE HOW WE CAN PROVIDE RELIEF TO SOME
13 HOMEOWNERS. WE ARE DOING IT THROUGH UTILIZING OUR C.T.V.G.
14 MONIES. I KNOW THAT WE HAVE SET ASIDE, IT IS A SMALL PORTION,
15 BUT ABOUT \$300,000 TO HELP INDIVIDUALS PAY THEIR MORTGAGE.
16 THAT'S JUST A DOWN PAYMENT, THOUGH, WE REALLY, AS YOU STATED,
17 REALLY NEED OTHER SUPPORT HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF THE OTHER
18 BANKS WILL COME FORWARD AND DO THE RIGHT THING THE WAY WE
19 WOULD LIKE THEM DO, BUT I CERTAINLY KNOW THAT WE WILL DO
20 EVERYTHING WE CAN TO PUT PRESSURE, CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE
21 ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THROUGH THE REMAINDER OF THE
22 C.A.R.E.S. ACT PROPOSALS THAT ARE STILL
23 PENDING, ESPECIALLY THE HEROES ACT WHICH COULD HELP US
24 TREMENDOUSLY, AND ALSO THE OTHER STIMULUS PLAN THAT THINK THE
25 CONGRESS IS NOW DEBATING, BUT I JUST WANT TO SAY WE ALL KNOW

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1 HOW BAD THE HOUSING SHORTAGE HAS BEEN, ESPECIALLY SINCE WE
2 HAVE SEEN AN INCREASE, 13 PERCENT, THIS LAST YEAR, IN TERMS OF
3 PEOPLE THAT ARE HOMELESS. WE CANNOT BUILD ENOUGH OR PLACE
4 ENOUGH PEOPLE IN HOMELESS, THAT ARE NOT HOMELESS, INTO
5 HOUSING, AS QUICK AS WE WOULD LIKE TO. FOR EVERY 227
6 INDIVIDUALS THAT WE DO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE OR A PLACE TO GO,
7 207 GO WITHOUT IT. SO WE ARE, AS MANY SAY, UNDER THE GUN HERE
8 TO TRY DO THE BEST WE CAN. I KNOW WE ARE. THIS IS SOMETHING
9 THAT I HEARD FROM MY CONSTITUENTS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT, THAT
10 THIS IS ONE OF THE FIRST AND FOREMOST THINGS ON THEIR MIND
11 RIGHT NOW. THEY ARE FRIGHTENED BECAUSE THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO
12 ACCESS ANY INCOME. MANY ARE NOT EVEN ELIGIBLE, SOME HAVE BEEN
13 LAID OFF FOR THE LAST FOUR MONTHS. ALONG WITH THAT, THEY HAVE
14 BEEN IMPACTED BY COVID-19, AND IT GOES ON AND ON. SO I WOULD
15 RESPECTFULLY ASK THAT THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, PLEASE
16 UNDERSTAND THE PLIGHT THE PEOPLE ARE GOING THROUGH, ESPECIALLY
17 THOSE AT THE BOTTOM, AND THAT WE PROVIDE THIS EXTENSION TO
18 SEPTEMBER 30TH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I HAVE CONSIDERED THE
23 AMENDMENT YOU PROPOSED AND MUST RESPECTFULLY MUST REFUSE IT.
24 AND I WELL TELL YOU WHY. THE PART OF THE MOTION THAT MAKES THE
25 COUNTY'S MORATORIUM THE FLOOR ACTUALLY, I THINK, WOULD BE LESS

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1 CONFUSING BECAUSE IT WOULD APPLY ALL OVER THE COUNTY. HERE IS
2 THE REASON. AND I WANT TO SAY THIS TO SUPERVISOR HAHN AS WELL.
3 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CITIES THAT HAVE CHOSEN TO PROTECT THEIR
4 RESIDENTIAL RENTERS BUT NOT THEIR BUSINESS RENTERS. SO ALL OF
5 THESE SMALL BUSINESSES WE KEEP TALKING ABOUT, WORRYING ABOUT
6 HOW THEY ARE GOING TO SURVIVE, THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO BE OPEN,
7 BUT THEY STILL HAVE TO PAY THEIR RENT. IF THEY ARE NOT ABLE TO
8 PARTICIPATE IN THE RENT -- IN THE EVICTION MORATORIUM, THAT'S
9 A BIG PROBLEM. THERE ARE SOME CITIES WHO DID NOT CHOOSE TO
10 PROTECT THEM. THIS MOTION WOULD ALLOW THE COUNTY MORATORIUM,
11 WHICH PROTECTS BOTH RESIDENTIAL AND BUSINESS RENTERS FROM
12 EVICTION. THE SECOND THING IS, THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CITIES
13 WHOSE MORATORIUM IS COMING TO AN END AND EXPIRING. IT IS NOT
14 CLEAR WHETHER THEY WILL RENEW IT IN EVERY CITY, AND I THINK WE
15 ALSO THEN NEED TO INDICATE THIS WOULD APPLY IF THEY DON'T
16 RENEW THEIR MORATORIUM. SO I WOULD CONTINUE TO RECOMMEND THAT
17 WE ADOPT THE MOTION WITH THE AMENDMENT I SUGGESTED, WHICH IS A
18 CLARIFYING AMENDMENT, AND I WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO SUPPORT THE
19 AMENDMENT, MADAM CHAIR, THAT YOU PUT FORWARD. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO WHAT WE WILL DO IS WE
22 WILL -- DO I HAVE A SECOND ON MY AMENDMENT FOR A VOTE?

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** YEAH, I WILL SECOND IT, MADAM CHAIR. AND LET ME
25 SUGGEST, COULD I CLARIFY, AND THANK YOU SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR

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1 YOUR REMARKS. AND SO IF WE SUPPORT YOUR AMENDMENT, MADAM
2 CHAIR, WE WILL JUST BE GETTING A REPORT BACK BY OUR AUGUST 4TH
3 MEETING ON WHAT ALL OF OUR CITIES HAVE IN PLACE RIGHT NOW, AND
4 EVEN AS SUPERVISOR KUEHL SAID, ARE GOING TO EXPIRE. AND THEN
5 DO WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO THEN VOTE ON THE COUNTY BEING THE
6 BASELINE FOR ALL THE CITIES AT THAT BOARD MEETING?

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THAT IS MY INTENT. MY INTENT IS TO EXTEND
9 THE MORATORIUM BUT TO HAVE THE REPORT BACK AND THEN HAVE VOTE
10 ON THAT ONCE THE REPORT IS CONCLUDED, SO THE NEXT BOARD
11 MEETING.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** HAVE A VOTE ON THE COUNTY BE THE BASELINE?

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** RIGHT, BUT THAT WOULD BE TWO MONTHS WITHOUT THE
16 PROTECTIONS FOR SOME OF THESE CITIES. AND I KNOW --

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER BOARD MEETING IN TWO
19 WEEKS.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** I THOUGHT ON THE 4TH WE WERE DOING THIS.

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, SO WE HAVE A BOARD MEETING
24 SCHEDULED. THAT IS WHY I DID IT FOR THAT PERIOD OF TIME SO WE
25 WOULD MEET THAT CRITERIA. SO THE ANSWER IS YES. SO I HAVE A

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1 MOVED, SECONDED. WHY DON'T WE TAKE CALL A ROLL CALL ON MY
2 AMENDMENT, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** SO THIS WILL BE ON ITEM 8, WITH SUPERVISOR
5 BARGER'S AMENDMENT TO DEFER THE ESTABLISHMENT --

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, IT'S JUST ON WHETHER OR NOT THE AMENDMENT TO
8 BE INCORPORATED IN ITEM 8.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

11

12 **MS. LINGAT:** SO THAT WOULD BE SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** ABSTAIN.

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16 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, ABSTAINS. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-
17 THOMAS?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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21 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO.

24

25 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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1

2 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

7

8 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 3-0, WITH

9 ONE ABSTENTION. I'M SORRY, 4-0 WITH -- SORRY, 3-1, WITH ONE

10 ABSTENTION.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, NOW WHAT

13 DO WE HAVE TO VOTE ON?

14

15 **MS. LINGAT:** NOW WE WOULD TAKE UP THE MOTION AS AMENDED BY --

16 WITH THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AS AMENDED

17 BY SUPERVISOR BARGER. SO THIS IS THE OVERALL MOTION AS

18 AMENDED.

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WITH MINE.

21

22 **MS. LINGAT:** AND INCLUDING SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

25

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

2

3 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

4

5 **SUP. HAHN:** COULD I GET A CLARIFICATION BECAUSE I THOUGHT
6 SUPERVISOR KUEHL'S AMENDMENT WAS THE CLARIFYING LANGUAGE ON
7 THE BASELINE, AND IF WE'RE DEFERRING THE BASELINE UNTIL AUGUST
8 4TH, THEN ARE WE BIFURCATING JUST THE MORATORIUM IN THIS
9 VOTE?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I THINK THE WAY I UNDERSTAND IT IS, WITH
12 MY AMENDMENT, IT IS GOING TO COME BACK IN 14 DAYS WITH ALSO
13 WHAT SUPERVISOR KUEHL PUT IN AS A CLARIFICATION ON THE
14 BASELINE.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** SO BUT TODAY, WE ARE VOTING ON THE CONTINUATION OF
17 THE EVICTION MORATORIUM THEN?

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES.

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** SO IT IS BIFURCATED?

22

23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I DON'T THINK IT NEEDS TO BE BIFURCATED
24 BECAUSE EITHER WAY WE ARE EXTENDING THE MORATORIUM TODAY, BUT
25 WE ARE GOING TO GET CLARIFICATION ON THE BASELINE IN 14 DAYS.

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1

2 **MS. LINGAT:** AS A REPORT BACK.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AS A REPORT BACK, AND THEN WE WILL MAKE A
5 DETERMINATION. BUT AS OF TODAY, WE WILL BE EXTENDING
6 MORATORIUM THEN WE'RE GETTING A REPORT BACK ON THE PART THAT
7 HAS TO DO WITH THE BASELINE IN TERMS OF OTHER JURISDICTIONS.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** (SPEAKER FAR FROM MIC).

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** CORRECT.

12

13 **SUP. HAHN:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BUT I AM GLAD YOU GOT THE CLARIFICATION
16 BECAUSE IT IS CONFUSING. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER?

17

18 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT CLARIFICATION, SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS?

20

21 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

22

23 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

24

25 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

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1

2 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

5

6 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

7

8 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

9

10 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

13

14 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, MOTION PASSES AS AMENDED.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** VERY GOOD. THANK YOU. NOW WE WILL GO ON TO
17 ITEM NUMBER 10, WHICH IS --

18

19 **MS. LINGAT:** MADAM CHAIR, BEFORE YOU DO THAT, ALSO THIS WILL
20 TAKE UP 25 AS A RECEIVE AND FILE WITH NO OBJECTION.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER. NOW WE
23 ARE GOING ON TO ITEM 10, EXPANDING THE MONITORING WITH
24 COMPLIANCE WITH COUNTY HEALTH ORDER IN THE WORKPLACE TO SLOW
25 COVID-19 TRANSMISSION. THAT WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1

2 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. AS THE NUMBER OF
3 COVID CASES CONTINUES TO RISE AND RISE ACROSS THE COUNTY, AND
4 WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO BRING MORE AND MORE DIRECTIVES TO HELP
5 PEOPLE UNDERSTAND HOW THEY NEED TO OPERATE, IF THEY ARE INDEED
6 OPEN FOR OPERATION, WE HAVE TO FIND MORE AND MORE WAYS TO
7 ENFORCE, AND THAT MEANS TO IDENTIFY THOSE BUSINESSES THAT ARE
8 IN VIOLATION OF THESE DIRECTIVES AND, THEREFORE, PUTTING THEIR
9 EMPLOYEES AND THEIR CLIENTS AND CUSTOMERS MORE AT RISK. WE
10 FOUND THAT WORKPLACE TRANSMISSION HAS BEEN A SIGNIFICANT
11 FACTOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN COMMUNITIES
12 ALL ACROSS OUR REGION. AND OF COURSE, GIVEN THE DEMOGRAPHICS
13 OF THE WORKFORCE AND SECTORS THAT HAVE REOPENED, THIS HAS A
14 DISPROPORTIONATE IMPACT ON LATINX AND BLACK COMMUNITIES. SO,
15 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SEEN IN RECENT NEWS ARTICLES VIOLATIONS OF
16 ORDERS IN WORKPLACES LIKE RESTAURANTS, FOOD PROCESSING PLANTS,
17 GROCERY STORES, MANUFACTURING PLANTS, OTHER KINDS OF
18 MANUFACTURING, AND THE DEVASTATING ACCOUNT, FOR INSTANCE, OF
19 OVER 300 POSITIVE CASES AT L.A. APPAREL, INCLUDING FOUR
20 DEATHS. SO WE ACKNOWLEDGE A LOT OF BUSINESSES HAVE BEEN
21 DILIGENT IN TRYING TO COMPLY, BUT IT IS DISAPPOINTING TO SEE
22 THE DEGREE TO WHICH OTHER BUSINESSES CONTINUE TO OPERATE. SO
23 WHAT WE WANT TO BRING IS THIS REQUEST FOR A REPORT BACK ON THE
24 ABILITY TO UTILIZE THOSE PEOPLE MOST AT RISK, THAT IS, THE
25 WORKERS IN EACH AND EVERY ONE OF THESE BUSINESSES, TO HELP US

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1 BECAUSE OUR CAPACITY TO MONITOR AND INSPECT EVERY SINGLE
2 BUSINESS IN THE COUNTY IS LIMITED, THOUGH I HAVE TO SAY PUBLIC
3 HEALTH IS DOING A PRETTY GOOD JOB. TODAY'S MOTION INSTRUCTS
4 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, COUNTY COUNSEL, AND OTHER
5 DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK WITH AN EVALUATION OF METHODS THAT
6 WOULD ENABLE THE WORKERS THEMSELVES TO MONITOR AND REPORT
7 VIOLATION OF HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS AND GUIDELINES TO D.P.H.
8 FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION WITHOUT FEAR OF RETALIATION, AND
9 THAT ALSO INCLUDES HOPEFULLY IN THE PLAN THAT WE WILL SEE IN
10 THE REPORT BACK, THAT WE MAY UTILIZE, AS WE DID WITH OUR
11 MINIMUM WAGE COMPLIANCE, THIRD PARTY WORKER AND COMMUNITY
12 ORGANIZATIONS TO HELP THE WORKERS UNDERSTAND THE DIRECTIVES
13 AND UNDERSTAND THE WAYS THAT THEY CAN REPORT TO PUBLIC HEALTH.
14 SO I THINK THAT THIS REPORT BACK IS VERY IMPORTANT. I THINK IT
15 ADDS A LOT TO OUR ABILITY TO ACTUALLY MONITOR THESE
16 BUSINESSES, AND GIVES US THE OPPORTUNITY TO KNOW WHO IS DOING
17 IT RIGHT AND WHO NEEDS SOME CORRECTION. THANK YOU, MADAM
18 CHAIR.

19
20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, THEN
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

22
23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU MADAM CHAIR AND THANK YOU,
24 SUPERVISOR KUEHL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO COLLABORATE. I THINK
25 WE ALL ARE CLEAR THAT IT IS THE UNSUNG HEROES, THE WORKERS

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1 CLEANING OUR HOTEL ROOMS, STAFFING OUR FACTORIES, DELIVERING
2 OUR PACKAGES, AND CHECKING US OUT AT THE GROCERY STORES THAT
3 THEY ARE THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN VITAL TO KEEPING OUR ECONOMY
4 AFLOAT. YES, THEY ARE THE UNSUNG HEROES WITH THE SOFTEST
5 VOICES IN MANY RESPECT, BUT THE GREATEST RISK AS WE CONFRONT
6 THIS PANDEMIC. AND I BELIEVE, AND I THINK IT'S THE CASE FOR
7 MOST OF US HERE, AND CERTAINLY SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND I DO, THAT
8 WE MUST CREATE THE MOST EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT PATHWAY TO
9 MAKE SURE THAT THEIR VOICES ARE HEARD. IT'S CALLED
10 EMPOWERMENT. AND THEY ARE THOSE THAT HAVE THE CONCERNS THAT
11 OUGHT TO BE ADDRESSED IN REAL TIME IN AUTHENTIC WAY THAT IS
12 NOT UNNECESSARILY ONEROUS TO THEIR WORK ENVIRONMENT AND THE
13 BUSINESS OPERATIONS OF WHICH THEY MAY BE A PART. WE SIMPLY
14 NEVER HAVE ENOUGH ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS IN A COUNTY AS LARGE AS
15 OURS TO INSPECT OUR WAY OUT OF THIS CRISIS. SO I TRUST THAT
16 THE DEPARTMENT'S NAMED IN THE MOTION WILL COME BACK IN TWO
17 WEEKS TIME WITH SOME THOUGHTFUL IDEAS CONSISTENT WITH THE
18 VISION OUTLINED IN THIS MOTION ON HOW WE CAN OPERATIONALIZE A
19 MORE ROBUST WAY OF PROMOTING ACCOUNTABILITY WITH HEALTH
20 OFFICER ORDERS. IT IS REALLY, REALLY IMPORTANT. IT IS A
21 CREATIVE AND SUBSTANTIAL WAY FOR US TO STAND UP TO THIS
22 PANDEMIC THAT SEEMS NOT TO EASILY RELENT. THEREFORE, WE HAVE
23 TO DIG DEEP AND FIGURE OUT ALL KINDS OF WAYS TO GET THROUGH
24 THIS MORE EFFECTIVELY. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. MADAM
25 CHAIR, THAT CONCLUDES MY REMARKS.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, THIS IS SUPERVISOR SOLIS. OUR
3 CHAIRWOMAN STEPPED OUT MOMENTARILY, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK
4 ON THE ITEM AS WELL. I WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR KUEHL
5 AND RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR BRINGING THE MOTION BEFORE US. AS YOU
6 AND I KNOW, SAFETY HAS TO BE OUR NUMBER ONE PRIORITY IN ANY
7 DISCUSSION ABOUT REOPENING ANY BUSINESSES. THE MOTION WILL
8 ALLOW FOR PUBLIC HEALTH COUNSELS IN THE WORKPLACE AND ALSO
9 EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING A THIRD PARTY WORKER AND
10 COMMUNITY BASED ORGANIZATIONS ASSIST WITH HEALTH ORDER
11 COMPLIANCE THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THESE TOOLS
12 AS YOU KNOW WOULD ALLOW WORKERS TO RETURN TO WORK SAFELY AND
13 OFFER A VENUE TO REPORT POTENTIAL HEALTH ORDER VIOLATIONS
14 DIRECTLY TO THE COUNTY WITHOUT FEAR OF RETALIATION. THIS
15 MOTION, IN FACT, FURTHER SUPPORTS OTHER EFFORTS WE HAVE ON
16 TODAY'S AGENDA. THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND SPENDING PLAN WILL
17 INCLUDE \$60 MILLION FOR OUR PANDEMIC COMPLIANT BUSINESS
18 WORKERS PROTECTION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM, WHICH OFFERS GRANTS UP
19 TO \$3,000 FOR SMALL BUSINESSES TO PROCURE P.P.E. FOR THEIR
20 EMPLOYEES. THE PROGRAM WILL ALSO HELP STREAMLINE ACCESS TO
21 P.P.E. BY EXPLORING A MORE CENTRALIZED PROCUREMENT PROCESS.
22 AND ADDITIONALLY, THIS MOTION WILL SUPPORT MY MOTION TO
23 DEVELOP A COORDINATED RESPONSE STRATEGY WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM'S
24 STRIKE TEAM TO ENSURE A COMPREHENSIVE ENFORCEMENT OF THE
25 COUNTY'S HEALTH OFFICER ORDER. THE GOVERNOR'S STRIKE TEAM, AS

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1 YOU KNOW, WILL BE MADE UP OF VARIOUS STATE AGENCIES,
2 INCLUDING CAL-O.S.H.A., CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL, AND THE
3 GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OF BUSINESS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. AND AS
4 WAS MENTIONED EARLIER, UNFORTUNATELY L.A. APPAREL HAPPENS TO
5 BE IN MY DISTRICT. IT WAS VERY UNFORTUNATE THAT THERE WERE
6 OTHER VIOLATIONS THERE, AND THAT FACILITY REMAINS CLOSED AS
7 THIS TIME. BUT ISSUES LIKE THAT ARE COMING ABOUT MORE READILY.
8 AND WE DO NOT HAVE ENOUGH STAFF ON BOARD. WE DO NEED TO
9 WORK HAND IN HAND WITH ALL OF OUR OTHER DEPARTMENTS AS WELL AS
10 THE GOVERNOR'S TASK FORCE TO SEE THAT WE CAN ADDRESS THESE
11 ISSUES APPROPRIATELY AND MAKING SURE FIRST AND FOREMOST, TOO,
12 THAT WE HAVE OUR FRIENDS, LABOR UNIONS, AT THE SEAT OF THE
13 TABLE ALSO BEING ABLE TO MAKE CONSTRUCTIVE PLANNING AND HELP
14 US MOVE ALL OF THIS IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SO WITH THAT, I
15 SUPPORT THIS MOTION MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I -- I JUST WOULD LIKE TO
18 MAKE SOME SHORT REMARKS. REOPENING IS GOING TO BE A PART OF
19 THE RECOVERY PROCESS, AND COMPLIANCE IS GOING TO BE THE KEY,
20 NOT ONLY TO REOPENING, BUT TO REALLY, BEYOND SLOWING THE
21 SPREAD, ENSURE THAT THE VIRUS DOESN'T TAKE OVER THIS COUNTY.
22 WHILE A MAJORITY OF BUSINESSES HAVE INVESTED HEAVILY IN
23 PROTECTING THEIR EMPLOYEES AND CUSTOMERS, WE ALL KNOW THERE
24 HAVE BEEN BAD ACTORS. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU NAMED ONE IN
25 YOUR DISTRICT. AND THOSE BAD ACTORS HAVE TO BE PUT IN THEIR

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1 PLACE AND ACTUALLY NEED TO BE CALLED TO THE MAT AND THE FACT
2 THEY ARE COMPROMISING THE HEALTH OF THEIR STAFF AND PATRONS
3 AND PUTTING THEM AT RISK. ENSURING OUR BUSINESS COMMUNITY,
4 ORGANIZATIONS, AND SCHOOLS ARE COMPLYING IS A NECESSITY AND
5 NEEDS TO BE DONE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. IT IS ONLY FAIR TO
6 EMPLOYEES AND COMPLYING BUSINESSES THAT ALL MEMBERS OF OUR
7 COMMUNITIES HAVE ACCESS TO REPORTING VIOLATIONS AND SOCIAL
8 DISTANCING, AND THAT GOES ACROSS THE BOARD INTO EVERY SECTOR
9 BECAUSE WHEN SOMEONE DOES NOT COMPLY, IT HAS A DOMINO EFFECT
10 ON THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND PEOPLE, IN THE END, SUFFER. BUT I
11 WANT TO MAKE SURE, IS THIS INITIATIVE TO BE SUNSETTED AFTER
12 THE LIFTING OF THE HEALTH ORDER, IS THAT THE INTENTION ON THIS
13 INITIATIVE?

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK WE WANTED TO SEE WHAT THE REPORT BACK
16 WOULD SAY. I CANNOT IMAGINE WE NEED IT AFTER THE HEALTH ORDERS
17 BECAUSE IT IS TO REPORT VIOLATIONS OF HEALTH ORDERS.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO, THAT IS WHAT I THOUGHT, BUT I JUST
20 WANTED TO CLARIFY BECAUSE I WAS TOLD THAT THERE WAS KIND OF A
21 GRAY AREA, BUT I THINK WE NEED TO ALL COLLECTIVELY, AND I SAY
22 NOT JUST THIS BOARD, BUT WE IN THIS COUNTY, HAVE TO
23 COLLECTIVELY ENSURE THAT THE BAD ACTORS ARE CALLED OUT AND
24 THAT, IF NEED BE, THEY ARE SHUT DOWN BECAUSE THE ONES THAT ARE
25 COMPLYING ARE THE ONES THAT ARE GOING TO SUFFER AS A RESULT OF

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1 THE BAD ACTORS. SO WITH THAT, I AM TRYING TO SEE, SUPERVISOR -
2 - OKAY. THEN THAT IS -- SUPERVISOR KUEHL, DO YOU HAVE ANY
3 CLOSING REMARKS?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE VOTE.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SO WITH THAT, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
8 KUEHL, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WOULD YOU PLEASE
9 CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **MS. LINGAT:** THIS IS ON ITEM 10 THAT IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

16 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

19

20 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

25

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1 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

2

3 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

4

5 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

6

7 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5-0.

8

9 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, WE WILL NOW MOVE TO
10 ITEM NUMBER 13, WHICH IS USE OF PARKS AND LIBRARIES AS AN
11 ALTERNATE PLACES OF LEARNING FOR THE '20-'21 SCHOOL YEAR.
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN?

13

14 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND AFTER I SPEAK, OR IF
15 YOU PREFER, IF ANY OF THE OTHER COLLEAGUES WANT TO SPEAK, WE
16 DO HAVE NORMA GARCIA, OUR NEW DEPARTMENT HEAD FOR PARKS AND
17 REC, AND WE HAVE SKYE PATRICK, WHO IS HEAD OF LIBRARIES, ON
18 THE LINE TO SPEAK TO THIS ISSUE. WHEN I TALKED ABOUT THIS
19 ISSUE WITH MY STAFF AND WE WERE REALLY LOOKING AT CREATING
20 THIS MOTION, WE THOUGHT THIS IS A REALLY BIG DEAL, AND IT IS A
21 BIG DEAL. BUT IT LANDED ON THE SAME AGENDA WHERE, BOY, HAVE WE
22 HAD SOME BIG DEALS ON THIS AGENDA, SOME PRETTY MEET THE MOMENT
23 MOTIONS BY MY COLLEAGUES. NEVERTHELESS, I STILL THINK THIS
24 ONE IS ALSO A MEET THE MOMENT MOTION. AND PARTICULARLY
25 BECAUSE, IF YOU LOOK AT OURSELVES, WE ARE STILL MEETING AS THE

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1 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT WE ARE IN THIS VIRTUAL
2 CAPACITY, AND EVERY TIME I ZOOM OR TRY TO GET ON TO THIS
3 WEBEX, IT IS ALWAYS A SURPRISE TO ME WHEN IT WORKS. AND I -- I
4 WILL SAY, I MISS SEEING EVERYBODY IN PERSON. I LOOK FORWARD TO
5 INTERACTING IN OUR SO-CALLED NORMAL WAY AGAIN, BUT, YOU KNOW,
6 THE MOTION I AM INTRODUCING TODAY IS TRYING TO HELP A PROBLEM
7 THAT IS FAR BIGGER THAN JUST US TRYING TO MEET VIRTUALLY AND
8 DEAL WITH TECHNOLOGY AS WE TRY TO HAVE PUBLIC INPUT. THIS IS
9 ABOUT OUR SCHOOLS. AND OUR STUDENTS IN OUR SCHOOLS ARE USED TO
10 MEETING 5 DAYS A WEEK, STARTING AROUND LABOR DAY AND ENDING
11 AROUND MEMORIAL DAY FOR DECADES AND DECADES AND DECADES,
12 BEFORE THOSE HOLIDAYS WERE EVEN HOLIDAYS. AND ALL OF US ARE
13 USED TO IN PERSON LEARNING, BUT THIS PAST FRIDAY, AS YOU KNOW,
14 GOVERNOR NEWSOM ANNOUNCED TO THE STATE THAT THE SCHOOL
15 DISTRICTS WITHIN THE COUNTIES THAT ARE ON THE STATE WATCH LIST
16 CANNOT REOPEN. AND WE, OF COURSE, L.A. COUNTY, ARE ONE OF THE
17 COUNTIES ON THAT WATCH LIST. SO OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN THE
18 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ARE NOW SCRAMBLING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO
19 PROVIDE DISTANCE LEARNING. AND I KNOW THE SCHOOL YEAR WILL BE
20 DRASTICALLY DIFFERENT FOR ALL THE STUDENTS, ALL THE TEACHERS,
21 BUT THIS MOTION IS CONSIDERING HOW WE, IN THE COUNTY, -- OUR
22 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, IN OUR INCORPORATED AREAS, AND THIS MOTION
23 WAS WRITTEN AND THOUGHT ABOUT BEFORE THE GOVERNOR MADE THAT
24 ANNOUNCEMENT, AND WE STILL THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL BECAUSE
25 WE FIGURED A LOT OF OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS MIGHT BE TRYING TO

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1 HAVE A HYBRID LEARNING SITUATION, BUT NOW WITH THE GOVERNOR'S
2 ANNOUNCEMENT, WE KNOW IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT WE IN THE COUNTY
3 PARTNER WITH OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS 2020-
4 '21 SCHOOL YEAR IS NOT A LOST YEAR. I HAVE BEEN A HUGE
5 ADVOCATE, AS GUYS YOU KNOW, FOR COUNTY EMPLOYEES TO TELEWORK
6 BEFORE AND NOW DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND I KNOW MANY OUTSIDE
7 THE COUNTY WORKFORCE DO NOT HAVE THE APPROPRIATE TOOLS OR
8 JOBS, FRANKLY, THAT ALLOW FOR REMOTE-BASED WORK. WE HAVE DONE
9 A REALLY GOOD JOB IN THE COUNTY OF HELPING TO SUPPORT OUR
10 EMPLOYEES WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING FROM HOME, BUT IF OUR STUDENTS
11 IN THE COUNTY ARE NOW MANDATED TO LEARN AT HOME THROUGH ONLINE
12 INSTRUCTIONS, BUT WHAT IF THERE ARE NO PARENTS AT HOME TO
13 SUPERVISE. WE JUST TALKED ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT THOSE
14 EMPLOYEES THAT DO HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK ARE SAFE IN THEIR
15 ENVIRONMENT, BUT THAT JUST MEANS THAT THERE ARE ESSENTIAL
16 WORKERS THAT HAVE TO GO BACK TO WORK, LEAVING THEIR KIDS AT
17 HOME UNSUPERVISED. SO THAT IS WHY I'M ASKING OUR PARKS
18 DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE GREAT DIRECTION OF NORMA GARCIA, AND OUR
19 LIBRARY DEPARTMENT, UNDER THE VERY CREATIVE SKYE PATRICK,
20 ALONG WITH I.S.D., AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH, TO
21 WORK WITH L.A.C.O. AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO TRY AND FIND SPACE
22 FOR OUR MOST VULNERABLE K-12 STUDENTS WHO ARE ALREADY AT A
23 DISADVANTAGE JUST BY SWITCHING TO ONLINE EDUCATION. I WANT TO
24 MAKE SURE THAT ACCESS TO TECHNOLOGY AND WIFI WILL NOT BE A
25 HINDRANCE FOR OUR STUDENTS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I REALIZE THIS

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1 IS NOT AN EASY FIX. THIS HAS NEVER BEEN DONE BEFORE WITH SUCH
2 A STRONG POTENTIAL FOR COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT PARTNERSHIPS,
3 BUT I DO KNOW OUR DEPARTMENT STAFF. OUR KNOW OUR VERY
4 TALENTED DIRECTORS CAN WORK TO FIND AMAZING SOLUTIONS THAT
5 WILL TRULY HELP THE FUTURE WORKERS AND LEADERS OF OUR COUNTY.
6 AND AGAIN, I HAVE ASKED NORMA GARCIA AND SKYE PATRICK TO
7 SHARE A BIT FROM THEIR PERSPECTIVE ON HOW THEY ACTUALLY
8 ENVISION THEIR DEPARTMENTS HELPING IN THIS SITUATION. AND
9 MADAM CHAIR, I KNOW THEY ARE ON THE LINE, BUT IF YOU WANT TO
10 CALL ANY OF MY COLLEAGUES TO SPEAK FIRST, THAT IS OKAY, TOO.
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, AND THEN
14 I DON'T SEE ANYONE ELSE WHO IS ASKING TO. AND ONE OF THE
15 BIGGEST CONCERNS OF FAMILIES AND EMPLOYERS TO DATE HAS BEEN IF
16 SCHOOL IS GOING TO OPEN, AND WE KNOW THE ANSWER IN TERMS OF
17 WHERE THE VIRUS IS. AND WOULD IT BE REALISTIC TO SEND YOUR
18 CHILD IN PERSON. THE CLOSURE OF SCHOOLS BY THE GOVERNOR HAS
19 PUT A TREMENDOUS STRAIN ON PARENTS, STUDENTS, TEACHERS, AND
20 EMPLOYERS TRYING TO NAVIGATE THE VARIOUS HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS
21 THAT CHANGE FREQUENTLY. WITHOUT THEIR STAFF ABLE RETURNING TO
22 PHYSICAL WORK DUE TO YOUTH BEING AT HOME AND NOT AT SCHOOL,
23 OUR BUSINESSES AND OUR EMPLOYEES ARE BOTH GOING TO BE
24 STRETCHED. THE MOTION IS A WONDERFUL BEGINNING. I SUPPORT IT,
25 AND I THINK IT COMPLEMENTS THE MOTION THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS AND I HAVE TO LOOK AT HOW WE, AS A COUNTY, CAN PROVIDE
2 NEEDED SUPPORTS AND RELIEF TO HAVE YOUTH IN A SAFE SPACE WHILE
3 PARTICIPATING IN DISTANCE REMOTE LEARNING. WE KNOW THAT
4 THERE'S A DIGITAL DIVIDE FOR MOST OF OUR NEEDY FAMILIES. EVEN
5 IF A SCHOOL PROVIDED A LAPTOP TO A STUDENT, WE ALL DON'T KNOW
6 IF IT CAN BE USED FOR SCHOOL WORK, IF THEY HAVE ACCESS TO THE
7 INTERNET, AND WE JUST NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE WE GIVE ALL
8 THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR THESE CHILDREN TO NOT MISS GETTING A
9 STRONG EDUCATION. OUR PARKS AND LIBRARIES CAN HELP IN THOSE
10 INSTANCES ONCE OUR HEALTH OFFICER ORDERS ALLOW INDOOR
11 GATHERINGS. THE REAL QUESTION I HAVE IS I'D LIKE TO ASK, AND
12 SUPERVISOR HAHN, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU HAVE THE ANSWER, IF ANY
13 SCHOOL DISTRICTS HAVE OFFERED TO SHARE COSTS IN PROVIDING
14 THESE RESOURCES. AND DOES THE COUNTY ACCEPT ANY LIABILITY WITH
15 HAVING UNMONITORED YOUTH IN AN EDUCATIONAL SETTING? AND THEN
16 LAST BUT NOT LEAST, ARE THERE RULES RELATED TO WHO CAN PROVIDE
17 OVERSIGHT TO HELP WITH DISTANCE LEARNING. THESE ARE JUST LIKE
18 HOUSEKEEPING QUESTIONS THAT I HAVE, AND I DON'T KNOW IF NORMA
19 CAN ANSWER IT, BUT I THINK THEY ARE QUESTIONS WE JUST NEED TO
20 GET CLARIFICATION ON, BUT I SUPPORT IT.

21
22 **SUP. HAHN:** THOSE ARE GOOD QUESTIONS. WE ARE JUST NOW PROPOSING
23 IT. I KNOW MY OFFICE HAS BEEN ON CONFERENCE CALLS WITH ALL
24 THE SUPERINTENDENTS THAT THIS COULD APPLY TO, AND I DO KNOW
25 THAT THINGS LIKE SHARED COSTS HAVE COME UP, BUT THERE HAS BEEN

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1 NOTHING THAT'S BEEN FINALIZED IN THAT AREA. BUT THAT'S

2 CERTAINLY SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THEM ABOUT.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, THANK YOU. SO DO YOU WANT TO CALL ON

5 NORMA GARCIA, AND THEN SKYE?

6

7 **NORMA GARCIA:** SUPERVISORS. AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR

8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADDRESS THIS TIMELY MOTION. I WANT TO

9 ADDRESS SUPERVISOR BARGER'S CHAIR OF THE BOARD'S QUESTIONS. IN

10 THE MOTION, PART OF THE ASSESSMENT THAT WE WILL BE MAKING IS

11 LOOKING AT OPPORTUNITIES FOR SHARED COSTS, NOT ONLY BY THE

12 SCHOOL DISTRICTS, BUT BY THE PHILANTHROPIC COMMUNITIES. SO WE

13 LOOK AND EXAMINE OPPORTUNITIES TO DO THAT, AS WELL AS

14 RECRUITED COUNTY COUNSEL TO REALLY LOOK AT LIABILITY ISSUES

15 AND LOOK AT NEUTRAL LIABILITY OPPORTUNITIES IF WE MOVE FORWARD

16 WITH THIS WORK. SO I JUST WANTED TO PROVIDE THAT INFORMATION.

17 AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION HAS HAD A LONG

18 HISTORY OF COORDINATING WITH LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO PLAN

19 FOR SERVICES AND PROGRAMMING THAT SUPPORT CHILDREN AFTER

20 SCHOOL, DURING WINTER SPRING BREAKS, AND THE SUMMER. WHEN THE

21 LIGHTS IN SCHOOLS TURN OFF, WE TURN ON THE LIGHTS AT PARKS FOR

22 YOUTH. THIS MOTION BEFORE YOU PROPOSES TO DEEPEN THE

23 PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN THE COUNTY, COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, AND THE

24 UNINCORPORATED SCHOOL DISTRICTS AND UNIFY US ALL TO SUPPORT

25 OUR MOST VULNERABLE YOUTH AT A TIME WHEN THE RACIAL DIVIDE,

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1 THE POSITIVE SOCIAL-ECONOMIC DIVIDE, THE LANGUAGE DIVIDE, THE
2 DIGITAL DIVIDE, AND THE LEARNING DIVIDE HAVE NEVER BEEN MORE
3 PREVALENT AND EXACERBATED BY THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC. PARKS
4 COULD SERVE TO BRIDGE THIS GAP FOR WORKING FAMILIES. PARKS ARE
5 WELL-SITUATED TO PROVIDE OUTDOOR LEARNING AND RECREATION
6 ENVIRONMENTS. AS AN EXAMPLE, THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND
7 RECREATION LAUNCHED OUR SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM ON JULY 6TH THAT
8 WILL RUN THROUGH AUGUST 14TH. DUE TO THE GENEROSITY AND
9 SUPPORT OF ALL FIVE SUPERVISORS, THIS DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN ABLE
10 TO SUPPORT PARENTS AND GUARDIANS INTEGRATE BACK INTO THE
11 WORKPLACE. -- PROVIDED RELIEF FOR PARENTS AND GUARDIANS WHO
12 STRUGGLED WITH A SAFE PLACE FOR THEIR CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY
13 NEVER STOPPED WORKING. AND THOSE ARE THE ESSENTIAL WORKERS
14 THAT SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS JUST TALKED ABOUT, EARLIER.
15 AND WE WERE -- WE WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE SUMMER CAMPS AT 49
16 LOCAL AND COMMUNITY PARKS WITH A LUNCH AND SNACK PROGRAM TO
17 ENSURE THEY DON'T GO HUNGRY THIS SUMMER BY UTILIZING BOTH OUR
18 INDOOR AND OUTDOOR PARK FACILITIES. BUILDING ON LOS ANGELES
19 COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH ORDERS AND C.D.C. GUIDELINES, WE
20 DEVELOPED A SUMMER CAMP SAFETY COVID OPERATING MANUAL. WE
21 PARTNERED WITH PUBLIC HEALTH TO PROVIDE STAFF TRAINING AND
22 PROCEDURES FOR DAILY WELLNESS CHECKS FOR STAFF AND YOUTH. AND
23 WE DEVELOPED MAINTENANCE AND DISINFECTION PROCEDURES. NOW THAT
24 WE HAVE IMPLEMENTED THIS PROGRAM, WE HAVE HEARD FROM PARENTS
25 AND HAVE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT AN ESSENTIAL

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1 RESOURCE AND SUPPORT SUMMER CAMPS HAVE BEEN TO THE MOST
2 VULNERABLE OF FAMILIES. THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION
3 IS COMMITTED AND READY TO WORK WITH OUR PARTNERS, LIBRARIES,
4 I.S.D., AND LEGAL, ALL IN CONSULTATION WITH THE C.E.O., COUNTY
5 COUNSEL, AND PUBLIC HEALTH TO ASSESS THE NEEDS OF YOUTH AND
6 SCHOOL DISTRICTS TO EXPLORE PARTNERSHIPS FOR A SAFE
7 ALTERNATIVE LEARNING CENTERS FOR OUR YOUTH. THANK YOU,
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN, FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON THIS
9 TIMELY MOTION.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SKYE PATRICK, OUR LIBRARIAN?

12

13 **SKYE PATRICK:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, MADAM
14 CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HAHN. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** PERFECT.

17

18 **SKYE PATRICK:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. FOR SOME OF US HERE IN L.A.
19 COUNTY, WE HAVE HAD THE GREAT FORTUNE OF BEING ABLE PIVOT FROM
20 OUR OFFICE ENVIRONMENTS AND MOVE, WHILE BUMPY, AND SUPERVISOR
21 HAHN ALLUDED TO, INTO A PARTIAL OR A FULL TELEWORKING
22 ENVIRONMENT, BUT WE ARE CRYSTAL CLEAR, SUPERVISORS, THAT THIS
23 IS NOT THE EXPERIENCE OF MANY PEOPLE WHO ARE WORKING HERE IN
24 THE COUNTY. SO, BECAUSE WE ARE CLEAR THAT THERE ARE MANY
25 SCHOOLS WHO WILL NOT LIKELY BE OPENING IN THE FALL, WE ALSO

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1 UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS A TIME FOR US TO COME UP WITH
2 ALTERNATIVE SOLUTIONS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY. SO SOME OF THE
3 OPPORTUNITIES THAT WE THINK ARE HERE IN THE SHORT TERM, IN AN
4 IMMEDIATE WAY, TO SUPPORT THIS MOTION, SOME OF THE LOW-HANGING
5 FRUIT IS THAT WE CAN LEVERAGE OUR CURRENT TECHNOLOGY.
6 LIBRARIES HAVE SMART BOARDS, STAFF, LAPTOPS, AND MEETING
7 PLATFORMS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE VIRTUAL HOMEWORK SUPPORT,
8 SUPPORTING EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SUMMER SLIDE THROUGH OUR
9 ONLINE READING AND LEARNING PROGRAM, CONNECT WITH MORE PARENTS
10 AND STUDENTS WITH EXISTING ONLINE RESOURCES LIKE BRAIN FUSE,
11 WHICH IS OUR ONLINE TUTORING, LIVE TUTORING PROGRAM, AND MANGO
12 LANGUAGE, JUST AS AN EXAMPLE. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO NOW WALK
13 PARENTS THROUGH SETTING UP THEIR HOT SPOTS. I HEARD THE CALLER
14 EARLIER ALLUDE TO SOME OF THE ADDITIONAL HURDLES THAT FAMILIES
15 HAVE TO OVERCOME BY EVEN USING THE TECHNOLOGY THAT IS
16 AVAILABLE TO THEM BY THE SCHOOLS. LIBRARIES CAN HELP WITH
17 THAT. LIBRARIES CAN ALSO VIRTUALLY ATTEND SCHOOL, BACK TO
18 SCHOOL MEETING NIGHTS, SO WE CAN HEAR DIRECTLY FROM THE
19 FAMILIES HOW WE CAN SUPPORT THEM. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO
20 HOST ONLINE RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, MENTIONED BY DIRECTOR
21 GARCIA. THERE ARE OPPORTUNITIES TO PROVIDE VIRTUAL READING
22 ADVISORY -- READERS ADVISORY, EXCUSE ME, BOOK CLUBS, AND OTHER
23 INTERACTIVE PROGRAMS. WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO WORK WITH SCHOOLS
24 TO PROVIDE THE TECHNOLOGY NEEDED AND ORDER THE TECHNOLOGY, IF
25 NEEDED, AND IF THERE IS FUNDING AVAILABLE. I JUST ALSO WANT TO

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1 REMIND THE BOARD, WE HAVE OUR P.P.P. LIBRARIAN WHO IS TRAINED
2 BY THE DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH IN POSITIVE PARENTING
3 PRACTICES, AND WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO, IN REAL TIME, OFFER
4 VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS AND CONSULTATIONS. WE POSSIBLY HAVE THE
5 OPPORTUNITY TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL HOURS, OR ADJUSTED HOURS, TO
6 ASSIST FAMILIES WHO ARE WORKING, SO THAT THEY CAN PICK UP
7 MATERIALS AT ONE OF OUR 46 LIBRARIES THAT'S CURRENTLY OPEN FOR
8 SIDEWALK SERVICE. AND SO AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE, I JUST WANT TO
9 TAKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MENTION LIBRARIES SERVING AS THE
10 ALTERNATE PLACE FOR LEARNING. I THINK THIS IS SQUARELY IN OUR
11 MISSION, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS CURRENTLY RESEARCHING AND
12 GATHERING DATA FROM OTHER LIBRARIES AROUND THE COUNTRY TO FIND
13 THE BEST SOLUTIONS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST FAMILIES AND CHILDREN
14 WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN DISTRESS. WE ARE HERE AND READY TO
15 PARTNER WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF PARKS, L.A.C.O., AND OTHER
16 DEPARTMENTS TO REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 30 DAYS, AND I
17 THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

20

21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND AGAIN, JUST TO ANSWER A
22 COUPLE OF YOUR FIRST QUESTIONS, THAT IS WHAT THE REPORT BACK
23 WILL TELL US. IT WILL TELL US ABOUT COST-SHARING. IT WILL TELL
24 US ABOUT LIABILITY, AND THAT IS WHAT WE WILL GET. BUT BOY,
25 THANK YOU, NORMA. THANK YOU, SKYE, REALLY, YOU ARE SO

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1 INNOVATIVE, AND I LOVE YOUR ENTHUSIASM AND YOUR READINESS TO
2 PARTNER. AND OH, SKYE, THE SUMMER SLIDE. I THOUGHT THAT WAS A
3 DANCE MOVE, BUT IT SOUNDS LIKE IT HAPPENS TO KIDS DURING THE
4 SUMMER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WILLINGNESS TO PARTNER ON THIS. I
5 REALLY BELIEVE FOR THE FIRST TIME WE ARE GOING TO, IN A BIG
6 WAY, GIVE THAT SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS WHO
7 FIND THEMSELVES IN SUCH AN UNTENABLE SITUATION WITH THIS
8 VIRUS. SO THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU. LOOK FORWARD TO THIS REPORT
9 BACK, AND I THINK OTHER CITIES IN THE COUNTY WILL LOOK AT WHAT
10 WE'RE DOING AND MAYBE PARTNER WITH THEIR OWN LIBRARIES AND
11 PARKS AND ALSO OFFER THIS KIND OF SUPPORT TO THEIR STUDENTS IN
12 THEIR PARTICULAR CITIES. SO THIS IS JUST FOR UNINCORPORATED
13 AREAS AND THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS THAT WE SERVE. THANKS TO BOTH
14 OF YOU.

15

16 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. SO THE MOTION BEFORE US, MOVED BY
17 SUPERVISOR HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. MADAM EXECUTIVE
18 OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

19

20 **MS. LINGAT:** ITEM 13 IS BEFORE YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

2

3 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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7 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

10

11 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

14

15 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION PASSES, 5-0.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW WE ARE MOVING ON TO 20,

18 WHICH THE IMMIGRATION LEGAL DUE PROCESS FOR LOW INCOME

19 IMMIGRANTS AT RISK OF DEPORTATION. THAT ITEM WAS HELD BY

20 SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU SO MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. FIRST OF ALL,

23 I WANT TO THANK MY COAUTHOR, SUPERVISOR HAHN, AND ALL THE

24 OTHER MEMBERS OF THE BOARD THAT FOR MANY OCCASIONS HAVE

25 SUPPORTED US IN HELPING TO PROTECT THE RIGHTS OF OUR IMMIGRANT

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1 FAMILIES AND THEIR CHILDREN. ONE OF THOSE CRITICAL ACTIONS WAS
2 TO HELP CREATE THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND, A TWO-YEAR PILOT PROGRAM
3 OFFERING FREE LEGAL AID TO IMMIGRANTS FACING DEPORTATION WHO
4 CANNOT AFFORD AN ATTORNEY. THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND HAS BEEN
5 PROVIDING AN IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY SERVICE FOR THE
6 IMMIGRANT COMMUNITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, AND I'D LIKE TO
7 REMIND EVERYONE THAT MORE THAN 1/3 OF L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION
8 IS MADE UP OF IMMIGRANTS, AND 3.5 MILLION INDIVIDUALS BORN IN
9 ANOTHER COUNTRY. NEARLY 60 PERCENT OF CHILDREN BORN IN THE
10 COUNTY HAVE AT LEAST ONE IMMIGRANT PARENT. WHEN AN INDIVIDUAL
11 IS DETAINED BY FEDERAL IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES, THEY ARE
12 CRUELLY SEPARATED FROM THEIR FAMILIES AND THEIR COMMUNITIES,
13 AND FACE A HARSH POSSIBILITY OF BEING DEPORTED TO THEIR NATION
14 OF ORIGIN, EVEN THOUGH THEY MAY HAVE LEFT A LONG TIME AGO AND
15 MAY NOT EVEN RECOGNIZE THAT COUNTRY AND MAY NOT HAVE ANY
16 RELATIVES THERE. I AM PROUD THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS JOINING
17 THE GROWING NUMBER OF LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THAT ARE FUNDING
18 DEPORTATION DEFENSE FOR THEIR RESIDENTS, AND L.A. COUNTY, AS I
19 AM REMINDED, CONTRIBUTED \$3 MILLION TO HELP LAUNCH THIS
20 GROUNDBREAKING EFFORT TO SUPPORT 16 OF OUR NON PROFIT WORKERS
21 TO DO THE WORK. SINCE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE L.A. JUSTICE
22 FUND, OUR NON PROFIT LEGAL SERVICE PROVIDERS HAVE EXCEEDED THE
23 INITIAL GOALS THAT THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND PROVIDED. THEY HAVE
24 CONDUCTED OVER 1,730 LEGAL CONSULTATIONS AND REFERRALS,
25 REPRESENTED 546 INDIVIDUALS, INCLUDING 181 CHILDREN,

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1 SUCCESSFULLY SECURED THE RELEASE FROM CUSTODY OF 49 PERCENT OF
2 CLIENTS, AND COMPLETED 62 PERCENT OF CASES WITH A POSITIVE
3 OUTCOME. AND OUR LEGAL SERVICE PARTNERS AND THE COUNTY
4 DEPARTMENTS HAVE LEARNED A LOT FROM JUST THE INITIAL TWO-YEAR
5 PILOT OF THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND. IT IS TIME TO USE THE DATA NOW
6 TO BUILD THE NEXT PHASE OF THE SUPPORTIVE PROGRAM. BY
7 CONTINUING TO PROVIDE LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO COUNTY RESIDENTS
8 AT RISK OF DEPORTATION, WE UPHOLD OUR MISSION TO PROTECT
9 VULNERABLE IMMIGRANT CHILDREN AND TO WORK TO KEEP THEIR
10 FAMILIES TOGETHER. I WOULD LIKE TO ESPECIALLY THANK THE OFFICE
11 OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND
12 BUSINESS AFFAIRS. D.C.B.A. AND O.I.A. HAVE WORKED WITH OUR
13 L.A. JUSTICE FUND PARTNERS, THE CITY OF L.A., CALIFORNIA
14 COMMUNITY FOUNDATION, THE WEINGART FOUNDATION, AND 16 SERVICE
15 PROVIDERS TO DO THE FOLLOWING. ENSURE THAT THE L.A. JUSTICE
16 FUND IS A SUCCESS, MAKE THE L.A. JUSTICE FUND A BUDGET
17 PRIORITY, AND BEGIN LAYING THE FOUNDATION FOR THE NEXT PHASE
18 OF THIS IMPORTANT WORK. NOW, I WOULD LIKE TO REQUEST, MADAM
19 CHAIR, AFTER IF ANY BOARD MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, AND MY
20 COATHOR, TO ASK JOE NIKITA, DIRECTOR OF DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER
21 AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, AS WELL AS RIGO REYES, EXECUTIVE
22 DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, TO GIVE A BRIEF
23 REPORT AND UPDATE ON THE FIRST TWO YEARS OF THE L.A. JUSTICE
24 FUND AND GIVE AN OVERVIEW. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I JUST WANT TO MAKE SOME
2 REMARKS. I EMPATHIZE WITH THE PLIGHT OF THE THOUSANDS OF
3 INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE BEEN ADVERSELY IMPACTED BY THE BROKEN
4 IMMIGRATION SYSTEM. I'VE SAID THIS ALL ALONG. HOWEVER, GIVEN
5 THE ENORMOUS FINANCIAL CONSTRAINTS PLACED UPON THIS COUNTY BY
6 COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS, I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT
7 OBLIGATING FUNDING THAT WE DON'T KNOW WHERE IT IS GOING TO
8 COME FROM, AND QUITE FRANKLY, WE TALK ABOUT WHAT IF THE
9 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT EXTENDS THE NEXT PACKAGE OF FINANCIAL
10 SUPPORT FOR DIFFERENT JURISDICTIONS. THAT IS NOT A GUARANTEE.
11 AND I KNOW THAT WE AS A BOARD HAVE COMMITTED TO TRYING TO USE
12 OUR RAINY DAY FUNDS, AS WELL AS LOOKING AT WAYS TO BE COST --
13 IDENTIFY COST SAVINGS IN ORDER TO NOT LAY OFF INDIVIDUALS. SO,
14 YOU KNOW, ON THIS ONE, I BELIEVE THAT WE AGAIN NEED TO SAY TO
15 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IT IS THEIR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPPORT
16 STATES AND COUNTIES IN THEIR EFFORTS TO ADDRESS THE COST OF
17 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION AND SHOULD FOCUS OUR ENERGY ON
18 COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION REFORM AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL. SO FOR
19 ME, I JUST BELIEVE THAT GIVEN OUR -- THIS WAS A TWO-YEAR
20 PROGRAM THAT WE ARE NOW EXTENDING, AND WE DON'T KNOW WHERE THE
21 MONEY IS COMING FROM, AND I HAVE SERIOUS CONCERNS ABOUT OUR
22 FIDUCIARY RESPONSIBILITY ON THAT END. SO WITH THAT, I KNOW
23 YOU'VE GOT JOE NIKITA. SO GO AHEAD, JOSEPH. SUPERVISOR
24 RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS, I'LL LET YOU TAKE
25 OVER YOUR SPEAKERS. AND THEN -- I'M SORRY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-

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1 THOMAS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS, YOU CAN CALL UP YOUR SPEAKERS.

3

4 **SUP. SOLIS:** SO, LET'S HERE HEAR FROM THE BOARD.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND THEN YOU CAN
7 CALL UP YOUR SPEAKERS.

8

9 **SUP. SOLIS:** SURE.

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** I WANT TO SPEAK, TOO, SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, AND THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, SUPERVISOR HAHN IS THE
18 COAUTHOR. DO YOU WISH TO HAVE HER PROCEED, THEN I'LL --

19

20 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YES, AND I APOLOGIZE BECAUSE I ASKED -- I
21 THOUGHT I HAD ASKED SUPERVISOR HAHN. SHE SAID SHE DIDN'T WANT
22 TO SPEAK.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** I WAS TRYING TO BE POLITE, AND I THOUGHT, BUT THEN
25 WHEN EVERYBODY ELSE WAS SPEAKING --

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY SO, SUPERVISOR -- WE'LL GO IN ORDER,
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN, THEN RIDLEY-THOMAS, THEN SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

4

5 **SUP HAHN:** WELL I JUST WANT TO SAY THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND
6 THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD. AND,
7 YOU KNOW, OF COURSE WE WANT CONGRESS TO PASS A COMPREHENSIVE
8 IMMIGRATION REFORM BILL, BUT I WAS THERE FOR 5 AND A HALF
9 YEARS, AND WE SAW PEOPLE COME BACK TO WASHINGTON, D.C.,
10 FASTING, AND PRAYING, AND BEGGING, AT THAT TIME SPEAKER
11 BOEHNER, TO BRING THE BILL UP. IT NEVER WAS. WE STILL HAVEN'T
12 SEEN THE ENTIRE CONGRESS, HOUSE AND SENATE, TAKE UP A
13 COMPREHENSIVE IMMIGRATION BILL. OF COURSE WE WANT THAT, BUT IN
14 THE MEANTIME, I BELIEVE THIS JUSTICE FUND IS IMPORTANT. I
15 THINK IT IS AN ABSOLUTE APPROPRIATE USE OF OUR FUNDS, AND I
16 THINK THE FACT THAT WE ARE SAYING IT IS A COMMITMENT OF OURS,
17 I BELIEVE, WE WILL BE ABLE TO FIND THE RESOURCES TO MAKE THIS
18 HAPPEN. I KNOW I WILL JUST SAY, ORIGINALLY, WHEN THIS CAME
19 FORWARD, I WAS IN FAVOR OF JUST APPROPRIATING THESE DOLLARS TO
20 OUR PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE BECAUSE I FELT LIKE THAT
21 CERTAINLY WAS THE WORK THAT THEY WERE DOING, AS WELL. BUT AT
22 THE TIME, THAT IS NOT THE DIRECTION WE WENT IN, AND I STILL
23 WOULD LIKE LOOKING IN THAT DIRECTION. SO THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR
24 SOLIS, FOR KEEPING US ALIVE. I AM HAPPY TO BE YOUR COAUTHOR,
25 AND I AM PRETTY SURE THAT OUR RESIDENTS IN L.A. COUNTY WILL

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1 AGREE THAT THIS IS IMPORTANT TO PROVIDE THIS KIND OF
2 REPRESENTATION. AND WE DO KNOW THAT IMMIGRANTS HAVE A BETTER
3 CHANCE OF A PATHWAY FORWARD HERE IF THEY HAVE LEGAL
4 REPRESENTATION, AND THAT IS WHAT THIS MEANS TO THEM, TO THEIR
5 LIVES, AND TO THEIR FAMILIES. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. OKAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I WISH TO
10 THANK BOTH YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS FORWARD.
11 I SUPPORT THE MOTION, AND I SAY, AS THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTY IN
12 THE NATION, L.A. IS ENRICHED BY CULTURAL CONTRIBUTIONS FROM
13 EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD. HERE IN THIS COUNTY, AND ACROSS THE
14 NATION, THESE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE DEFINED BY THEIR
15 IMMIGRATION STATUS ARE UNDER ATTACK BY A FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
16 THAT SEEMS NOT TO HAVE ANY APPRECIATION FOR THE DIGNITY AND
17 HUMANITY OF OTHER HUMAN BEINGS IF THEY ARE NOT BORN IN
18 AMERICA. HOW COMPLETELY OFFENSIVE IS THAT? EACH DAY WE SEE
19 THE TREMENDOUS IMPACT THAT CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE IN TERMS OF
20 IMPROVING THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF OUR RESPECTIVE COMMUNITIES.
21 AND THESE NEIGHBORS ARE ESSENTIAL WORKERS. THEY ARE HEALTHCARE
22 WORKERS. THEY ARE CARE TAKERS. THEY ARE DELIVERING OUR FOOD
23 SERVICES, PACKAGING, AND COOKING, AND MORE. AND AS A COUNTY,
24 WE APPROPRIATELY ARE BOUND BY SHARED IDEALS, AND WE MUST SHOW
25 UP FOR THESE COMMUNITIES BECAUSE THE ULTIMATELY EFFECTIVE WAY

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1 IT CHALLENGES THOSE WHO WISH TO PERPETUATE RACISM, PERPETUATE
2 XENOPHOBIA, AND SPREAD HATE. I AM HERE TO SAY, MADAM CHAIR,
3 THAT THE EXTENSION OF THE FUND IS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY, AND WE
4 MUST CONCURRENTLY WORK TO REIMAGINE A MORE ROBUST AND
5 EFFICIENT PROGRAM THAT WILL CONTINUE TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL
6 LEGAL REPRESENTATION TO THOSE WHO ARE, IN MANY RESPECTS, THE
7 MOST VULNERABLE AMONG US. WHAT AM I SAYING, IN EFFECT, MADAM
8 CHAIR? THIS IS SIMPLY A MATTER OF JUSTICE. AND I THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SUPERVISOR
11 KUEHL?

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13 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I ALSO FAVOR THIS MOTION
14 VERY STRONGLY. I THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO UNDERSTAND,
15 ALSO, IN ADDITION TO ALL THE DISCUSSION WE'VE HAD TODAY ABOUT
16 HOW TO BRING MORE JUSTICE INTO THE ACTIONS OF THE COUNTY,
17 IMPORTANT TO REMEMBER THOSE WHO ARE BEING AFFECTED WITHOUT
18 LEGAL REPRESENTATION, THOSE WHO ARE BEING TORN APART FROM
19 THEIR FAMILIES, THOSE WHO ARE BEING PUT IN DETENTION, AND HOW
20 THE IMPACT IS SO STRONG ON SO MANY PEOPLE IN L.A. COUNTY. I AM
21 HEARING SACHI TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED TO HER FAMILY DURING
22 WORLD WAR II IN BEING JUST TORN AWAY FROM THEIR NORMAL LIVES,
23 IMPRISONED WITH NO REPRESENTATION. IT'S VERY SIMILAR THESE
24 DAYS IN TERMS OF THE RAP ON THE DOOR, AND YOU ARE GOING TO BE
25 IMPRISONED. YOU ARE GOING TO DEPORTED. YOUR FAMILY WILL BE

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1 TORN APART. NO ONE KNOWS WHERE TO TURN. THIS IS NOT THE ONLY
2 ANSWER, AND IT IS NOT COMPLETELY PERFECT, BUT WHEN A FAMILY
3 OR A PERSON IS REPRESENTED THROUGH THIS FUND, OVER HALF OF
4 THEM WILL WIN THEIR CASE. IF THEY ARE NOT REPRESENTED, LESS
5 THAN 5 PERCENT. SO IT REALLY IS A MATTER OF STANDING UP FOR
6 EACH OTHER AND MAKING THIS WORK. SO THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO
7 HAVE MADE THE PROGRAM WORK SO HARD. I SUPPORT EXTENDING THE
8 PILOT ANOTHER YEAR, AND THANK YOU VERY, VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR
9 SOLIS, AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. THANK
10 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. OKAY, NOW WE WILL ASK JOE NIKITA,
13 DIRECTOR OF D.C.B.A., AND RIGO REYES, OF O.I.A. TO PROVIDE A
14 BRIEF OVERVIEW OF THE FUND IN PHASE TWO. ARE YOU ONLINE? JOE?

15

16 **JOE NIKITA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISOR SOLIS. JOE NIKITA HERE,
17 DIRECTOR OF CONSUMER AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, INCLUDING RIGO
18 REYES, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS.
19 I JUST WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR
20 BRINGING THIS MOTION. THE JUSTICE FUND IS FUNDAMENTALLY A
21 PROGRAM DESIGNED TO COMBAT SUBSTANTIAL AND DISTRESSING
22 INEQUITIES IN THE IMMIGRATION SYSTEM. IT'S A SYSTEM IN WHICH
23 IMMIGRANTS CAN BE REMOVED FROM THEIR HOMES, APPEAR BEFORE A
24 JUDGE, AND BE DEPORTED ALL WITHOUT LEGAL REPRESENTATION. AND
25 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU MENTIONED SOME OF THESE STATISTICS. BUT

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1 SINCE EARLY 2018, JUSTICE FUND LAWYERS HAVE SCREENED OVER 1700
2 IMMIGRANTS AT SOME STAGE OF DEPORTATION, REPRESENTED NEARLY
3 550 OF THESE VULNERABLE CLIENTS, AND THEY'VE SECURED THE
4 RELEASE OF 49 PERCENT OF -- CLIENTS. IT IS ALSO INTERESTING TO
5 NOTE THAT ON AVERAGE, THE CLIENTS REPRESENTED BY JUSTICE FUND
6 LAWYERS HAVE BEEN LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES FOR 14 YEARS.
7 THEY'VE HAD DEEP TIES TO THEIR COMMUNITIES, AND 1/3 OF
8 REPRESENTED CLIENTS ARE UNACCOMPANIED MINORS, AND ABOUT HALF
9 OF ADULT CLIENTS HAVE CHILDREN IN THE UNITED STATES, THE VAST
10 MAJORITY OF WHOM ARE U.S. CITIZENS. AND SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU
11 ALSO MENTIONED THIS IN A STATISTIC, AND I THINK IT'S PERHAPS
12 THE MOST STRIKING, WHICH IS THAT 62 PERCENT OF JUSTICE FUND
13 REPRESENTED CLIENTS WERE ABLE TO REMAIN IN THE UNITED STATES
14 WITH THEIR FAMILIES. THIS COMPARES TO LESS THAN 5 PERCENT
15 NATIONWIDE FOR IMMIGRANTS WITHOUT AN ATTORNEY. AND THAT'S
16 REALLY THE PURPOSE OF THE JUSTICE FUND RIGHT THERE. THE
17 PRESIDENT DOESN'T ENDORSE ONE OUTCOME OVER ANOTHER IN A
18 PARTICULAR CASE, RATHER IT DEMONSTRATES THAT IMMIGRANTS WITH
19 AN ATTORNEY ARE FAR MORE LIKELY TO ASSERT THEIR RIGHTS
20 EFFECTIVELY AND RECEIVE DUE PROCESS THAN THOSE WHO ARE
21 UNREPRESENTED. SO THANK YOU AGAIN, SUPERVISORS. I WILL TURN
22 NOW IT OVER TO RIGO REYAS, WHOSE HARD WORK IS FUNDAMENTAL TO
23 THE JUSTICE FUND. AND RIGO WILL DISCUSS THE NEXT STEPS
24 PRESENTED IN THE MOTION FOR THE DAY.

25

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1 **RIGO REYES:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR HAHN,
2 FOR BRINGING THIS MOTION. MY NAME IS RIGO REYES, AND I AM THE
3 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE COUNTY OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS.
4 TO MOVE FORWARD, THE OFFICE OF IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS WILL CREATE A
5 PROPOSED PROGRAM FOR YOUR BOARD'S CONSIDERATION TO PROVIDE
6 IMMIGRATION LEGAL REPRESENTATION, CASE MANAGEMENT, AND WRAP
7 AROUND SERVICES IN A CULTURALLY, LINGUISTICALLY, AND
8 IMMIGRATION COMPETENT MANNER. AN IMMEDIATE NEXT STEP, WE WILL
9 WORK WITH OUR PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS TO RETAIN A CONSULTANT,
10 DESIGN A PROGRAMMATIC MODEL FOR THE FUTURE OF THE JUSTICE
11 FUND. THE GOAL OF THE JUSTICE FUND MODEL WILL BE FOR A
12 SUSTAINABLE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE CRITICAL LEGAL AND WRAP AROUND
13 SERVICES FOR IMMIGRANTS OVER THE COMING YEARS. WE WILL
14 DEVELOP THIS MODEL IN PARTNERSHIP WITH EXISTING JUSTICE FUND
15 GRANTEES, GOVERNMENT AGENCIES, PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS, AND
16 OTHER STAKEHOLDERS. AND WE WILL REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN
17 180 DAYS, AND WE WILL WORK WITH THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE ON FUNDING
18 THE NEEDS AS PART OF THE SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET PHASE. THANK YOU
19 AGAIN FOR THE SUPPORT YOU PROVIDE OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES.
20 WE DO APPRECIATE IT.

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU FOR THE PRESENTATION, TO BOTH OF YOU FOR
23 YOUR HARD WORK ON THIS, AND TO THE PROVIDERS AND ALL OF OUR
24 PARTNERS IN THIS. IS THERE ANYONE ELSE THAT WOULD LIKE TO
25 SPEAK? IF NOT --

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2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** YEAH, I DON'T SEE ANY OTHER SUPERVISORS.
3 SO IF YOU WANT TO GIVE A SUMMARY, AND THEN WE WILL CALL FOR
4 THE VOTE.

5

6 **SUP. SOLIS:** I'M FINE. I REALLY JUST WANT TO COMMEND EVERYONE
7 FOR WORKING WITH US, INCLUDING THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES, AS
8 WELL AS ALL OF OUR PARTNERS, CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY FOUNDATION,
9 AND ALL I ASK IS YOUR AYE VOTE ON THE MATTER. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD
12 YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

13

14 **MS. LINGAT:** THANK YOU, ITEM 20 IS BEFORE YOU, SUPERVISOR
15 SOLIS?

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

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19 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

22

23 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

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2 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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4 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

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6 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** NO.

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10 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. MOTION PASSES, 4-1.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NOW WE WILL MOVE ON TO ITEM

13 51B, REVIEW AN ANALYSIS OF PROPOSED COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT IN

14 HOUSING STABILIZATION CHARTER AMENDMENT. IT WAS HELD BY

15 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, BUT CAN WE PLEASE, BEFORE WE SPEAK

16 ON THIS, CAN WE TAKE A ROLL CALL TO HEAR THE REPORT? MADAM

17 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, WOULD YOU PLEASE CALL THE ROLL TO HEAR THE

18 REPORT.

19

20 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

21

22 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE.

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

2

3 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

4

5 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

8

9 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

12

13 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

16

17 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE.

18

19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,

20 IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK, AND THEN WE WILL HEAR FROM SACHI

21 HAMAI AND MARY WICKHAM.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I THINK THE MOTION

24 IS RATHER EXPLICIT, AND THE DIRECTIVES SEEK TO CALL FORTH

25 INFORMATION FROM THE C.E.O. AND THE COUNTY COUNSEL, AND IT

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1 WOULD BE USEFUL TO HEAR THEIR PRESENTATIONS, AND IT IS FINE IF
2 WE PROCEED FROM THERE, MADAM CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, LET'S BEGIN WITH SACHI HAMAI,
5 OUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER.

6

7 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR AND MEMBERS FOR
8 THE BOARD TO PROVIDE CONTEXT FOR THIS MOTION THAT IS BEFORE
9 YOU TODAY. GIVEN THE SHORT NOTICE, I WILL TRY TO AND BE AS
10 COMPREHENSIVE AS POSSIBLE, BUT MY COMMENTS WILL WALK THROUGH
11 THE COUNTY'S LOCALLY GENERATED UNRESTRICTED REVENUES, ALSO
12 KNOWN AS NET COUNTY COSTS, OR N.C.C., FOR FISCAL YEAR '20-'21.
13 AND JUST TO GIVE THE BOARD SOME CONTEXT OF HOW THIS MOTION
14 COULD IMPACT THE FUTURE BUDGETS AS WELL AS PUTTING OTHER
15 CONSIDERATIONS BEFORE YOUR BOARD FOR DELIBERATIONS. ALTHOUGH
16 THE COUNTY HAD A \$35 BILLION BUDGET, PEOPLE ARE OFTEN
17 SURPRISED TO LEARN THAT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE
18 BUDGET IS COMPRISED OF RESTRICTED FUNDS FROM FEDERAL, STATE,
19 AND OTHER SOURCES REQUIRING THE COUNTY TO ADMINISTER THE FUNDS
20 IN PRESCRIBED WAYS. A SMALLER PORTION OF OUR BUDGET,
21 APPROXIMATELY \$8.8 BILLION, IS LOCALLY GENERATED. LET ME JUST
22 EXPLAIN. LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUE MAINLY COMES FROM PROPERTY
23 TAXES, ROUGHLY ABOUT 72 PERCENT OF IT, BUT THERE'S ALSO B.L.F.
24 VEHICLE LICENSING FEES, USER UTILITY TAXES, SALES TAXES, AMONG
25 OTHER THINGS THAT ALSO COMPRISE THE LOCALLY GENERATED

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1 REVENUES. ABOUT \$3.6 BILLION OF THE \$8.8 BILLION IS
2 STATUTORILY PRESCRIBED FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE EFFORT
3 REQUIREMENTS FOR HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES,
4 PUBLIC SAFETY, AND TRIAL COURT PROGRAMS. THIS AMOUNT ALSO
5 FUNDS INDIGENT DEFENSE, GENERAL RELIEF, JUDGMENT AND DAMAGES,
6 AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO LOCAL MUSEUMS AND OTHER
7 ARTISTIC VENUES SUCH AS THE HOLLYWOOD BOWL. ABOUT \$1.6 IS ONE
8 TIME FUNDING, FUNDING THAT CANNOT BE USED FOR ONGOING PROGRAM
9 COSTS. LEAVING APPROXIMATELY 3.6 BILLION IN ONGOING
10 UNRESTRICTED REVENUE.FROM ITS INCEPTION, THIS BOARD
11 ESTABLISHES A COMPLEX POLICY AGENDA AIMED AT ADDRESSING SOME
12 OF SOCIETY'S INTRACTABLE PROBLEMS, FOR EXAMPLE, HOMELESSNESS,
13 CARE FIRST/JAIL LAST, CHILD PROTECTION, HEALTHCARE REFORM,
14 JUST TO NAME A FEW. THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SEEK
15 ADDITIONAL FUNDING TO FUND SUCH PRIORITIES. THIS BOARD DID SO
16 SUCCESSFULLY, AND THE BEST EXAMPLE OF THAT IS MEASURE H. WHEN
17 THERE WAS AN OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE FUNDING TO SPECIFIC
18 POLICY INITIATIVES, THIS BOARD DID SO. AN EXAMPLE OF THAT IS
19 WHERE YOUR BOARD DEDICATED 50 PERCENT OF A.B.109 FUNDING TO
20 THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY, ALSO FUNDING -- DROP IN
21 AUDIO -- PROGRAMS. THIS MOTION IS AMBITIOUS AND SPEAKS TO THE
22 NEED OF COUNTY RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES ON MULTIPLE LEVELS.
23 FIRST, IT REQUESTS NEEDED AND INCREASED INVESTMENTS IN UNDER
24 INVESTED COMMUNITIES AND DISENFRANCHISED POPULATIONS. NEXT, IT
25 SIGNALS THAT THE BOARD HAS NOT TURNED A BLIND EYE TO THE LONG

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1 STANDING INEQUITIES HIGHLIGHTED BY THE COVID-19 DISEASE AND
2 SYSTEMATIC ISSUES SURFACED BY THE DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD. AND
3 FINALLY, IT COMMUNICATES THE BOARD'S STRONG DESIRE TO ALIGN
4 THE COUNTY'S BUDGET PRIORITIES IN WAYS THAT MAKE INVESTMENTS
5 THAT TRANSFORM LIVES AND SUPPORT VIBRANT AND RESILIENT
6 COMMUNITIES. THE COUNTY'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER IS CHARGED
7 WITH MANAGING THE COUNTY'S BUDGET AND MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS
8 TO THE BOARD, ALONG WITH PROVIDING INFORMATION TO THE BOARD TO
9 ASSIST THE BOARD IN MAKING KEY BUDGETARY POLICY DECISIONS. THE
10 OBSERVATIONS I MAKE TODAY ARE RELATED SOLELY TO THE BUDGET
11 IMPLICATIONS OF THE MOTION, RATHER THAN SUBSTANTIVE POLICIES
12 THE BOARD SEEKS TO ADVANCE. I WANT FIRST TO START WITH A BASIC
13 NOTION. THE MOTION SEEKS TO DO LEGISLATIVELY WHAT THE BOARD
14 HAS IN ITS POWER TO DO BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD. A
15 BALLOT INITIATIVE IS NOT NEEDED TO AFFECT THE BUDGETARY CHANGE
16 UNDER CONSIDERATION. AS POINTED OUT AT THE OUTSET OF MY
17 COMMENTS, THIS BOARD HAD DEDICATED FUNDING STREAMS WHEN
18 DESIRED AND CREATED NEW BUDGET UNITS WITHIN THE GENERAL FUND
19 FOR PROGRAMS SUCH AS THE DIVERSION AND REENTRY, OFFICE OF
20 DIVERSION AND REENTRY, AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND ECONOMIC
21 DEVELOPMENT. NEXT, BASIC BUDGETARY POLICY ENCOURAGES MAXIMUM
22 FLEXIBILITY AND DISCOURAGES INFLEXIBILITY. IN THIS CASE,
23 MODIFYING THE CHARTER TO REQUIRE A FIXED ALLOCATION OF
24 UNRESTRICTED LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES WILL TIE THE HANDS OF
25 THE BOARD. THE EFFECTS WILL GO UNNOTICED DURING GOOD BUDGET

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1 YEARS, BUT WILL BECOME READILY APPARENT DURING ECONOMIC
2 DOWNTURNS WHEN MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY IS THE SINGLE MOST HELPFUL
3 TOOL TO DEVELOP A SOUND BUDGET. I NEED TO POINT OUT THAT
4 DURING THIS PANDEMIC, WE NEEDED THIS FLEXIBILITY TO CLOSE
5 FISCAL YEAR '19-'20 WITHOUT ANY LAYOFFS, AND WE CONTINUE TO
6 NEED THE FLEXIBILITY TO COVER OUR SERVICES WHILE TRYING TO
7 PRESERVE ALL JOBS FOR FISCAL YEAR '20-'21. LOSS OF FLEXIBILITY
8 WILL LIKELY LIMIT THE BOARD'S ABILITY TO ADDRESS OTHER
9 IMPORTANT COMPONENTS OF THE BOARD'S POLICY AGENDA IN THE
10 FUTURE TO COVER AREAS SUCH AS PREVENTION AND OTHER EMERGENT
11 ISSUES. ISSUES THAT WE ARE UNAWARE OF TODAY. THIS LEGISLATIVE
12 ALLOCATION WOULD LIKELY REQUIRE CURTAILMENTS AND POTENTIALLY
13 CUTS TO GENERAL GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS STARTING IN
14 FISCAL YEAR '21-'22 UNLESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN
15 UNRESTRICTED LOCALLY GENERATED REVENUES. THIS IS UNLIKELY TO
16 HAPPEN, SINCE MANY OF THE FORECASTS REFLECT A DEPRESSED
17 ECONOMY THROUGH FISCAL YEAR '21-'22. ACCUMULATING LABOR AND
18 RETIREMENT COST INCREASES SCHEDULED FOR FISCAL YEAR '21-'22
19 WOULD MAKE CUTS EVEN MORE DRAMATIC. NOTWITHSTANDING THE
20 ECONOMIC CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS FIXED ALLOCATION WOULD STILL
21 DRIVE CURTAILMENTS AND LAYOFFS, UNLESS AND UNTIL THERE WAS
22 SUBSTANTIAL INCREASE IN UNRESTRICTED ONGOING LOCALLY GENERATED
23 REVENUE. THE COUNTY PROVIDES SIGNIFICANT PUBLIC SERVICES, YET
24 OUR INDEPENDENT LEGAL ABILITY TO RAISE REVENUES IS MODEST AND
25 LIMITED BY STATE LAW. GIVEN THE LIMITED ABILITY TO RAISE

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1 REVENUES, THE COUNTY'S GROWTH PROSPECTS FOR REVENUE AND OUR
2 ABILITY TO MANAGE EXPENSES AND MAINTAIN FINANCIAL AND
3 BUDGETARY FLEXIBILITY ASSUMES GREATER SIGNIFICANCE,
4 PARTICULARLY DURING PERIODS OF ECONOMIC DOWN TURNS. THESE ARE
5 IMPORTANT FACTORS CONSIDERED BY THE BOND RATING AGENCIES WE
6 MEET WITH EACH YEAR. FINALLY, BUDGETING THIS WAY ESTABLISHES A
7 PERILOUS PRECEDENT FOR THE COUNTY BUDGETING PROCESS. IF WE
8 LOOK BACK 15 YEARS AGO AND THE BOARD UTILIZED THE BALLOT
9 INITIATIVE PROCESS TO SET ITS PRIORITIES FOR FUNDING, I DON'T
10 BELIEVE TODAY'S BOARD WOULD BE SUPPORTIVE OF IT. SIMILARLY, AS
11 WE LOOK OUT 15 YEARS TO THE FUTURE, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT'S ON
12 THE HORIZON. FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, IT IS IMPORTANT TO MAINTAIN
13 THE AUTHORITY AND FLEXIBILITY OVER THE BUDGETARY PROCESS. AND
14 IT HAS BEEN KEY TO THE POSITIVE CREDIT RATINGS THAT WE HAVE
15 RECEIVED YEAR IN AND YEAR OUT FROM OUR CREDIT AGENCIES. THE
16 FOREGOING INFORMATION IS SUBMITTED FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION TO
17 IDENTIFY THE BEST PATH FORWARD TO MEET THE NEEDS OF RESIDENTS
18 AND COMMUNITIES, REFLECT THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES, AND MAINTAIN
19 RELEVANT AND SOUND BUDGETING POLICIES MOVING FORWARD. THANK
20 YOU.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. COUNTY COUNSEL, MARY WICKHAM.

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24 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. SO WHAT I'M COMFORTABLE
25 PUTTING ON THE RECORD IN PUBLIC WITH RESPECT TO LEGAL ANALYSIS

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1 IS THE FOLLOWING. LEGALLY IT'S AN OPEN QUESTION AS TO WHETHER
2 OR NOT AN AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY CHARTER TO DIRECT AT LEAST
3 10 PERCENT OF THE COUNTY BUDGET IN A PRESET MANNER WOULD
4 SURVIVE A LEGAL CHALLENGE.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS,
7 DO YOU HAVE ANY COMMENTS? WELL, I'LL ASK SOME QUESTIONS WHILE
8 WE WAIT FOR SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I'M RIGHT HERE, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I DIDN'T REALIZE MUTED. SUPERVISOR HAHN
15 HAS COAUTHORED THIS WITH ME, BUT I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY IT
16 IS OUR COLLECTIVE INTENTION TO ENSURE THAT THE COUNTY'S BUDGET
17 REFLECTS THE RANGE OF NEEDS OF OUR RESPECTIVE CONSTITUENCIES.
18 AND I THINK THOSE FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND MANY OF US WOULD
19 ARGUE HAVE FOR FAR TOO LONG FOCUSED DISPROPORTIONATELY ON
20 PUNITIVE ELEMENTS OF GOVERNING OVER PREVENTATIVE STRATEGIES
21 THAT HAVE PROVEN TO HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF
22 BETTER OUTCOMES AND MORE COST-EFFECTIVE INVESTMENTS. OUR BEST
23 EXAMPLE TO DATE IS O.D.R. AND I THINK WE LIFT THAT UP AS AN
24 EXAMPLE OF AN INVESTMENT THAT HAS BEEN VERY, VERY SMART AND
25 IMPACTFUL IN THE LIVES OF OUR RESIDENTS, SOME 5500 OF THEM

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1 WITH 3,000 MORE ELIGIBLE FOR DIVERSION. AND SO, AS I SAID IN
2 OUR EARLIER PRESENTATION, OVER THE PAST HALF DECADE, ROUGHLY,
3 THIS BOARD HAS BEEN STEADILY MARCHING IN THE DIRECTION OF
4 FINDING WAYS TO BE SMARTER ABOUT OUR INVESTMENT OF PUBLIC
5 FUNDS, MORE HUMANE IN TERMS OF OUR OUTCOMES WITH RESPECT TO
6 THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS, AND I THINK THAT'S VERY, VERY
7 IMPORTANT. THE C.E.O. HAS INDICATED THAT IT IS WITHIN THE
8 AUTHORITY OF THE BOARD ITSELF, BY THE VOTE OF A SIMPLE
9 MAJORITY, TO ALLOCATE AND DESIGNATE WHATEVER MAY BE DEEMED
10 APPROPRIATE IN TERMS OF SET ASIDES, CEILINGS, FLOORS, IN OUR
11 BUDGETING PROCESS. AND THE QUESTION THAT I WOULD PLACE BEFORE
12 COUNSEL IS WHETHER THAT POINT FROM A LEGAL PERSPECTIVE IS
13 VALIDATED IN TERMS OF THE BOARD'S AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS THIS
14 ISSUE AS AN ALTERNATIVE TO A BUDGET PLAY OR A BALLOT PLAY.
15 COULD IT THEN BE THE WORK OF THE BOARD BY THE ACT OF A SIMPLE
16 MAJORITY TO ACCOMPLISH THE SAME OBJECTIVE?

17
18 **ATTORNEY:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AS THE BOARD KNOWS, A SIMPLE
19 MAJORITY VOTE OF THE BOARD IS WHAT IS REQUIRED LEGALLY TO
20 PASS MOST BUDGET MATTERS.

21
22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IS THE STICKING POINT BINDING FUTURE
23 BOARDS, THOUGH? IS THAT THE STICKING POINT? [INAUDIBLE]

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1 **ATTORNEY:** WELL, I DON'T WANT TO GET INTO A LENGTHY PUBLIC
2 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE LEGAL ANALYSIS HERE.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** OKAY.

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6 **ATTORNEY:** I WANT TO MAINTAIN THE PRIVILEGE I SHARE WITH YOU
7 AND COMMUNICATE CONFIDENTIALLY WITH YOU.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ALL RIGHT. MADAM CHAIR, LET THE RECORD
10 REFLECT THAT THE COUNTY COUNSEL, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE
11 HISTORY OF MY BEING ON THE BOARD, HAS INVOKED THAT SHE NEEDS
12 TO PROTECT ME FROM MYSELF IN THE QUESTIONS THAT I'M POSING.
13 THANK YOU SO MUCH. MADAM CHAIR, I'LL TURN THE REPORT BACK TO
14 YOU.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK
17 THAT WE DON'T PROTECT YOU FROM YOURSELF EVERY DAY AT THIS
18 BOARD. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR HAHN.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU. AND SHE ALSO SAID IT WAS A PRIVILEGE TO
21 BE OUR LAWYER. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. SO JUST IN TERMS OF THE
22 ANALYSIS OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT, I HAVE HEARD A LOT FROM
23 SOME OF MY LABOR PARTNERS THAT IF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT
24 PASSED, IT WOULD DEFINITELY RELATE TO MORE LAYOFFS AT THE
25 COUNTY. AND I WAS WONDERING WHAT, SACHI, YOUR ASSESSMENT OF

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1 THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT WOULD BE JUST IN TERMS OF POTENTIAL
2 LAYOFFS?

3

4 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. AND I THINK THAT'S
5 REALLY A GREAT QUESTION. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE IN THIS PANDEMIC.
6 AND I CAN SPEAK JUST FIRSTHAND WITH RESPECT TO THIS CURRENT
7 FISCAL YEAR '20-'21 AND GOING TO THE OUT YEAR '21-'22. IF WE
8 DO NOT RECEIVE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL
9 GOVERNMENT, AND IF THERE WAS 10 PERCENT THAT WAS PLACED
10 AUTOMATICALLY ON OUR UNRESTRICTED FUNDS, IT WOULD BE DEEPER
11 CURTAILMENTS AND LAYOFFS TO OUR WORKFORCE. WE WOULD HAVE TO
12 SUBSTANTIALLY REDUCE SERVICES. AND I THINK THE BEST WAY TO
13 LOOK AT IT IS JUST THINKING ABOUT A PIE. WHEN YOU TAKE 10
14 PERCENT OF THAT PIE OUT OF 3.6 BILLION OR WHATEVER THE WHOLE
15 NUMBER IS, I MEAN, YOU'RE ONLY DEALING WITH 90 PERCENT OF IT.
16 AND IF REVENUES ARE NOT COMING IN AND THEY'RE DECREASING,
17 THAT 10 PERCENT IS STILL STAYING STABLE, BUT YOU'RE REDUCING
18 EVERYTHING ELSE. SO ADDITIONAL CURTAILMENTS, I THINK AT LEAST
19 AS WE LOOK TO THE NEXT -- THIS YEAR AND NEXT YEAR AND AS WE'RE
20 LOOKING TO PUT TOGETHER A SUPPLEMENTAL BUDGET, IF THAT WAS
21 ENACTED, IT CERTAINLY WOULD MEAN GREATER CURTAILMENTS. I
22 THINK, AS I INDICATED EARLIER, IN GOOD YEARS, IT'S NOT AS
23 NOTICEABLE, BUT CERTAINLY AS EVERYONE ON THIS BOARD KNOWS,
24 IT'S NOT JUST THIS PANDEMIC, BUT, YOU KNOW, THERE COULD BE A
25 POTENTIAL EARTHQUAKE. THERE COULD BE SEVERAL MAJOR FIRES. AND

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1 IT'S JUST THE FLEXIBILITY THAT GIVES THE BOARD THE ABILITY TO
2 SHIFT AND TRY AND COVER EXPENSES. AND I THINK SINCE THE
3 PANDEMIC HAS STARTED, I HAVE BEEN TALKING NOT ONLY TO THE
4 BOARD BUT TO YOUR DEPUTIES ABOUT HOW QUICKLY OUR CASH WENT
5 DOWN, HOW WE WENT FROM 1.2 BILLION, AND SUDDENLY I WAS LOOKING
6 AT 100 MILLION LEFT IN OUR BANK ACCOUNT. AND HOW WE WERE
7 TRYING TO, ON THE BACK END, TRY AND SHIFT AND MANEUVER AND
8 ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR PEOPLE ARE GETTING PAID. SO THERE'S A
9 LOT THAT GOES INTO IT. AGAIN, I JUST EXPRESS TO THIS BOARD
10 THAT FLEXIBILITY IS PROBABLY THE MOST IMPORTANT PIECE OF
11 BUDGETING.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, WHEN THE TIME PERMITS, I
14 WOULD LIKE TO POSE ANOTHER QUESTION.

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO SAY
17 SOMETHING?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DO. I THINK YOU INDICATED THAT OUR REMARKS THAT
20 WOULD RELATE TO ITEM 51C, WHICH IS THE NECESSITY FOR PUTTING
21 THIS ON THE BALLOT AT THIS TIME FOR CONSIDERATION BY THE
22 VOTERS RELATES TO ALL OF THESE QUESTIONS. I BELIEVE ASKING FOR
23 AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT ON THE BUDGET AND ON COUNTY
24 EMPLOYEES WITHOUT ASKING FOR AN ANALYSIS OF THE IMPACT ON THE
25 ENTIRE REST OF THE COUNTY, WHICH IS ACTUALLY THE PEOPLE FOR

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1 WHOM WE HAVE BEGUN TO EXPRESS UNDERSTANDING AND CONCERN AND TO
2 TRY TO SHOW UP, AS SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, SUPERVISOR SOLIS,
3 SUPERVISOR HAHN, IN ALL OF OUR MOTIONS THAT HAVE PRECEDED THIS
4 TODAY HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT HOW PROUD WE ARE OF IT. I THINK
5 THAT SACHI HAS DONE HER BEST TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, BUT IN
6 TALKING ABOUT HOW THE N.C.C. IS ALREADY TIED UP IN TERMS OF
7 WHAT WE HAVE TO DO FOR MAINTENANCE OF EFFORT TO PULL DOWN OUR
8 FEDERAL AND STATE FUNDS, HOW SOME OF THE MONEY IS ONE-TIME
9 FUNDING, SHE DID NOT MENTION THAT 42 PERCENT OF ALL OF OUR
10 N.C.C. GOES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PROSECUTION. AND SO, SHE
11 DID NOT MENTION THAT OUR PRISON POPULATION, BECAUSE OF OUR
12 ACTUALLY GOOD WORK DURING THE PANDEMIC, AND I PRAISE THE
13 SHERIFF FOR THIS. I HOPE HE DOESN'T FAINT IN HEARING ME PRAISE
14 HIM, BUT OUR POPULATION IN OUR JAILS HAS GONE FROM 17,000 TO
15 12,000. PROBATION HAS REDUCED THE INCARCERATION RATE FOR OUR
16 JUVENILES, BUT WE HAVEN'T SEEN ANY DIMINUTION OF LAW
17 ENFORCEMENT EMPLOYMENT, NONE. AND WHAT HAS HAPPENED IS MANY
18 PEOPLE HAVE COME TO US OVER THE YEARS, AND THEY'RE GRATEFUL
19 FOR WHAT WE'VE DONE WITH O.D.R. AND THEY'RE REALLY
20 ENTHUSIASTIC AND EXCITED ABOUT WHAT WE WILL DO WITH
21 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION. HOWEVER, I THINK IN WATCHING
22 WHAT HAS HAPPENED BETWEEN THE PREVIOUS PRESIDENT AND THE
23 CURRENT ADMINISTRATION HAS VERY DRAMATICALLY ILLUSTRATED TO
24 EVERYONE HOW QUICKLY THINGS ARE RIPPED AWAY, HOW MUCH ENERGY
25 CAN BE DEVOTED BY A BOARD, WHICH AS RIGHTLY POINTED OUT BY

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1 COUNSEL AS HAVING THE ABILITY TO DIRECT PRIORITIES, HOW
2 QUICKLY A BOARD CAN DO A 180. AND ALL THE PREPARATION THAT WE
3 ARE MAKING, ALL OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE THAT WE'RE GOING TO TRY
4 TO PUT IN PLACE, ALL OF THIS WHICH TAKES AN ENORMOUS LONG TIME
5 TO DEVELOP COULD BE FOR NOTHING. AND WE JUST REVERT. IT'S FINE
6 TO STUDY THE RESULTS OF RACISM. IT'S FINE TO SAY TO OURSELVES
7 WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS. AND I VERY
8 ENTHUSIASTICALLY AND EMOTIONALLY VOTED FOR THAT TODAY, BUT
9 WHAT I'M SAYING AND WHAT SO MANY OF OUR CONSTITUENTS ARE
10 SAYING IN BRINGING THIS TO US TODAY IS, IN ADDITION TO SAYING
11 YOU WANT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT, PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT
12 IT. MAKE CERTAIN THAT ALL THE THINGS THAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO
13 AND PUT IN PLACE DON'T JUST VANISH IN A PUFF OF SMOKE WHEN
14 YOU'RE ALL GONE IN A DECADE. AND THIS IS A VERY IMPORTANT
15 THING. YES, I LIKE TO HAVE THE LENS OF THIS YEAR'S BUDGET.
16 YES, I LIKE TO HAVE THE LENS OF NEXT YEAR'S BUDGET, BUT AS
17 EVERYONE HAS SAID MANY TIMES TODAY, THIS IS A MEET THE MOMENT
18 MOTION. AND I WOULD MAINTAIN THAT THE SORT OF GUESSTIMATE THAT
19 THERE WOULD BE MORE LAYOFFS IS NOT NECESSARILY SUPPORTED
20 BECAUSE IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE THAT. WHAT'S HAPPENED IS A
21 NUMBER OF OUR PROVIDERS HAVE BEEN TOLD WE CANNOT ANY LONGER
22 REALLY CONTRACT WITH YOU TO PROVIDE THESE SERVICES. WHAT ABOUT
23 THOSE LAYOFFS? AND I THINK THAT THIS IS A REQUEST TO ALLOW THE
24 VOTERS -- WE'RE NOT REALLY ENACTING THIS. THIS IS A REQUEST
25 TO ALLOW THE VOTERS TO CONSIDER THESE ISSUES AND DECIDE WHAT

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1 THEY MIGHT LIKE TO DO IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS THE KIND OF COUNTY
2 IN WHICH THEY WANT TO LIVE, IN ORDER TO MAKE THIS THE KIND OF
3 COUNTY IN WHICH THEY CAN LIVE IN. SO I WOULD ASK YOU, AS YOU
4 CONSIDER THE NEXT ITEM, WHEN WE MOVE TO 51C, TO ALLOW THIS TO
5 BE DRAFTED AND BRING BACK TO US NEXT WEEK FOR OUR
6 CONSIDERATION TO PUT ON THE BALLOT. AND I WOULD SAY, SINCE
7 THERE'S SO MUCH TALK ABOUT DEMOCRACY AND VOTING AND HOW
8 IMPORTANT IT IS, THAT WE ALLOW THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS
9 ANGELES TO SAY WHAT DIRECTION THEY WOULD REALLY LIKE US TO
10 TAKE IN CONTINUING THE KIND OF ADVANCEMENT THAT WE HAVE MADE
11 ABOUT ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, ABOUT OUR O.D.R.
12 ENTERPRISES. AND ALSO, REMEMBER, THIS IS ABOUT A VERY BROAD
13 RANGE OF SERVICES IN THE LANGUAGE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, JOB
14 TRAINING, MINORITY-OWNED BUSINESSES, RENTAL ASSISTANCE AND
15 SERVICES, HOUSING CAPITAL, RESTORATIVE JUSTICE, WHICH, YES,
16 THAT DOES INCLUDE PREVENTION, PRETRIAL NON-CUSTODY SERVICES
17 AND TREATMENT. THIS HAS TO DO WITH KEEPING PEOPLE OUT OF JAIL.
18 AND THAT'S A SAVINGS RIGHT THERE. HEALTH. WITHOUT ANY
19 DEFINITION. PUBLIC HEALTH, WITHOUT ANY DEFINITION. MENTAL
20 HEALTH. AND OUR SERVICES FOR THOSE WHO ARE WHO HAVE SUBSTANCE
21 ABUSE DISORDERS. THESE ARE VERY, VERY BROAD CATEGORIES AND
22 ONES THAT WE ARE DEVOTED TO. SO I WOULD SAY THAT, ALTHOUGH OUR
23 COUNSEL SAYS SHE'S NEVER SURE WHETHER SOMETHING WILL SURVIVE A
24 LEGAL CHALLENGE, I THINK THAT'S A GOOD THING FOR A LAWYER TO
25 SAY. BUT I'M A LAWYER, TOO, AND I CAN TELL YOU THAT NO MATTER

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1 WHAT WE EVER DO, IT'S IN DANGER OF NOT SURVIVING A LEGAL
2 CHALLENGE. WE'RE IN COURT ALL THE TIME FOR SETTLEMENTS BECAUSE
3 OF WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT HAS DONE. AND WE SPEND MILLIONS AND
4 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS IN THOSE SETTLEMENTS. SO I TRUST THAT IF
5 THERE IS A LEGAL CHALLENGE, AS THERE HAS BEEN TO EVERY DAMN
6 THING THAT WE'VE ENACTED, THAT WE WILL MEET THAT MOMENT, AS
7 WELL. SO I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE THE DEVOTION THAT
8 WE'VE SHOWN TO TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR PEOPLE AND ALLOW
9 THIS TO GO TO THE VOTERS FOR THEIR CONSIDERATION. THANK YOU,
10 MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SACHI, DID YOU WANT TO RESPOND
13 SOMETHING?

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** NO, MADAM CHAIR. JUST ONE CLARIFICATION
16 AND THEN PERHAPS I DID NOT PUT THIS FORWARD. SUPERVISOR KUEHL
17 INDICATED THAT 40 PERCENT OF THE NET COUNTY COST GOES TOWARD
18 LAW ENFORCEMENT. 40 PERCENT OF THE NET COUNTY COST GOES TO
19 SAFETY. AND INCLUDED IN SAFETY IS P.D., A.P.D., D.A.,
20 PROBATION, FIRE. IT'S ALL UNDER SAFETY UNIT. SO IT'S NOT JUST
21 LAW ENFORCEMENT. SO I JUST WANTED TO ADD THAT CLARIFICATION.
22 I'M SORRY I DIDN'T MENTION IT EARLIER.

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** COULD I DO A REAL QUICK HOUSEKEEPING THAT
2 SUPERVISOR KUEHL TOUCHED ON? WHILE WE'RE TALKING ON 51B, IT
3 DOES PERTAIN TO 51 C. SO I THOUGHT WHAT WE'D DO IS WE'D HAVE
4 THE ON 51B, WHICH OPENED UP WITH THE REPORT THAT SACHI AND RAY
5 GAVE WHICH RELATES 51C, AND THEN I WOULD LET SUPERVISOR
6 KUEHL QUEUE UP 51 C, AND THEN WE WOULD TAKE A VOTE IF THAT
7 MEETS EVERYONE'S APPROVAL.

8

9 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, I JUST WOULD LIKE TO MAKE COMMENTS ON
10 51C. I WAS ONLY MERELY ASKING A QUESTION ON THE ANALYSIS, BUT
11 I --

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I UNDERSTAND. THAT'S WHY I'M CLARIFYING
14 IT, SUPERVISOR HAHN, JUST SO I CAN QUEUE IT UP FOR EVERYBODY
15 SO THERE'S A CLARIFICATION. OBVIOUSLY, I'LL LET YOU GO BECAUSE
16 YOU'RE COAUTHOR OF THAT MOTION.

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** BUT 51 C, I WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK ON, TOO.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ON B OR C, SUPERVISOR HAHN?

21

22 **SUP. HAHN:** I ALREADY ASKED MY QUESTION ON THE ANALYSIS.

23

24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** I HAVEN'T HAD A CHANCE TO SPEAK, EITHER, MADAM
2 CHAIR.

3

4 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO WHAT WE'LL DO IS -- THIS IS SUPERVISOR
5 RIDLEY-THOMAS, THEN SUPERVISOR HAHN. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS
6 WANTS HIS. AND THEN I HAD SOME QUESTIONS TO ASK, AND I
7 WANTED TO DO HOUSEKEEPING BECAUSE SUPERVISOR KUEHL WAS SEEKING
8 CLARIFICATION IN TERMS OF HOW WE'RE GOING TO ROLL OUT 5B AND
9 C. SO SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AND THEN I'D LIKE TO ASK SOME
10 QUESTIONS, AND THEN I WILL HAND IT OVER TO YOU, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS.

12

13 **SUP. SOLIS:** OKAY.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, THANK YOU. I WANTED TO
16 POSE A QUESTION ABOUT TWO OF OUR IMPORTANT INITIATIVES, O.D.R.
17 AND ONE THAT WE ARE SEEKING TO ADVANCE, NAMELY, A.T.I. MADAM
18 C.E.O., IS THERE A WAY FOR YOU TO GIVE ANY INDICATION OF HOW
19 O.D.R. WOULD BE AFFECTED IN ANY WAY? IS IT ELIGIBLE FOR THE
20 RESOURCES AND THE SUPPORT OF THAT WHICH COME FORTH AS A RESULT
21 OF A BALLOT MEASURE IN TERMS OF THE CEILING THAT'S BEING
22 IMPOSED? IS THERE ANY WAY THAT IT WOULD BE ADVERSELY AFFECTED
23 THAT CAN BE THOUGHT OF NOW? WHAT ABOUT A.T.I.? DOES IT HAVE A
24 CLEAN AND CLEAR RUN? PART OF THE REASON FOR 51B, THE MOTION,
25 IS TO TRY TO FIGURE OUT IF WE CAN LOOK THROUGH THIS CAREFULLY

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1 IN TERMS OF VETTING BECAUSE I KNOW THAT THE INTENT WOULD NOT
2 BE TO ADVERSELY AFFECT THOSE TWO PROGRAMS AND OTHERS. IT'S NOT
3 CLEAR THAT WE WON'T. THAT'S WHY I REALLY JUST WANT TO GET SOME
4 UNDERSTANDING FOR MYSELF, FOR THE BOARD IN ITS ENTIRETY, AND
5 FOR THE PUBLIC THAT'S LISTENING, AND FOR THOSE WHO ARE
6 PROPONENTS. SO THE QUESTION IS REALLY FULL VETTING SO THAT WE
7 KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING IN THIS REGARD.

8

9 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. I THINK THE
10 BOARD IS WELL AWARE THAT BOTH OF THOSE AREAS, THE O.D.&R. AND
11 A.T.I., BOTH HAVE ATTACHED FUNDING STREAMS THAT WE'VE TAKEN UP
12 IN PRIOR BUDGET CYCLES. AND SO AS OF RIGHT NOW, ALL OF THAT
13 FUNDING IS COMING THROUGH N.C.C. AND THROUGH THE UNRESTRICTED
14 PORTIONS OF IT. I'M NOT SO CONCERNED WITH THOSE PROGRAMS. I
15 THINK, YOU KNOW, THE UNRESTRICTED REVENUE IS -- ALTHOUGH IT
16 DOESN'T SEEM LIKE A LOT, IT DOES GO FAR AND WIDE. AND IT
17 CERTAINLY ADDRESSES MANY OF THE BOARD'S PRIORITIES, SUCH AS
18 AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I THINK WHEN WE START TO LOOK AT AND YOU
19 START TALKING ABOUT HOW WE ARE HELPING THE COMMUNITY,
20 INTEGRATED CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, THAT'S THE MEDICAL
21 SERVICES THAT'S PROVIDED TO THE COUNTY JAILS, AND THAT WOULD
22 CERTAINLY BE IMPACTED BECAUSE THEY GET A LARGE CHUNK OF THE
23 FUNDS. PUBLIC HEALTH, WE WOULD CERTAINLY HAVE TO LOOK AT.
24 THERE ARE OTHER AREAS, PARTICULARLY IN D.P.S.S., D.C.F.S., WE
25 HIT MANY OF THE CENTRAL SERVICE DEPARTMENTS, SUCH AS ARTS AND

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1 CULTURE, D.C.B.A., THE C.E.O., THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE, D.H.R.
2 MANY OF THOSE ARE COMPLETELY FUNDED BY N.C.C. AND THE
3 UNRESTRICTED PORTION OF IT. SO IT WOULD TAKE MORE ANALYSIS TO
4 ACTUALLY KIND OF CONFIGURE AND DETERMINE HOW EXACTLY IT WOULD
5 IMPACT. I CAN'T SAY TODAY. AGAIN, THIS HAS HAPPENED RATHER
6 QUICKLY, BUT JUST LOOKING AT IT IN A GENERAL SENSE, I THINK IF
7 WE WERE LOOKING AT FISCAL YEAR '20-'21, WE'RE LOOKING AT
8 APPROXIMATELY 360 MILLION THAT I WOULD HAVE TO REALLOCATE. AND
9 AS YOU KNOW, WE JUST CAME OFF OF 935 MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT
10 FOR THIS CURRENT YEAR, OVER A BILLION FROM LAST YEAR THAT I'M
11 STILL TRYING TO WRESTLE WITH AND MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE MEETING
12 ALL DEMANDS. SO, AGAIN, ANOTHER 360 JUST CONTINUES TO PRESS
13 UPON THE AREAS THAT N.C.C. IS CURRENTLY FUNDING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SORRY, GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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21 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I JUST HAVE SOME QUESTIONS.

22 SACHI, CAN YOU CITE ANY RECENT EXAMPLES WHERE YOU WOULD HAVE

23 STRONGLY BENEFITED FROM MORE FLEXIBILITY AS IT RELATES TO OUR

24 BUDGET IN RECENT?

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** YEAH, AS A MATTER OF FACT ON TODAY'S
2 AGENDA, THE FLEXIBILITY WITH THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT AND ALLOCATING
3 OUT THE FUNDING. ALTHOUGH THE MONEY HAD TO BE USED FOR COVID-
4 RELATED EXPENSES, IT CERTAINLY DOES COVER A NUMBER OF AREAS
5 THAT HAVE BEEN IMPACTED BY THE PANDEMIC, BUT GIVEN THAT
6 FLEXIBILITY, WE WERE ABLE TO ASSIST IN MANY OF THE HOUSING
7 ISSUES, WHETHER IT WAS FROM HOMELESSNESS OR THE ECONOMIC AREAS
8 THAT PEOPLE ARE BEING HIT BY. IT ALSO TOUCHED ON TESTING AND
9 CONTACT TRACING AND FOOD INSECURITY. THERE'S SO MANY DIFFERENT
10 AREAS, CHILDCARE SERVICES, THAT WE WERE GIVEN THE ABILITY TO
11 HAVE THAT FLEXIBILITY AND REALLY PUT THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS
12 FORWARD TO YOUR BOARD TO APPROVE TODAY. I THINK THAT'S ONE OF
13 THE BEST EXAMPLES.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AND THEN DOES THE EXISTING
16 COUNTY FISCAL POLICY AUTHORIZE THE BOARD TO PERMANENTLY COMMIT
17 ANY ANY PORTION OF THE GENERAL FUND THAT CANNOT BE CHANGED BY
18 SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD?

19

20 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** NO, IT DOES NOT, NOT THAT I'M AWARE OF.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** DOES THE EXISTING COUNTY FISCAL POLICY
23 ALLOW TO DEVOTE GENERAL FUND DOLLARS TO PROGRAMS?

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** NO. THE ONLY THING THAT WE HAVE TO DO BY
2 STATE LAW IS TO ENSURE THAT WE HAVE THE HEARINGS FOR THE
3 PEOPLE TO SPEAK AT. AND WE DO THAT BOTH BY ALL OF THE CLUSTER
4 MEETINGS AS WELL AS WHEN THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS COME BEFORE
5 YOUR BOARD, WE DO OPEN IT UP FOR PUBLIC HEARING.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, I GUESS, WOULD YOU SAY THAT MAXIMUM
8 FISCAL FLEXIBILITY SHOULD BE OUR PREFERRED OPTION?

9

10 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** BASED ON YOUR EXPERIENCE AS A C.E.O., AND
13 PRIOR TO THAT, WORKING IN THE DEPARTMENTS.

14

15 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** AND I WOULD SAY THAT, YOU KNOW, TRULY
16 GOING THROUGH THIS PANDEMIC, I THINK WHEN WE PUT THE FINAL
17 BUDGET FORWARD, I HAD INDICATED THAT I HAVE GONE THROUGH, IN
18 MY CAREER HERE, SEVERAL OTHER DOWNTURNS WITH THE ECONOMY,
19 CERTAINLY NOT IN THIS POSITION, BUT GOING THROUGH THIS
20 PANDEMIC AND TRYING TO ENSURE THAT WE ARE MEETING THE NEEDS
21 AND SERVICES TO ADDRESS THE PANDEMIC AS WELL AS KEEP OUR
22 CONTINUED SERVICES MOVING FORWARD AND ENSURE THAT ALL OF OUR
23 EMPLOYEES REMAIN EMPLOYED CERTAINLY HAS BEEN A TASK IN ITSELF.
24 AND HAVING THAT FLEXIBILITY HAS REALLY RESULTED IN, I THINK,
25 WHAT I WOULD SAY, YOU KNOW, A POSITIVE RESULT. AND WE STILL

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1 HAVE TO GET THROUGH SUPPLEMENTAL. AND I'M THANKFUL FOR THE
2 FLEXIBILITY. I THINK, AS THIS BOARD RECOGNIZES, THAT THERE'S
3 PROBABLY BEEN, I DON'T KNOW, 10, 20 MOTIONS ABOUT TRYING TO
4 LOOK AT RESTORING DIFFERENT AREAS. WITHOUT THE FLEXIBILITY, I
5 THINK IT MAKES IT MORE DIFFICULT. I CAN'T GUARANTEE ANYTHING
6 UNTIL WE SEE WHAT HAPPENS AGAIN WITH BOTH THE STATE AS WELL AS
7 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND ALSO HOW WE CLOSE THE FINAL BOOKS,
8 BUT WE'RE TRYING TO MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT THE
9 BOARD'S PRIORITIES ARE MET. AND GIVING US THE FLEXIBILITY TO
10 DO THAT IS CERTAINLY KEY IN HAVING THE PARTNERSHIP AND THE
11 RELATIONSHIP WITH THE BOARD.

12

13 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO, THANK YOU, SACHI. AND THEN TO COUNTY
14 COUNSEL, IS TODAY'S ACTION, WHICH COULD POTENTIALLY DICTATE
15 THE TYPES OF PROGRAMS THAT FUTURE BOARDS MUST EXPEND GENERAL
16 FUNDS AND EXPRESSLY DENY ACCESS BY SPECIFIC DEPARTMENTS
17 VIOLATE ANY LOCAL OR STATE LAW?

18

19 **ATTORNEY:** THAT WOULD BE THE QUESTION. THAT'S AN OPEN QUESTION.
20 AT ISSUE IS THE COUNTY BUDGET ACT AND WHETHER -- IN THE COUNTY
21 BUDGET ACT, TO THE EXTENT IT MANDATES A PROCESS, AND TO THE
22 EXTENT THIS MOTION WOULD DEVIATE FROM THAT PROCESS, THE ISSUE
23 IS, YOU KNOW, IS THAT LEGAL?

24

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SO IF THIS WERE PLACED ON THE BALLOT AND
2 THE VOTERS APPROVED IT, WHAT WOULD IT TAKE FOR FUTURE BOARDS
3 TO UNDO THAT ACTION?

4

5 **ATTORNEY:** PROBABLY A SIMILAR SCENARIO.

6

7 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OKAY. YOU KNOW, I GUESS I LISTEN, AND I
8 HEAR LOUD AND CLEAR. AND THIS IS NOT ABOUT THE CONTENT OF WHAT
9 EXACTLY WE'RE REDIRECTING THE MONEY TO. I MEAN, I AM
10 FRUSTRATED THAT THE UNITED WAY, OF WHICH OUR OWN C.E.O. SITS
11 ON THE BOARD, WE HAD NO KNOWLEDGE OF THIS. IT CAME OUT OF NO
12 WHERE. AND UNITED WAY DECIDED TO DO A POLL TO FIND OUT ABOUT
13 DEFUNDING LAW ENFORCEMENT IN THE DEAD OF NIGHT AND TOOK A POLL
14 THAT, QUITE FRANKLY, I HAVEN'T SEEN THE QUESTIONS TO. YOU
15 HEARD THE SHERIFF TALK ABOUT A PEW POLL THAT ACTUALLY
16 CONTRADICTED WHAT THE UNITED WAY'S POLL SHOWED. I'M JUST
17 FRUSTRATED. AND I TAKE HEART IN WHAT THE L.A. TIMES PUT IN
18 THEIR EDITORIAL ABOUT BALLOT BOX BUDGETING OF THE SORT THE
19 SUPERVISORS' PROPOSED IS A BAD IDEA AND A POOR SUBSTITUTED FOR
20 CAREFUL STUDY, DELIBERATIONS AND DECISION-MAKING. WE WERE
21 VOTED INTO OFFICE TO MAKE THESE DECISIONS. IF THAT BE THE
22 CASE, THEN WE SHOULD PUT A CHARTER ON REGARDING REBUILDING THE
23 JAIL. WE SHOULD PUT A CHARTER ON REGARDING ALL THE
24 DISCRETIONARY FUNDS THAT ARE BEING SPENT ON THINGS THAT ARE
25 NOT OF COUNTY CHARGE BUT WE TAKE IT UPON OURSELVES TO ALLOCATE

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1 TOWARD. AND I THINK WHAT FRUSTRATES ME THE MOST IS THAT WHEN
2 YOU LOOK AT WHAT THIS BOARD HAS DONE, AND I THINK SUPERVISOR
3 RIDLEY-THOMAS SAID IT A COUPLE WEEKS AGO, IN TERMS OF WE'VE
4 ALREADY MOVED, LONG BEFORE THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ACROSS THIS
5 NATION TO PUT -- TO INVEST IN DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND CARE
6 FIRST, WE AS A BOARD COLLECTIVELY HAD BEGUN INVESTING IN THAT
7 YEARS AGO, EVEN ACTUALLY BEFORE I WAS ELECTED. AND CURRENTLY
8 THERE ARE TENS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS OF OUR EXISTING NET
9 COUNTY COSTS, WHICH ARE ALLOCATED TO MANY OF THE VERY PROGRAMS
10 THAT THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT SEEKS TO FUND, INCLUDING OVER 50
11 MILLION TO THE OFFICE OF DIVERSION AND REENTRY AND OVER 100
12 MILLION FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IN ADDITION, THIS BOARD HAS
13 ENJOYED THE FLEXIBILITY IN THE GENERAL FUND BY FUNDING MANY
14 CAPITAL PROJECTS, INCLUDING THE VERMONT CORRIDOR AND THE L.A.
15 COUNTY U.S.C. RECUPERATIVE CARE VILLAGE. WE'VE ALSO BEEN ABLE
16 TO FUND COUNTY PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY INITIATIVES SUCH AS THE
17 CREATION OF ARTS AND CULTURE DEPARTMENT, THE DEVELOPMENT OF
18 THE BRINGING OUR LOVED ONES HOME PROJECT TO PROVIDE TRACKING
19 DEVICES FOR THOSE SUFFERING FROM ALZHEIMER'S AND DEMENTIA. WE
20 FUNDED THE WOMEN AND GIRLS INITIATIVE AND THE OPERATIONS OF
21 OUR AQUATICS CENTERS, PARKS AFTER DARK, PROGRAMS AND MANY
22 OTHER QUALITY OF LIFE PROGRAMS IN EACH OF OUR RESPECTIVE
23 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS. AS WE CONSIDER OUR COUNTY BUDGET AS A
24 WHOLE, THE MAJORITY OF OUR FUNDS GO TOWARD HEALTH AND SOCIAL
25 SERVICE PROGRAMS. NEARLY THREE QUARTERS OF THE COUNTY'S BUDGET

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1 IS ALLOCATED THAT AUTOMATICALLY. RIGHT NOW, MORE THAN HALF OF
2 OUR OVERALL BUDGET IS ALLOCATED FOR JUST THE THINGS THAT WE
3 ARE TALKING ABOUT TODAY. ONLY ONE QUARTER OF OUR BUDGET IS
4 ALLOCATED FOR LAW AND JUSTICE PROGRAMS. AND, SACHI CLARIFIED
5 EXACTLY WHAT THAT INCLUDES. THAT INCLUDES THE PUBLIC DEFENDER.
6 THAT INCLUDES THE D.A. THAT INCLUDES FIRE. IT'S NOT JUST ABOUT
7 THE SHERIFF. OR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE ALSO ALLOCATED
8 FOR REGIONAL PLANNING AND CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES. WE ALSO HAVE
9 SIGNIFICANTLY CHANGED THE WAY WE ALLOCATE PROBATION'S
10 J.J.C.P.A. FUNDS TO BE MORE INCLUSIVE OF COMMUNITY-BASED
11 DIVERSION PROGRAMS. AGAIN, SOMETHING WE DON'T NEED A CHARTER
12 TO TELL US HOW TO DO IT. WE ARE DOING IT. THE STATE IS
13 CONSIDERING MORE CHANGES TO THE J.J.C.P.A. THAT WOULD
14 SIGNIFICANTLY INVEST IN COMMUNITY-BASED PROGRAMS WITH ONLY A
15 VERY SMALL PORTION FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT. BASED ON RECENT
16 MOTIONS THROUGHOUT THIS BOARD, THE COUNTY IS UNDERGOING A
17 REVIEW AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT OF OUR A.B.109 FUNDS FOR POTENTIAL
18 CHANGE IN HOW THOSE FUNDS ARE TO BE ALLOCATED. THESE CHANGES
19 ARE PART OF A MORE THOUGHTFUL PROCESS THAT INCLUDES CRITICAL
20 STAKEHOLDER INPUT AND ENGAGEMENT AND THE ANALYSIS OF BUDGETARY
21 EXPERTS. THERE ARE ALSO POLICY DECISIONS THAT WILL REQUIRE A
22 SIMPLE MAJORITY OF THE BOARD. I BELIEVE WE HAVE MOVED IN THAT
23 DIRECTION. THE VOTERS VOTED US INTO OFFICE. AND BY DOING SO,
24 THEY'VE PUT CONFIDENCE IN OUR ABILITY TO MAKE DECISIONS BASED
25 ON WHAT WE BELIEVE IS RIGHT NOT ONLY FOR OUR RESIDENTS WITHIN

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1 OUR DISTRICT BUT ALSO FOR THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO TO PUT A
2 CHARTER AMENDMENT ON, TO ME, IS IRRESPONSIBLE AND, QUITE
3 FRANKLY, I BELIEVE THAT IT IS TAKING AWAY FROM OUR DUTY AND
4 RESPONSIBILITY AS BOARD MEMBERS. I, AGAIN, FIND IT INTERESTING
5 THAT UNITED WAY, WHO BY THE WAY IS PUTTING THEIR CHARITABLE
6 PROGRAM TOGETHER AND LOOKS TO THE COUNTY FOR SUPPORT, I HAVE
7 TO WONDER IF THEIR PROGRAM AND THE FACT THAT THIS COULD KILL
8 JOBS IN THIS COUNTY IS SOMETHING THAT THEY WOULD HAVE
9 RETHOUGHT OR WOULD HAVE EVEN BEEN MENTIONED AND BROUGHT
10 FORWARD THIS HAD THEY KNOWN THAT THEY ARE KILLING POTENTIALLY,
11 BY THE WAY, A LOT OF THE JOBS THAT ARE GOING TO BE ON THE
12 LOWER EARNING SPECTRUM IN THIS COUNTY. WE DON'T HAVE AN ANSWER
13 WHETHER IT'S A YES OR A NO BECAUSE THIS HAS NOT BEEN WELL
14 THOUGHT OUT. THIS HAS NOT BEEN VETTED. IT'S BEEN DONE THROUGH
15 THE DEAD OF NIGHT AND ACTUALLY THROUGH THE COVID CRISIS
16 WITHOUT FULL TRANSPARENT DISCUSSION AMONGST ALL CONSTITUENTS.
17 AND I JUST AM VERY, VERY FRUSTRATED AT THE WAY THAT THIS ALL
18 CAME TO BE. SO WITH THAT, SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** WELL, A LOT'S BEEN SAID. [LAUGHTER.] OH, BOY. YOU
21 KNOW, WE STARTED OUT GREAT THIS MORNING, I WILL SAY THAT. AND
22 LIKE ANY OTHER BOARD, WE HAVE OUR DISPUTES. WE HAVE OUR
23 DIFFERENCES, BUT I THINK SOMETHING THAT WAS -- THE THEME OF
24 TODAY, AT LEAST AT THE BOARD MEETING THAT I CAN TELL IS ALL US
25 HAVE BEEN MOVING IN DIRECTIONS WHERE WE KNOW THERE'S BEEN A

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1 TREMENDOUS SHIFT WITH THE COUNTY. AND THAT SHIFT STARTED WHEN
2 WE STARTED TO SEE NEW BOARD MEMBERS ELECTED TO THE COUNTY. AND
3 THAT STARTED BACK, SHEILA, YOU AND I, AND I KNOW, MARK, YOU'VE
4 BEEN HERE WORKING VERY HARD ON A LOT OF THESE ISSUES. BUT WE
5 FINALLY HAD THE, IN SPANISH WE SAY THE [SPEAKING SPANISH], THE
6 WHEREWITHAL TO START MOVING ITEMS, BUT IT WAS VERY DIFFICULT
7 BECAUSE IT'S HARD TO MOVE ESTABLISHED INDIVIDUAL DEPARTMENTS
8 THAT ARE USED TO HAVING THINGS DONE THEIR WAY. AND IT'S HARD
9 TO EVEN RECREATE OR CREATE NEW OFFICES LIKE THE OFFICE OF
10 IMMIGRANT AFFAIRS, LIKE O.D.R., LIKE ALL THESE OTHER PROGRAMS
11 THAT WE'VE INITIATED IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS. AND IT WASN'T
12 EASY. IT TOOK A LOT OF TIME. AND I GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO
13 THIS BOARD AND TO THOSE THAT DID BELIEVE IN THAT, BUT IT WAS A
14 HARD STRUGGLE. AND WE DIDN'T ALL COME UP WITH ALL OF THESE
15 IDEAS OURSELVES. IN MANY WAYS, THEY CAME FROM CONSTITUENTS
16 AND THE PUBLIC. AND THAT'S WHAT THIS DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, IN MY
17 OPINION, HAS TO BE ABOUT. A LOT OF THE OUTLINE OF THE GOALS
18 FOR THIS ORDINANCE, YES, I HAVE EMBRACED, AND I KNOW MANY OF
19 YOU ON THE BOARD HAVE EMBRACED. AND I BELIEVE A LOT OF OUR
20 PUBLIC, YOU KNOW, CONSTITUENTS -- OUR CONSTITUENTS HAVE, AS
21 WELL. BUT WHAT WE'RE SAYING IS WHILE WE'RE IN THIS MIX AND THE
22 ENVIRONMENT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING OUTSIDE OUR DOORS WHERE WE SEE
23 CIVIL UNREST BUT WE ALSO SEE RACISM AND LOOKING AT THINGS WITH
24 A BETTER EQUITY LENS. IT'S CHALLENGING US TO RESPOND TO THAT,
25 TO RESPOND TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. SO I KNOW WHY I WAS ELECTED,

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1 TO RESPOND TO THAT. AND I'M GLAD THAT TODAY WE'RE MOVING IN
2 THIS DIRECTION. WE DID THIS WITH PROPOSITION H, I MEAN
3 INITIATIVE, THE H INITIATIVE FOR HOMELESSNESS WITH UNITED
4 WAY'S HELP. BY GOLLY, YOU KNOW, EVERYBODY WAS EXCITED ABOUT
5 HAVING THEM HELPING US OUT WITH THAT. AND AS A RESULT, WE'RE
6 BRINGING IN MONEY. WE BROUGHT IN MONEY FOR THE LAST TWO YEARS,
7 AND WE'RE GOING DON'T FOR THE NEXT FEW, AT LEAST AS LONG AS
8 THAT GOES. OUR PROPOSITION, OUR MEASURE A, THE PARK MEASURE,
9 THAT WAS ADDITIONAL FUNDING THAT WE WERE ABLE TO BRING IN, BUT
10 IT WAS BECAUSE PEOPLE WERE PUSHING, PUSHING BECAUSE WE WANTED
11 TO SEE IMPROVEMENTS IN LOW INCOME AREAS THAT DIDN'T HAVE
12 ACCESS TO PARKS, TO OPEN SPACE, BUT ARE DYING OF ASTHMA AND
13 OBESITY. OKAY. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT PEOPLE FOUGHT US ON, AS
14 WELL. THE SAME THING WITH THE INITIATIVE FOR THE CIVILIAN
15 OVERSIGHT, CREATION OF THAT BODY. AND THEN SUBPOENA POWER THAT
16 ALSO WENT TO THE VOTERS. WHAT'S SO DARN FRIGHTENING ABOUT
17 HAVING THINGS GO TO THE VOTERS? THE LEGISLATURE DOES IT ALL
18 THE TIME. THERE ARE INITIATIVES THAT COME UP TO THEM ALL THE
19 TIME. IT DOESN'T MEAN YOU RELINQUISH EVERYTHING. I MEAN,
20 SOMETIMES IT IS GOOD, AND SOMETIMES YOU HAVE TO FIX IT. BUT
21 THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS, IN HEARING COUNTY COUNSEL, IF WE DO
22 HAVE TO GO BACK AND FIX SOMETHING, WE CAN DO THAT OR THE
23 FUTURE BOARDS CAN DO THAT, BUT I DON'T SEE WHY WE HAVE TO
24 IGNORE THE FACT THAT THERE ARE PEOPLE THAT WANT TO SEE US
25 CONTINUE TO MOVE IN THAT TRAJECTORY. IT DOESN'T MEAN WE'RE

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1 GOING TO UPSET JOBS, THAT WE'RE GOING TO ELIMINATE OUR RANK
2 AND FILE. I THINK IF ANYTHING, WE'RE GOING TO BE CREATING
3 JOBS, AND WE'RE GOING TO CREATE I THINK A MORE STRATEGIC FOCUS
4 IN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE DO HAVE BECAUSE WE CAN'T RELY
5 ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. I GET THAT PART, BUT I KNOW THAT WE
6 HAVE A ROGUS -- BOGUS --NOT BOGUS, I'M SORRY, ROBUST GROUP OF
7 PEOPLE THAT WORK IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES THAT CAN HELP US
8 MEET THAT AGENDA, AND THEY WANT TO HAVE THEIR VOICES ADDED TO
9 THIS DISCUSSION. AND I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU ALL WILL SEE THAT
10 OUR FRIENDS THAT HAVE COME TO PRESENT THIS TO US I THINK DID
11 IT IN A VERY CLEAR MANNER TO TRY TO SAY TO US, LOOK, THESE ARE
12 THINGS THAT WE'VE BEEN TALKING ABOUT FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS,
13 FIVE YEARS, AND FIVE THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO TAKE ACTION ON,
14 BUT IT STILL MAY NOT BE ENOUGH. BUT AT LEAST THAT SUPPORT THAT
15 WE CAN PROVIDE, EVEN IF IT'S NOT 20 PERCENT BECAUSE YOU HEARD
16 PEOPLE ON THE CALLS EARLIER TODAY WANTING US TO GO TO 20.
17 WELL, HERE WE ARE AT 10. THAT'S A COMPROMISE. EVERYTHING WE DO
18 IS A COMPROMISE. AND AS WE MOVE FORWARD, IT SHOULD BE. IT
19 SHOULD BE A COMPROMISE IN TERMS OF HOW WE DECIDE THE FUTURE OF
20 THE COUNTY. AND THAT ALSO IS PUTTING OUR FAITH IN THE PUBLIC
21 THAT DOES SUPPORT US AND VOTES FOR US AND VOTES FOR
22 INITIATIVES THAT ARE PUT FORWARD BY THE BOARD. SO I WOULD ASK
23 THAT THE BOARD REALLY CONSIDER THAT. THIS IS A REAL BIG TIME
24 OF RECKONING FOR ALL OF US. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU WANTED TO
2 SAY SOMETHING?

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4 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I DO WANT TO SAY SOMETHING. THANK YOU SO
5 MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOU WERE SO ARTICULATE
6 ABOUT SO MANY OF THE WAYS IN WHICH WE CAN SAY WHAT IS REALLY
7 GOING ON HERE. AND I THINK THAT I'D LIKE TO UNDERSCORE A FEW
8 THINGS YOU SAID AND ADD A FEW. FIRST OF ALL, WHEN YOU SAID
9 "THAT'S WHY I WAS ELECTED, TO RESPOND TO MY CONSTITUENTS," AND
10 WE DO UNDERSTAND, AS MY COLLEAGUES HAVE SAID, OUR
11 RESPONSIBILITY. BUT IN THE HIERARCHY OF RESPONSIBILITIES THAT
12 WE HAVE, IS IT BETTER TO BE ONE OF FIVE LITTLE KINGS AND
13 QUEENS TO WHOMEVER ONE COMES HAT IN HAND FOR EVERY BUDGET
14 SAYING PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE DO THE RIGHT THING AND NOT
15 KNOWING FROM YEAR-TO-YEAR WHETHER WITH THAT WILL BE THE CASE
16 OR NOT? AS SUPERVISOR SOLIS POINTED OUT, BEFORE WE WERE
17 ELECTED, I THINK I REMEMBER HEARING FROM YOU, SUPERVISOR
18 RIDLEY-THOMAS, HOW FRUSTRATING IT WAS TO HAVE THE INITIATIVES
19 THAT COULD BE UNDERTAKEN AND YEAR AFTER YEAR AFTER YEAR SEEING
20 THEM LACKING SUPPORT. I ALSO WANT TO UNDERSCORE WHAT
21 SUPERVISOR SOLIS SAID ABOUT OUR COLLEAGUES AT THE UNITED WAY.
22 AND IT WASN'T JUST UNITED WAY, OF COURSE, WHO ASKED US TO
23 CONSIDER PUTTING THIS ON THE BALLOT FOR THE VOTERS TO DECIDE.
24 IT WAS ALSO BOB ROSS, THE WHOLE TEAM THAT PUT TOGETHER THE
25 ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION, OUR JUSTICE GROUPS IN THE

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1 COUNTY WHO HAVE BEEN TOILING IN THE FIELDS FOR DECADES TO TRY
2 TO BRING SOME JUSTICE, MORE JUSTICE FOR MORE OF THE PEOPLE IN
3 THE COUNTY. I THOUGHT IT WAS INTERESTING THAT, WHEN ASKED FOR
4 AN EXAMPLE OF FLEXIBILITY, OUR C.E.O. POINTED TO THE
5 C.A.R.E.S. ACT, WHICH IS NOT FLEXIBLE AT ALL. IT SAYS YOU MUST
6 SPEND IT FOR ONLY THESE REASONS. IT SAYS YOU MUST SPEND IT ALL
7 BY THE END OF THIS YEAR. THAT'S NOT FLEXIBILITY. ALL WE GET IS
8 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, WITHIN THOSE CONSTRUCTIONS, HOW WE
9 WILL ALLOCATE A BILLION -- OVER A BILLION DOLLARS. AND WE'RE
10 DOING THAT. SO IF THAT'S FLEXIBILITY, THEN SO IS IT
11 FLEXIBILITY TO ADOPT THIS TO GO TO THE VOTERS BECAUSE, WITHIN
12 THE 10 PERCENT, WHICH IS CALLED 10 PERCENT BUT IS REALLY ABOUT
13 2 PERCENT OF THE \$35 BILLION BUDGET, 2 PERCENT, IF THAT, WE
14 WOULD STILL BE CALLED UPON TO DO OUR DUTY AND TO ALLOCATE THAT
15 MONEY AMONG THESE MANY DIFFERENT VARIETY OF COMMUNITY-SERVING
16 FUNDS. THAT'S FLEXIBILITY IN THE SAME WAY. I AM SORRY TO HAVE
17 INDICATED TOO MUCH, SACHI, IN SAYING THAT 42 PERCENT GOES TO
18 LAW ENFORCEMENT. CAN YOU TELL ME WHAT PERCENTAGE OF N.C.C.
19 GOES TO THE SHERIFF?

20

21 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SORRY, SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I HAD YOU ON
22 MUTE. THE SHERIFF HAS BOTH IN THE N.C.C. COMPONENT AND, I
23 APOLOGIZE, HANG ON ONE SECOND.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU.

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2 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** BOTH UNRESTRICTED AS WELL AS RESTRICTED
3 FUNDS, WHICH JUST MEANS THAT THERE IS MONEY COMING IN THAT IS
4 DEDICATED FOR A CERTAIN PORTION. AND I'M TRYING TO LOOK AT,
5 AND I CAN'T READ THIS, BUT IN ONE SECOND I WILL JUST -- HOLD
6 ON ONE MOMENT.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, I'M SORRY TO HAVE SURPRISED YOU BECAUSE I
9 KNOW THEY ALSO GET THE 272 MONEY, THE A.B.109 MONEY. I MEAN
10 THERE'S A LOT OF MONEY.

11

12 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I'M NOT -- I THINK, THROUGH ALL OF OUR
13 DISCUSSIONS, WE'RE TRYING TO JUST STAY WITH THE LOCALLY
14 GENERATED REVENUE, THE UNRESTRICTED DOLLARS. AND I JUST WANT
15 TO MAKE SURE THAT I ACTUALLY CITE BECAUSE THE SHERIFF RECEIVES
16 ALMOST A BILLION DOLLARS THAT'S INFLEXIBLE. AND THAT'S FOR THE
17 PORTS AND SOME OF THE OTHER M.O.U.S THAT HE'S IN PROBABLY WITH
18 CONTRACT CITIES WITH THE REVENUE. AND THEN ON THE FLIP SIDE OF
19 IT, IT'S ABOUT ANOTHER BILLION.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** BY THE FLIP SIDE, DO YOU MEAN FUNDING FOR THE
22 JAILS OR FUNDING FOR THE D.A.?

23

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1 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** NO. ON THE UNRESTRICTED SIDE OF HOW HE
2 HAS TO SPEND THE MONEY. SO THAT WOULD BE UNINCORPORATED AREA
3 PATROL.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** OKAY. WHAT IS THE TOTAL THAT THE SHERIFF RECEIVES
6 FROM N.C.C.?

7

8 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO THE TOTAL FOR N.C.C. IS PROBABLY ABOUT
9 -- JUST A LITTLE OVER \$2 BILLION, BUT WHAT I'M TRYING TO SAY
10 IS N.C.C., HALF OF THAT OR A LITTLE MORE THAN HALF OF THAT IS
11 RESTRICTED. HE'S RECEIVING, IF HE DID A PERCENTAGE OF THE
12 UNRESTRICTED MONEY, HE'S PROBABLY DOWN IN THE 20 PERCENT
13 RANGE. I DON'T HAVE THAT CALCULATION RIGHT NOW.

14

15 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES, BUT YOU'RE TALKING UNRESTRICTED, BUT
16 RESTRICTED MONEY STILL GOES TO LAW ENFORCEMENT, IS THAT
17 CORRECT?

18

19 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** IT GOES TOWARD PORT SERVICES THAT WERE IN
20 A MANDATED M.O.U. WITH THE STATE.

21

22 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES.

23

24 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** SO THAT MONEY THAT COMES IN MUST BE PAID
25 OUT. I MEAN, IT DOES PAY FOR THE SERVICES THAT ARE PROVIDED,

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1 BUT THAT'S, I MEAN, WE'RE IN THAT. I DON'T KNOW HOW EXACTLY WE
2 GET OUT OF THAT WITH THE PORTS.

3

4 **SUP. KUEHL:** I DO UNDERSTAND. WE'RE NOT SAYING WE NEED TO GET
5 OUT OF IT. WE'RE GIVING THE VOTERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO SAY, OUT
6 OF ALL OF THE \$35 BILLION THAT THE COUNTY SPENDS, ABOUT 2
7 PERCENT, AND THAT WOULD BE 10 PERCENT OF OUR N.C.C., WOULD BE
8 ABLE TO BE SPENT BE FLEXIBLY, I WOULD SAY, BY THE SUPERVISORS
9 DECIDING WHICH PROGRAMS GET WHICH MONEY IN A WIDE VARIETY OF
10 COMMUNITY-SERVING AREAS. I ALSO THINK THAT SORT OF
11 INFLAMMATORY STATEMENTS ABOUT HOW PEOPLE WILL DEFINITELY BE
12 LAID OFF IF WE DO THIS ARE COMPLETELY UNSUPPORTABLE,
13 COMPLETELY UNSUPPORTABLE. AND I KNOW THAT THOSE WHO ARE
14 MEMBERS OF OUR UNIONS, WHOM WE VALUE, ARE FRIGHTENED. AND
15 THEY'RE FRIGHTENED NOW, ANYWAY, BECAUSE THEY WORRY ABOUT THE
16 RESULT OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THE CURRENT BUDGET, BUT WE
17 HAVE HIGH COSTS FOR HEALTHCARE SERVICES IN THE JAILS. AND IF
18 WE HAD FEWER PEOPLE IN THE JAILS, WE COULD ALLOCATE THOSE
19 HEALTHCARE MONIES TO COMMUNITIES, COULD WE NOT? I MEAN, I
20 THINK THAT THIS IS THE RIGHT MOMENT FOR US TO DECIDE THAT WE
21 NEED TO PROTECT THE KINDS OF PROGRAMS AND PRIORITIES THAT WE
22 HAVE ELECTED, AND THAT ALL FIVE OF US HAVE PRAISED OURSELVES
23 FOR TODAY, THAT WE HAVE ELECTED TO ADOPT. WE DON'T NEED TO SAY
24 THAT, YOU KNOW, OUR POOR FRIENDS AT THE UNITED WAY DID
25 SOMETHING IN THE MIDDLE OF THE NIGHT OR THE DARK OF NIGHT.

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1 THESE ISSUES HAVE BEEN IN FRONT OF US FOR, YOU KNOW, SINCE
2 I'VE BEEN HERE. AND I THINK THAT IT'S A TIME FOR ALL OF US TO
3 PULL TOGETHER AND REALLY TO TRY TO ALLOW THE VOTERS TO HAVE
4 SOME VOICE IN THIS SMALL, SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE COUNTY'S
5 BUDGET. AND I HOPE WHEN WE GET TO 51C THAT YOU WILL CONSIDER A
6 FAVORABLE VOTE. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SACHI, CAN YOU JUST CLARIFY?
9 YOU SIT ON THE BOARD OF UNITED WAY. SO WHEN I TALK ABOUT THE
10 DEAD OF NIGHT, WE FOUND OUT ABOUT THIS ON A THURSDAY NIGHT,
11 AND YOU SIT ON THE BOARD FOR UNITED WAY. WHEN DID YOU FIND OUT
12 ABOUT IT?

13

14 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** MADAM CHAIR, I FOUND OUT ABOUT IT THIS
15 WEEK. I KNOW I REACHED OUT TO THE C.E.O., ELISE BUIK, AFTER I
16 HAD FOUND OUT. UNFORTUNATELY, YOU KNOW, I DO SIT ON THE BOARD,
17 AND IT HAD NOT COME TO MY ATTENTION THAT THERE WAS MOVEMENT OF
18 THIS. I'M NOT SURE IF, PERHAPS, I MISSED A BOARD MEETING OR
19 SOMETHING THAT IT WAS PUT BEFORE THE BOARD, BUT I WAS UNAWARE.
20 I DID WANT THIS BOARD TO KNOW THAT, EFFECTIVE TODAY, I AM
21 RESIGNING FROM THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. I WANT TO MAKE SURE
22 THERE IS NO PERCEIVED CONFLICT OF INTEREST IN MY CURRENT ROLE
23 HERE AS THE C.E.O. OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.

24

25 **SUP. KUEHL:** YEAH, I HEARD THE SHERIFF TALK ABOUT THAT.

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1

2 **SACHI HAMAI, C.E.O.:** I THINK IT WOULD PROBABLY BE IN THE BEST
3 INTERESTS.

4

5 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK IT HAS TO BE CLARIFIED THAT UNITED WAY DID
6 NOT INVENT THIS. THEY'VE BEEN A PARTNER IN ALL OF THE A.T.I.
7 STUFF, NOT TO MENTION ALL THE HOMELESSNESS STUFF. AND ALL THE
8 OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT BROUGHT IT FORWARD, I DON'T THINK WE
9 REALLY NEED TO CRITICIZE UNITED WAY FOR BEING A PARTNER IN
10 WANTING THE A.T.I. STUFF TO BE FUNDED. THEY'VE BEEN WITH IT
11 ALL ALONG.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I MAY?

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I JUST WANT TO CLOSE OUT BY SAYING ON THIS
16 ONE, THOUGH, I RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH YOU. UNITED WAY,
17 THEIR DIRECTOR SPOKE TODAY. AND I HAVE THE UTMOST RESPECT FOR
18 MR. ROSS, BUT UNITED WAY HAS BEEN IN THE FRONT ON THIS. IF
19 IT'S BEEN THAT IMPORTANT, THEN WHY ARE WE HAVING TO SET UP A
20 MEETING FOR NEXT TUESDAY IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE IT GETS ON THE
21 NOVEMBER 30TH BALLOT? THAT'S WHAT I THINK IS FRUSTRATING. AND
22 THAT'S WHAT THE L.A. TIMES EDITORIAL TALKS ABOUT. I STILL SAY
23 WE DIDN'T LEARN ANYTHING FROM THE FIRE TAX, BUT WE WERE
24 CRITICIZED FOR DOING IT THE SAME WAY. WE ARE DOING THE EXACT
25 SAME THING. AND WE'RE DOING IT IN A SITUATION WE'RE ALREADY

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1 ALLOCATING FUNDING. SO WHAT WE'RE DOING IS SAYING WE DON'T
2 TRUST THE NEXT GENERATION THAT MAY TAKE OVER OUR SEAT. WE'RE
3 SAYING WE WANT TO LOCK IT IN BECAUSE WE KNOW BETTER THAN
4 ANYONE ELSE THAT IS GOING TO GET VOTED IN AFTER US. AND I
5 RESPECTFULLY DISAGREE WITH THAT.

6

7 **SUP. KUEHL:** I THINK WE'RE SAYING THE VOTERS GET TO DECIDE WHAT
8 THEY THINK.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** LET'S PUT THE JAIL ON THE AGENDA, I MEAN
11 ON THE BALLOT. LET'S START PUTTING ALL THESE THINGS ON THE
12 BALLOT THAT WE ALL DO NOT NECESSARILY AGREE ON, BUT I THINK
13 ONE COULD MAKE THAT ARGUMENT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH, LET'S NOT PUT THE JAIL ON THE
16 BALLOT, MADAM CHAIR. LET'S NOT DO THAT. I SIMPLY WANT TO SAY
17 THE FOLLOWING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I APPRECIATE YOUR RESPECT FOR
18 AND DEFENSE OF THE UNITED WAY. MANY OF US HAVE WORKING
19 RELATIONSHIPS OR RELATIONS WITH THE UNITED WAY AND HAVE FUNDED
20 THE UNITED WAY'S WORK AROUND HOMELESSNESS AND THE LIKE AND
21 HAVE HAD A SIGNIFICANT LEVEL OF RESPECT FOR THAT, BUT TO BE
22 ENGAGED IN THIS WORK, DOCUMENTABLY OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, A
23 FULL HALF DECADE, AND IT IS CORRECT THAT OUR WORK SHIFTED IN
24 2014 AND MOTIONS BEGAN TO MOVE THAT HAD NOT MOVED BEFORE. AND
25 MANY OF THOSE MOTIONS ARE BEING EXPRESSED THROUGH THOSE VERY

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1 THINGS THAT WE ARE ARTICULATING. THERE'S BEEN MORE ALLOCATION
2 WITH RESPECT TO RESOURCES THAN HAS EVER BEEN DOCUMENTED IN
3 THIS COUNTY TO MOVE TOWARD PREVENTION, TO MOVE TOWARD WHAT IS
4 GENERICALLY BEING DEFINED NOW AS CARE FIRST MODEL OF WORK
5 LOOKING THROUGH THE PRISM MANY OF HOUSING FOR HEALTH, A WHOLE
6 RANGE OF THINGS. ALL OF THAT HAPPENED ON OUR WATCH AND MORE OF
7 THAT CAN AND SHOULD HAPPEN. AND SO THE EXTENT TO WHICH WE HAVE
8 BEEN LEADERS ON THIS ISSUE AND WILL CONTINUE TO BE COMMITTED
9 TO THIS ISSUE, NOT TO HAVE BEEN AFFORDED AT LEAST THE COURTESY
10 OF ACKNOWLEDGING WHAT OUR INVESTMENT IN THIS WORK HAS BEEN SO
11 THAT WE CAN IN FACT IMPROVE IT RATHER THAN RUN THE RISK OF NOT
12 HAVING IT ADEQUATELY VETTED IS HUGEY PROBLEMATIC. THAT'S THE
13 POINT THAT I THINK SHOULD BE APPRECIATED. IF, IN FACT, MY
14 RECORD DEMONSTRATES THAT I'M AN ALLY, IF, IN FACT, MY RECORD
15 IS CLEAR WITH RESPECT TO THE POLICY TRAJECTORY THAT WE HAVE
16 ADVANCED, THEN IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE OUGHT T BE TREATED AS
17 SUCH. THAT'S WHAT'S AT STAKE IN MY MIND HERE AND NOW, NOT A
18 SUBSTANTIVE DEBATE ON MY PART WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLOCATION
19 OF THESE THESE RESOURCES, BUT HOW ABOUT AN OPEN CONVERSATION
20 SO THAT THREE VOTES MIGHT BE ASSEMBLED IN ORDER TO DO THIS AND
21 POTENTIALLY MORE RATHER THAN RUNNING US INTO A TRAP FRAUGHT
22 WITH FISCAL COMPLICATIONS, FRAUGHT WITH LEGAL ISSUES AND THE
23 LIKE. THAT SEEMS TO ME TO BE THE FUNDAMENTAL QUESTION BEFORE
24 US. WE DON'T HAVE, THAT IS TO SAY I DON'T HAVE, A SUBSTANTIVE
25 DEBATE WITH RESPECT TO THE ALLOCATION OF THESE RESOURCES PER

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1 SE, BUT THERE ARE RISKS HERE THAT ARE NOT FULLY ADDRESSED. LET
2 ME JUST BE A LITTLE BIT MORE SPECIFIC, IF I MAY. FOR EXAMPLE
3 WOULD SUFFICE, A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO MEASURE A TO VET IT, TO
4 PROCESS IT, AND TO ULTIMATELY PASS IT. A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO
5 MEASURE H, OVER A YEAR'S WORTH OF POLLING, LEGAL ANALYSIS TO
6 GET IT RIGHT. A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO MEASURE W TO GET THOSE
7 THINGS DONE. A LOT OF WORK WENT INTO MEASURE R. I'M TALKING
8 ABOUT MEASURE M, RATHER, I'M TALKING ABOUT THE METRO PIECE. SO
9 IT IS NOT AS THOUGH WE DISAGREE SUBSTANTIVELY ABOUT THE
10 MATTER, BUT IF WE CARE ENOUGH ABOUT THEM, WHY WOULD WE RISK
11 THEIR BEING VIABLE BY A LAST MINUTE PLACE. SO I AM NOT
12 UNCRITICAL OF THE WAY IN WHICH THIS HAS COME TO US. AND I HAVE
13 NO DIFFICULTY WITH THE ISSUE OF SHIFTING, REPRIORITY,
14 REDISTRIBUTING. THAT'S A MATTER OF RECORD IN TERMS OF WHAT
15 WE'VE DONE. AND HOW ABOUT ACKNOWLEDGING THE FACT THAT WE HAVE
16 BEEN DOING THIS WORK AND ARE CONTINUING TO DO THIS WORK RATHER
17 THAN CONCEALING THE BEHAVIOR AND PUTTING US IN A POSITION THAT
18 MAY ULTIMATELY PUT THE WHOLE DAMN THING AT RISK. THAT WOULD BE
19 THE POINT I THINK THAT NEEDS TO BE MADE, AND I WANT IT TO BE
20 MADE FOR THE RECORD.

21
22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

23
24 **SUP. HAHN:** WHOO, LORD HAVE MERCY. I JUST FELT LIKE, YOU KNOW,
25 WHEN WE TOOK BOTH OF THESE ITEMS TOGETHER, THE ANALYSIS PLUS

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1 THE ACTUAL CHARTER AMENDMENT, I FELT A LITTLE SHORTCHANGED
2 BECAUSE I WAS JUST ASKING A QUESTION OVER AN HOUR AGO JUST ON
3 THE POSSIBLE JOBS THAT COULD BE AFFECTED. AND I KNOW,
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU CRITICIZED ME A LITTLE BIT SAYING HOW
5 CAN WE JUST ASK ABOUT THE JOBS THAT WOULD BE AFFECTED AND NOT
6 TALK ABOUT THE IMPACT ON SO MANY OTHER PEOPLE, BUT THAT WASN'T
7 MY INTENTION. I WAS JUST BRINGING FORWARD SOME CONCERNS THAT I
8 HAD. BUT I DID WANT TO SPEAK ON THE ACTUAL CHARTER AMENDMENTS.
9 AND LISTENING TO EVERYONE -- AND THERE'S NO DOUBT THAT WE ARE
10 BEING CRITICIZED. WE WILL BE CRITICIZED FOR WHAT APPEARS TO BE
11 SOMETHING THAT WAS RUSHED, WASN'T COMPLETELY VETTED. AND
12 SUPERVISOR BARGER, WITH ALL DUE RESPECT, DON'T PUT MY FIRE
13 MEASURE IN THAT CATEGORY. WE ALSO SPENT A YEAR GOING AROUND
14 TALKING TO FOCUS GROUPS, TALKING TO OUR FIRE DEPARTMENT. AS
15 YOU REMEMBER, WE GOT THE ASSESSMENT NEEDS ON WHAT THAT
16 DEPARTMENT NEEDED. SO WE SPENT A LONG TIME, A YEAR, IN FACT,
17 GEARING UP FOR THAT MEASURE. AND THE L.A. TIMES STILL
18 CRITICIZED US AS TRYING TO RUSH SOMETHING THROUGH. SO, YOU
19 KNOW, WE WILL ALWAYS BE CRITICIZED PROBABLY NO MATTER HOW LONG
20 OR HOW MUCH EFFORT WE HAVE PUT INTO THESE. I THINK WHAT'S
21 DIFFERENT TO THIS IS OF COURSE THE MOMENT. AND THE MOMENT
22 BEING TWO THINGS. ONE IS THE MOMENT THAT THIS COUNTRY HAS
23 ASKED US TO MEET BASED ON WHAT WE ALL WITNESSED WITH THE
24 EXCRUCIATING DEATH OF GEORGE FLOYD. AND PEOPLE, YOUNG PEOPLE
25 OF ALL COLORS, OF ALL ETHNIC BACKGROUNDS MARCHING IN EVERY

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1 SINGLE STATE IN THE UNION ASKING ALL OF US LEADERS TO MEET THE
2 MOMENT, MAKE SOME DECISIONS, AND CLEARLY TURN THE TIDE ON WHAT
3 HAS BEEN A BAD HISTORY IN THIS COUNTRY OF RACISM AND, AS
4 REVEREND SHARPTON SAID, COLLECTIVELY PUTTING KNEES ON THE NECK
5 OF BLACK PEOPLE EVERYWHERE. THE OTHER MOMENT IS, OF COURSE, IS
6 A GLOBAL PANDEMIC THAT WE FIND OURSELVES IN. AS YOU KNOW, I
7 HAVEN'T BEEN SILENT ABOUT MY OBJECTIONS TO HOW WE ARE MEETING.
8 IT'S MORE LIKE A CONFERENCE CALL. I'VE BEEN DISMAYED AT THE
9 LACK OF PUBLIC COMMENT. I COULD LOOK INTO 2 HOURS OF PUBLIC
10 COMMENT AND THE FACT THAT WE'RE ONLY MEETING EVERY OTHER WEEK.
11 AND I THINK THOSE TWO THINGS COMBINED MAKE MEETING THE MOMENT
12 A LITTLE MORE RUSHED. WE KNOW THAT WE'RE -- THERE'S A BALLOT
13 COMING UP IN NOVEMBER. AND IF WE WANT TO MEET THE DEADLINES,
14 AND THOSE DEADLINES HAVE BEEN IMPOSED ON US LEGALLY AND EVERY
15 OTHER WAY TO QUALIFY FOR AN ELECTION DATE, AND SO BOTH OF
16 THOSE THINGS COMBINED, I THINK COMPEL US TO ACT QUICKLY. THEY
17 COMPEL US TO USE ALL OF OUR COLLECTIVE EXPERIENCES AND
18 PERSPECTIVES TO DO WHAT WE THINK IS RIGHT. AS YOU KNOW, I FELT
19 VERY MUCH THAT THE BUDGET THAT SACHI PRESENTED TO US DID NOT
20 MEET THE MOMENT. AND I SAID THAT. AND I SAID IT WAS NOT THE
21 RESTORATIVE JUSTICE BUDGET THAT I WAS LOOKING FOR. IT WAS NOT
22 THE BUDGET THAT -- REALLY BENDED THE ARC TOWARDS THOSE WHO HAD
23 BEEN OPPRESSED IN THE COUNTY. AND I ABSTAINED. AND I SAID I
24 HOPE I CAN VOTE YES WHEN IT COMES BACK TO US, BUT --

25

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MERCY, MERCY.

2

3 **SUP. HAHN:** MERCY. AND TO BE HONEST WITH YOU, SACHI, FOR YOU TO
4 USE THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT BUDGET AS AN EXAMPLE OF FLEXIBILITY, I
5 TOO FIND IRONIC BECAUSE WE WEREN'T SPENDING THAT C.A.R.E.S.
6 MONEY. WE WEREN'T GETTING IT OUT THE DOOR. YOU HAD SUGGESTED A
7 LOT OF THAT MONEY GO TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, GO TO
8 BACKFILLING THE HOLES IN THE COUNTY. I OBJECTED TO THAT. I
9 SAID NO, THIS MONEY NEEDS TO GET OUT THE DOOR TO PEOPLE WHO
10 ARE HURTING, WHO ARE SUFFERING, WHO NEED THAT MONEY. AND YOU
11 HEARD US. AND ALL OF THE FIVE OF US PRESENTED WAYS THAT WE
12 THOUGHT THAT MONEY COULD BE SPENT NOW TO ACTUALLY HELP THOSE
13 THAT WERE SUFFERING IN THE COUNTY. AGAIN, I WANT THE PUBLIC TO
14 UNDERSTAND, WE ARE NOT MAKING A DECISION TO APPROPRIATE 10
15 PERCENT OF THE N.C.C. TOWARDS THESE BUDGET PRIORITIES. WE'RE
16 ASKING THE VOTERS IN L.A. COUNTY WHETHER OR NOT THEY THINK
17 IT'S A GOOD IDEA TO REDIRECT RESOURCES TO ALL THE PRIORITIES
18 THAT MY COLLEAGUES AND I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR SINCE WE HAVE
19 ALL BEEN ELECTED. YOU KNOW, THEN IT TRULY WOULD BE THE
20 PEOPLE'S BUDGET. AND I THINK THAT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO
21 RIGHT NOW. YOU KNOW, THE SHERIFF OPENED UP OUR MEETING EARLIER
22 THIS MORNING BY SAYING HE DIDN'T THINK THAT THE PUBLIC HAD THE
23 SAME PRIORITIES AS WE DO. WELL, WE'LL SEE. WE WILL SEE WHETHER
24 OR NOT THE PUBLIC DOES AGREE WITH REDIRECTING THEIR DOLLARS
25 TOWARDS THE PRIORITIES THAT WE REALLY THINK LONG TERM WILL

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1 MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND I DON'T THINK WE SHOULD KEEP JUST
2 TALKING ABOUT APPROPRIATING THIS 10 PERCENT WITHOUT
3 UNDERSTANDING HOW IT'S GOING TO COME BACK TO US. AND I THINK,
4 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, YOU TALKED A LITTLE BIT ABOUT THAT, BUT THIS
5 IS AN INVESTMENT. AND I THINK WHAT WE GET BACK IS GOING TO BE
6 HUGE. WHAT WE SOW, WE WILL REAP. AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT
7 TEARING DOWN A JAIL AND NOT REPLACING IT AND I THINK BECAUSE
8 WE BELIEVE IN OUR HEARTS THAT PREVENTING PEOPLE FROM BEING
9 INCARCERATED IN THE FIRST PLACE IS WHAT MAKES SENSE. YOU KNOW,
10 THIS MAY BE AN OUNCE OF PREVENTION IS WORTH A POUND OF CURE.
11 AND I THINK TO SOME OF THE ADVOCATES, THEY'LL LOOK AT THIS AS
12 AN OUNCE BECAUSE THEY DID WANT 20 PERCENT, BUT I BELIEVE THE
13 BENEFITS WE WILL REAP WILL, LONG TERM, CHANGE THE DIRECTION OF
14 THIS COUNTY AND WILL CHANGE WHAT WE FEEL LIKE WE HAVE TO SPEND
15 MONEY ON. WE WILL GET MONEY BACK. WE WILL GET IT BACK IN TERMS
16 OF PEOPLE BEING UPLIFTED, LIVES BEING SAVED, LESS PEOPLE IN
17 OUR JAILS, REALLY REDIRECTING KIDS THAT HAVE NOT EVEN BEEN
18 BORN YET WHO WILL HAVE A VERY DIFFERENT FUTURE IN THE COUNTY
19 OF L.A. BECAUSE OF THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT THAT COULD BE
20 POSSIBLE. SO, I FEEL COMPLETELY CONFIDENT PUTTING THIS BEFORE
21 THE VOTERS. AND I TRUST THE VOTERS TO SHOW US AGAIN WHAT THEIR
22 PRIORITY IS. WE'VE ALWAYS SAID, COLLEAGUES, THAT A BUDGET IS
23 NOT JUST A DOCUMENT. IT'S A STATEMENT OF OUR VALUES. WELL,
24 NOTHING SPEAKS TO ALL OF OUR VALUES MORE THAN I THINK THIS
25 CHARTER AMENDMENT DOES. YES, MAYBE IT WAS RUSHED. YES, MAYBE

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1 IT WASN'T COMPLETELY VETTED, BUT THESE TWO BIG THINGS
2 HAPPENING IN OUR LIVES, THE MOMENT OF GEORGE FLOYD AND THE
3 MOMENT OF THIS PANDEMIC COMPEL US TO ACT QUICKLY. THANK YOU
4 VERY MUCH. AMEN, HALLELUJAH, PRAISE GOOD.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** I KNOW, SUPERVISOR, YOU WANT TO TALK, BUT
7 I JUST HAVE TO SAY EVERY BUDGET I VOTE ON IS THE PEOPLE'S
8 BUDGET BECAUSE IT IS FOR THE PEOPLE. I JUST WANT TO MAKE THAT
9 CLARIFICATION.

10

11 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I MOVE 51C.

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR, IF I CAN BE RECOGNIZED.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SURE.

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THE PREVIOUS QUESTION ON THE ENTIRE
18 MATTER, MADAM CHAIR. IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S TIME TO VOTE.

19

20 **SUP. KUEHL:** NO, I MOVE IT.

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS TO VOTE
23 ON 51 --

24

25 **SUP. HAHN:** NO, I MOVE IT.

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1

2 **SUP. SOLIS:** I MOVE 51C. SOLIS.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I MOVE THE ENTIRE MATTER.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AT THIS POINT, EXCUSE ME.

7

8 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR.

9

10 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** WE'RE CALLING FOR THE VOTE. IT'S MOVED BY
11 SUPERVISOR KUEHL. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. PLEASE CALL
12 THE ROLL.

13

14 **MS. LINGAT:** MADAM CHAIR, THIS IS 51C?

15

16 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** 51C.

17

18 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

19

20 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES!

21

22 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

23

24 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

25

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1 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

2

3 **SUP. KUEHL:** YES!

4

5 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

6

7 **SUP. HAHN:** YES.

8

9 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

10

11 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AN ENTHUSIASTIC NO.

12

13 **MS. LINGAT:** MOTION PASSES 4-1.

14

15 **SUP. HAHN:** THAT'S OKAY.

16

17 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. AS WE MOVE ON DOING PEOPLE'S

18 WORK HERE, LET'S MOVE ON TO ITEM NUMBER 55.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** (LAUGHING).

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** ITEM 55 IS -- I KNOW, SOME PEOPLE WERE.

23

24 **SUP. HAHN:** MADAM CHAIR, WE LOVE YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** OH, I'M SORRY, 51E. 51E IS THE LOS ANGELES
2 COUNTY EQUITABLE EDUCATION ACT ACCESS, WHICH ACTUALLY I HELD.
3 AND I WILL MAKE THIS SHORT AND SOMEWHAT TO THE POINT ON THIS
4 ONE. HOLD ON ONE SECOND. ALL RIGHT. THIS IS THE ITEM THAT I
5 COAUTHORED WITH SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. THE CLOSURE OF
6 SCHOOLS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IMPACTS FAMILIES, STUDENTS,
7 TEACHERS, AND EMPLOYERS. WE KNOW THAT THERE IS A DIGITAL
8 DIVIDE IN OUR COMMUNITIES. AND IT IS THE SAME COMMUNITIES WHO
9 ARE SEEING INCREASES OF CORONAVIRUS WHOSE JOBS ARE NOT
10 REOPENING DUE TO THE CONTINUED CLOSURES OF BUSINESSES AND ARE
11 THE SAME COMMUNITIES WHERE WE EXPRESSLY NEGATIVELY HAVE SEEN
12 IT IMPACT IN MOVING TO DISTANCE LEARNING. WHEN SCHOOLS MOVED
13 FROM CLASSROOMS TO HOME COMPUTERS AT THE ONSET OF THE COVID-19
14 PANDEMIC, A LEARNING GAP IMMEDIATELY OPENED. A U.S.C. STUDY
15 CONDUCTED DURING THE BEGINNING OF THE PANDEMIC LOOKED AT THE
16 HOUSEHOLD AVAILABILITY OF THE TWO KEY COMPONENTS OF DISTANCE
17 LEARNING, ONE A RESIDENTIAL INTERNET CONNECTION AND TWO A
18 DESKTOP OR LAPTOP COMPUTER. THE RESEARCH SHOWED 1 IN 4 K-12
19 HOUSEHOLDS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY LACKED THOSE RESOURCES. THE
20 PROBLEM WORSENS AMONG LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
21 STUDENTS, AS 1 IN 3 LIVE IN HOUSEHOLDS WITHOUT HIGH SPEED
22 INTERNET OR COMPUTERS. AS WE ALL KNOW, THE LESS AFFLUENT
23 NEIGHBORHOODS TEND TO HAVE LOWER ACCESS TO HIGH SPEED INTERNET
24 SERVICE AND THE DEVICES THAT CONNECT TO THAT SERVICE. ONLY
25 ABOUT HALF OF THE K-12 FAMILIES IN THE BOTTOM FIFTH OF THE

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1 INCOME DISTRIBUTION ARE PREPARED FOR DISTANCE LEARNING. THAT
2 COMPARES TO 90 PERCENT PREPAREDNESS FOR FAMILIES IN THE TOP
3 FIFTH. HOUSEHOLDS LACKING DISTANCE LEARNING RESOURCES ARE
4 CLUSTERED IN SOUTH AND EAST LOS ANGELES. IN THESE COMMUNITIES,
5 THERE IS LESS THAN HALF OF THE FAMILIES THAT HAVE THE
6 NECESSARY TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING.
7 REGARDLESS OF INCOME, STUDENTS OF COLOR ARE LESS LIKELY TO
8 HAVE THE TECHNOLOGY RESOURCES FOR DISTANCE LEARNING. FOR
9 EXAMPLE, THE GAP BETWEEN HISPANIC AND NON-HISPANIC STUDENTS AT
10 THE SAME INCOME LEVEL IS AS HIGH AS 20 PERCENTAGE POINTS. THE
11 REASON IS LIKELY BECAUSE MINORITY STUDENTS, REGARDLESS OF
12 INCOME, TEND TO LIVE IN COMMUNITIES WITH UNFUNDED SCHOOLS,
13 UNDERFUNDED SCHOOLS, AND LESS ADVANCED BROADBAND
14 INFRASTRUCTURE. THAT IS WHY THIS MOTION IS SO IMPORTANT. ALONG
15 WITH THE OTHER MOTION INTRODUCED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN, I KNOW
16 OUR BOARD IS TRYING TO HELP SOLVE THE ISSUE ALONGSIDE OUR
17 EDUCATION PARTNERS AND COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS. IF WE CAN, AS
18 A BOARD, HELP IN SOME WAY AT OUR PARKS AND LIBRARIES AND
19 ENSURE OUR STATE GOVERNMENT ADDRESSES THESE ISSUES, THEN WE
20 CAN TAKE A STAND AGAINST THE DIGITAL DIVIDE. IN PARTICULAR, I
21 WANT TO BE SURE THE GOVERNOR IS NOT FORGETTING THE UNIQUE
22 NEEDS OF STUDENTS WITH SPECIAL NEEDS, ENGLISH LANGUAGE
23 LEARNERS, AND STUDENTS WHOSE MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS ARE GREAT.
24 IT'S IMPORTANT THAT OUR PARENTS KNOW WHAT TYPE OF RESOURCES
25 ARE OUT THERE FOR YOUTH. IF GOING HOME IS NOT A POSSIBILITY

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1 FOR A VARIETY OF REASONS, THERE ARE SOME GREAT COMMUNITY
2 ORGANIZATIONS LIKE THE BOYS & GIRLS CLUB WHO ARE OPEN AND
3 STAFFED FOR SMALL GROUPS TO HELP WITH DISTANCE LEARNING AND
4 HAVE THE WIFI IN THEIR CLUBS. AND WE KNOW THAT PARENTS ARE NOT
5 LOOKING INTO HOME-BASED LEARNING, HIRING TUTORS, OR BRINGING
6 THE PHYSICAL OR OCCUPATIONAL THERAPISTS FOR THEIR CHILDREN
7 INTO THEIR HOME. WE MUST ENSURE THAT CHILDREN GET BACK TO
8 THEIR LIFE TO LEARN AND SOCIALIZE. THIS MOTION CAN HELP MAKE
9 THAT HAPPEN. SO WITH THAT, I WOULD MOVE THIS MOTION UNLESS
10 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, DO YOU WANT TO SAY ANYTHING?

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST TO SAY THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR, FOR
13 INVITING ME TO COAUTHOR. AS YOU KNOW, I'M VERY CONCERNED ABOUT
14 THE STUDENTS THAT HAVE FALLEN BEHIND IN THEIR STUDIES, AND
15 REPORT ONE SURVEY AFTER THE NEXT MAKES IT CLEAR, PARTICULARLY
16 THE ONE DONE BY L.A. U.S.D. ON AN AVERAGE DAY, ONLY ABOUT 36
17 PERCENT OF MIDDLE SCHOOL AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATED
18 ONLINE. ABOUT 25 PERCENT LOGGED ON OR VIEWED WORK ONLY. AND
19 ABOUT 40 PERCENT WERE ABSENT. AND SO, WE HAVE A REAL ISSUE
20 HERE THAT MAY HAVE FAR-REACHING IMPLICATIONS WELL BEYOND THE
21 PANDEMIC SUBSIDING. I THINK THIS MOTION CAN/WILL BE HELPFUL,
22 PARTICULARLY FOR ENGLISH LEARNERS, STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES,
23 STUDENTS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND, FRANKLY, THOSE IN THE
24 FOSTER CARE SYSTEM THAT HAVE LOWER RATES OF ONLINE
25 PARTICIPATION. SO, MADAM CHAIR, WITH MORE AND MORE SCHOOL

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1 DISTRICTS ANNOUNCING THEY WILL NOT REOPEN FOR CLASSROOM
2 LEARNING IN THE FALL, I GUESS IT'S FAIR TO SAY OUR CONCERNS
3 ONLY DEEPEN ABOUT THE STUDENTS WHO WILL BE SO OVERWHELMED THAT
4 OUR SCHOOLS MIGHT LOSE THEM FOREVER. IMAGINE THAT. THE DROPOUT
5 RATE, THE PUSH OUT RATE IS ENHANCED. AND WE KNOW THE PROBLEMS
6 THAT ATTACH TO THAT. AND SO I LOOK FORWARD TO DISCOVERING
7 INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS ALONG WITH OUR PARTNERS IN THE COMMUNITY
8 AND SCHOOLS TO HELP STUDENTS RECOVER FROM THE LEARNING LOSS
9 THAT IS AFFECTING THEM RIGHT NOW. WE NEED TO BE CLEAR ABOUT
10 THE ISSUE OF MICRO SCHOOLS AND NANNY SHARES AND REMOTE
11 LEARNING PODS UNHEARD OF JUST SIX MONTHS AGO AND NOW THE MORE
12 AFFORDABLE OPTIONS PARENTS AND CARETAKERS ARE IMPLEMENTING IN
13 ORDER TO SUPPORT OLDER KIDS IN LEARNING YOUNGER KIDS --
14 CHILDREN'S ENRICHMENT. WE GOT A LOT TO DO, BUT MAY I SALUTE
15 YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON THIS AND TELL YOU THAT I'M PLEASED
16 TO COAUTHOR IT WITH YOU?

17

18 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.
19 SEEING THAT NO ONE ELSE HAS REQUESTED TO SPEAK ON THIS, I WILL
20 MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WILL YOU CALL
21 THE ROLL PLEASE.

22

23 **MS. LINGAT:** SO THIS IS ON ITEM 51E THAT'S BEFORE YOU.
24 SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

25

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1 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

2

3 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

6

7 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

8 [SILENCE.] SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

9

10 **SUP. KUEHL:** I JUST LOST MY MIC FOR A MINUTE. AYE.

11

12 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** SHEILA JAMES, WHERE ARE YOU?

13

14 **SUP. KUEHL:** MARK RIDLEY, I'M HERE.

15

16 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

17

18 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

19

20 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

21

22 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

23

24 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION PASSES 5-0.

25

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NOW, WE'LL MOVE ON TO ITEM 55,
2 FISCAL YEAR 2019-'20 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION WEED ABATEMENT
3 CHARGES. ITEM 55 IS THE HEARING ON THE CONFIRMATION OF FISCAL
4 2019-'20 HAZARDOUS VEGETATION WEED ABATEMENT CHARGES. DOES
5 ANYONE ON MY BOARD HAVE ANY QUESTIONS FOR KURT FLOREN? IF NOT,
6 WE'LL -- IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING
7 AND VOTE ON THIS ITEM. ITEM 55 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
8 SUPERVISOR HAHN. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I'M SORRY?
9 MADAM EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **MS. LINGAT:** ON ITEM 55, THE PUBLIC HEARING ITEM, SUPERVISOR
12 SOLIS?

13

14 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

15

16 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SURPRISED RIDLEY-THOMAS?

17

18 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AYE.

19

20 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, AYE. SUPERVISOR KUEHL?
21 SUPERVISOR KUEHL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

22

23 **SUP. HAHN:** AYE.

24

25 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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1

2 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** AYE.

3

4 **MS. LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. MOTION PASSES.

5

6 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. UNDER SPECIALS, THERE ARE NO

7 SPECIALS, SO WE WILL MOVE ON TO ADJOURNMENTS BEGINNING WITH

8 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 2, 3, 4, 5, FOLLOWED BY 1. SUPERVISOR

9 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

10

11 **SUP. HAHN:** I KNOW THAT THAT SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS WILL BE

12 ADJOURNING FOR JOHN LEWIS, BUT I HOPE YOU WILL GIVE US A

13 MOMENT TO SAY SOMETHING.

14

15 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** LET HIM ADJOURN, AND THEN I WILL CALL ON

16 EACH ONE OF YOU. ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, IF

17 YOU'RE GOING TO ADJOURN, COULD YOU DO THAT ONE FIRST SO THAT

18 SUPERVISOR HAHN CAN SPEAK?

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AS YOU WISH, MADAM CHAIR. THE NATION

21 MOURNS THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE JOHN ROBERT LEWIS. ON

22 FEBRUARY 24TH, 1940 NEAR A LITTLE TOWN CALLED TROY IN THE

23 STATE OF ALABAMA. HE PASSED AWAY JULY 17TH IN ATLANTA, GEORGIA

24 AFTER A SIX-MONTH BATTLE WITH PANCREATIC CANCER. JOHN LEWIS

25 WAS 80 YEARS OF AGE. HE WAS ONE OF THE ORIGINAL 13 FREEDOM

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1 FIGHTERS AND LAST SURVIVING SPEAKER OF THE MARCH ON WASHINGTON
2 FOR JOBS AND FREEDOM, WHICH TOOK PLACE IN 1963. HE ATTENDED
3 AMERICAN THEOLOGICAL BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN NASHVILLE
4 AND WAS ORDAINED AS A BAPTIST PREACHER IN 1961. HE WAS A
5 FOUNDING MEMBER AND EARLY CHAIRMAN OF THE STUDENT NONVIOLENT
6 COORDINATING COMMITTEE, AN ORGANIZATION THAT COORDINATED
7 NONVIOLENT PROTESTS SUCH AS LUNCH COUNTERS AND SIT-INS. HE
8 UNDERSTOOD AND BELIEVED IN NONVIOLENT DIRECT ACTION. HE WAS A
9 STUDENT OF OUR OWN J.M. LAWSON, JR., WHO DR. KING HIMSELF
10 DESIGNATED AS "THE TEACHER," DESIGNATED AS THE TEACHER OF
11 NONVIOLENCE. AND JUST A COUPLE YEARS AGO HERE IN LOS ANGELES I
12 WITNESSED AN INTERACTION BETWEEN BOTH PASTOR LAWSON AND
13 CONGRESSMAN LEWIS RECALLING THEIR EXPERIENCES IN THE CIVIL
14 RIGHTS MOVEMENT. AND YOU SAW A TREMENDOUS DEPTH OF
15 APPRECIATION AND REGARD AND LOVE BETWEEN THESE TWO MEN OF
16 FAITH WHO WERE COMMITTED TO THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLE OF
17 EXPANDING THE DEMOCRACY THROUGH NONVIOLENT PROTESTS. HE WORKED
18 AS A DISHWASHER AND A JANITOR TO PAY FOR HIS EDUCATION AT
19 FISK, WHERE HE RECEIVED HIS UNDERGRADUATE DEGREE IN 1967 IN
20 RELIGION AND PHILOSOPHY. I SUSPECT WE KNOW JOHN LEWIS BECAUSE
21 OF HIS BEING ONE OF THE PRIME ORGANIZERS AND PRINCIPAL MOVERS
22 IN THE SELMA TO MONTGOMERY MARCH IN 1965. AND IT WAS THAT
23 MARCH THAT MOVED WHAT THEN WOULD HAVE BEEN A RECALCITRANT
24 PRESIDENT TO BEING MORE CONTRITE, THAT, NAMELY, LYNDON BAINES
25 JOHNSON, WHO SIGNED THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT AND SAID WE SHALL

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1 OVERCOME, ESSENTIALLY RECITING THE ANTHEM OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS
2 MOVEMENT. SO MUCH TO BE SAID ABOUT JOHN LEWIS, AN
3 EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN BEING, AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF
4 FREEDOM IN 2011 BY PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA. HE PUBLISHED AND
5 AUTHORED NUMEROUS TEXTS AND WAS THE RECIPIENT OF SO MANY
6 AWARDS AND EVEN REACHED INTO CHILDREN'S LITERATURE TO HELP
7 KIDS UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT WAS ABOUT. I
8 THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY HE'LL BE REMEMBERED AS A LOVING FATHER
9 AND OUTSPOKEN CHAMPION FOR CHANGE, HIS MANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO
10 THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT, AND AS AN ACTIVIST AND AUTHOR AND
11 FOR LEADING AND INSPIRING OTHERS TO STIR UP GOOD TROUBLE. HE
12 IS SURVIVED BY HIS SON, JOHN MILES, SEVERAL SIBLINGS, EXTENDED
13 FAMILY, FRIENDS, AND COLLEAGUES, ALL OF WHOM WILL MISS HIM
14 DEARLY. JUST AN EXTRAORDINARY HUMAN BEING FROM WHOM ALL OF US
15 CAN LEARN.

16

17 **SUP. BARER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, THEN SUPERVISOR SOLIS BOTH
18 WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING.

19

20 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND THANK YOU, MARK, FOR
21 LETTING US SPEAK WITH YOU ON THE PASSING OF SUCH A GREAT MAN,
22 JOHN LEWIS. I'VE BEEN WATCHING ALL WEEKEND THE TRIBUTES THAT
23 HAVE BEEN POURING FROM EVERY PART OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE WORLD
24 TO HONOR A MAN LIKE JOHN. IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN THE DOCUMENTARY,
25 I THINK IT'S CALLED "GOOD TROUBLE." I THINK EVERYBODY SHOULD

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1 WATCH IT. IT'S INCREDIBLE TO THINK THAT HE WAS ONLY IN HIS 20S
2 WHEN HE BEGAN TO EMERGE AS A LEADER IN THE CIVIL RIGHTS
3 MOVEMENT. MY TWO REMEMBRANCES OF HIM AS I WAS SO LUCKY TO HAVE
4 SERVED WITH HIM IN CONGRESS, HE LEADS A REGULAR CIVIL RIGHTS
5 PILGRIMAGE TO SELMA AND MONTGOMERY AND BIRMINGHAM. AND HE DOES
6 IT BY TAKING MEMBERS OF CONGRESS ON BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE TO
7 BE EDUCATED AND TO BE INSPIRED AND TO LEARN OF THE REAL
8 HISTORY OF OUR COUNTRY. I TOOK MY 11 YEAR OLD GRANDDAUGHTER,
9 MCKENNA, WHEN WE WENT IN 2015. IT WAS THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF
10 HIS COURAGEOUS MARCH ACROSS THE EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE, AND HE
11 WAS SO GOOD TO THE CHILDREN. HE'S ALWAYS LOVED CHILDREN. HE
12 TOOK TIME TO TALK TO THEM, TO SIGN AUTOGRAPHS, TO POSE FOR
13 PICTURES. HE REMEMBERED MY GRANDDAUGHTER, MCKENNA, WHEN HE SAW
14 HER LATER AT THE CONGRESSIONAL PICNIC AT THE WHITE HOUSE, BUT
15 I ALWAYS FOUND IT INTERESTING THAT EVERYONE TRIED TO JOSTLE
16 AND GET NEXT TO HIM AS WE WALKED ACROSS THE EDMUND PETTUS
17 BRIDGE, AND HE LIKED TO SAY, BOY, 50 YEARS BEFORE, NO ONE WAS
18 JOSTLING TO BE AT THE FRONT OF THE LINE. HE WAS THERE ALONE
19 AND OF COURSE TOOK THE FULL BRUNT OF THE POLICE BRUTALITY AS
20 THEY WERE MARCHING MERELY TO HIGHLIGHT THE INABILITY OF
21 AFRICAN-AMERICANS TO REGISTER TO VOTE. AND THEN THE LAST
22 MEMORY I'LL SHARE WAS THE SIT-IN ON THE HOUSE FLOOR TO ASK FOR
23 A VOTE ON COMMON SENSE GUN LEGISLATION. HE SAT THERE ON THE
24 FLOOR OF CONGRESS ALL NIGHT LONG. I GOT TO SIT THERE WITH HIM
25 AND FELT LIKE, YOU KNOW, ALL THE THINGS HE DID FOR CIVIL

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1 RIGHTS, HE STILL, ANY CAUSE THAT HE FELT WAS IMPORTANT, HE
2 WANTED TO LEND HIS STATURE AND HIS INFLUENCE IN PROMOTING THE
3 CAUSE. I THINK ONE OF THE BEST THINGS I EVER DID IN CONGRESS
4 WAS TO TAKE A STAND AND SIT DOWN WITH JOHN LEWIS ALL NIGHT
5 LONG. SO WE WILL MISS HIM. HIS LIFE WAS INCREDIBLE. IT'S
6 AMAZING THAT HIS LAST PUBLIC APPEARANCE, HE WAS WEAK. HE WAS
7 CLOSE TO THE END OF HIS LIFE. AND YET HE TOOK THE TIME TO GO
8 STAND AT THE BLACK LIVES MATTER PLAZA IN WASHINGTON, D.C. AND
9 YOU KNOW THAT THAT MEANT SO MUCH TO HIM. AND THAT CERTAINLY
10 WAS THE SLOGAN THAT, EVEN BEFORE IT WAS THE SLOGAN, THAT HE
11 LIVED HIS LIFE BY, AND THAT WAS THAT BLACK LIVES MATTER. THANK
12 YOU.

13

14 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND THEN
15 SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

16

17 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU. I ALSO BE WANTED IN THE MEMORY OF THE
18 GREAT CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS, I HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE
19 WITH HIM WHEN I WAS ELECTED TO CONGRESS BACK IN 2001 AND FOR
20 THE TIME THAT I WAS THERE. WE SHARED MANY STORIES. AND I JUST
21 THOUGHT HE WAS SUCH AN INCREDIBLE HUMAN BEING, SO SELFLESS,
22 INCLUDING HIS STAFF WHO TOOK CARE OF HIM, BUT HE WAS A MAN OF
23 ALL TIMES. I, TOO, WAS A PART OF THE FAMOUS FAITH IN POLITICS
24 RETREAT THAT HE SPONSORED ALONG WITH OTHER ECUMENICAL GROUPS
25 AND OTHER CONGRESS PEOPLE FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE AISLE. I

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1 FOUND IT INCREDIBLY IMPORTANT TO BE ABLE TO SEE AND HEAR THE
2 STORIES THAT HE TOLD ABOUT HIS UPBRINGING BUT ALSO THOSE
3 TRAGIC MOMENTS IN SELMA, ALABAMA AND WALKING ACROSS THE EDMUND
4 PETTUS BRIDGE WITH HIM AND OTHER PEOPLE AND JUST HEARING
5 STORIES AND THE HARSH MEMORIES OF THE DISCRIMINATION AND THE
6 RETALIATION, AT THAT TIME, AGAINST PEOPLE OF COLOR WAS JUST SO
7 INCREDIBLY MOVING. I DON'T THINK ANYONE IN OUR GROUP DIDN'T
8 HAVE A DRY EYE. AND THAT IS THE TRUTH. HE, IN MY OPINION, IS
9 ONE OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO IS GOING TO GO DOWN IN HISTORY AS
10 THE FOUNDER OF OUR NATION, THE CONSCIENCE OF CONGRESS. AND I
11 THINK IT IS RIGHT TO SAY THAT I WOULD NOT BE WHERE I AM TODAY
12 IF THERE WEREN'T PEOPLE LIKE JOHN LEWIS BECAUSE HE OPENED THE
13 DOORS OF OPPORTUNITY FOR SO MANY AND HAS ALWAYS PRIORITIZED
14 THE NEXT GENERATION, THE YOUNG PEOPLE. HE WROTE COMIC BOOKS TO
15 APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE. HE TOOK THE TIME TO PERSONALLY MENTOR
16 THEM AND ALWAYS USED HIS POSITION TO ENCOURAGE THEM TO BE THE
17 NEXT LEADERS OF OUR COUNTRY. THE NATION GRIEVES HIS LOSS
18 BECAUSE HE IS A GIANT FOR JUSTICE. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THANK
19 YOU.

20
21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MADAM CHAIR? SORRY.

22
23 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING,
24 AS WELL, BUT GO AHEAD, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

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1 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NO. IF SHE'S ON JOHN LEWIS.

2

3 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** SHE IS ON JOHN LEWIS. SUPERVISOR KUEHL,
4 AND THEN SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU CAN GO ON.

5

6 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH. I'LL BE BRIEF. I FOUND
7 MYSELF CRYING AND CRYING HEARING OF HIS DEATH. YOU KNOW, YOU
8 WONDER WHAT IS IT THAT TOUCHES A PERSON SO MUCH. PERSONALLY, I
9 NEVER MET HIM, THOUGH I KNEW OF HIM FOR A VERY LONG TIME. AND
10 I THINK IT'S REALLY KIND OF TWO THINGS. ONE IS THE WAY THAT HE
11 LIVED HIS LIFE SEEMED ALMOST PERFECT TO ME, TO BE ABLE TO LIVE
12 AND CHOOSE TO LIVE YOUR PRINCIPLES EVERY DAY, BUT NOT BY
13 PUTTING OTHER PEOPLE DOWN OR EVEN PUTTING YOURSELF UP, BUT
14 REALLY SIMPLY LIVING IT. AND JUST AS WE HAVE EXPRESSED SO MUCH
15 TODAY HOW IMPORTANT IT IS TO BE ALLIES WITH EACH OTHER IN ALL
16 OF OUR DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES, JOHN LEWIS WAS A VERY DEEP
17 SUPPORTER OF OUR L.G.B.T. COMMUNITY.

18

19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH.

20

21 **SUP. KUEHL:** AND HE SAID AT ONE POINT, "I FOUGHT TOO LONG AND
22 TOO HARD TO END DISCRIMINATION BASED ON RACE AND COLOR TO NOT
23 STAND UP AGAINST DISCRIMINATION AGAINST OUR GAY AND LESBIAN
24 BROTHERS AND SISTERS." HE THEN QUOTED DR. KING SAYING
25 INJUSTICE ANYWHERE IS A THREAT TO JUSTICE EVERYWHERE. HE WAS A

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1 COAUTHOR ON EVERY BILL THAT WAS IN ANY WAY IMPORTANT TO MY
2 COMMUNITY, INCLUDING THE BILL TO REPEAL D.O.M.A., WHICH WAS
3 THE RESPECT FOR MARRIAGE ACT BILL. HE DIDN'T HAVE TO DO THAT,
4 BUT I THINK IT WAS IN HIS ACT OF FORGIVENESS OF THE K.K.K. GUY
5 WHO HAD BEAT HIM BLOODY THAT INSTRUCTED ME MOST OF ANYTHING IN
6 HIS LIFE AND IN MANY LIVES TO TRY TO UNDERSTAND HOW IMPORTANT
7 IT IS TO GET THROUGH AND FORGIVE, TO GET THROUGH AND
8 UNDERSTAND, TO GET THROUGH AND EMBRACE. AND BLESS HIS MEMORY,
9 AND I'M SO GLAD THAT I GOT TO EVEN SEE HIM FROM AFAR. THANK
10 YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

11

12 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. TODAY ENDS UM
15 BEING MORE EMOTIONAL THEN I MIGHT HAVE PROJECTED, BUT A LOT OF
16 HIGHS AND LOWS IN TERMS OF ONE'S EMOTIONAL EQUILIBRIUM TODAY.
17 I WOULD HOPE AT THE PROPER TIME, MADAM CHAIR, THAT WHEN THE
18 RESOLUTION MOVES BEFORE CONGRESS OR IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA,
19 AS THE CASE MAY BE, TO NAME THAT EDMUND PETTUS BRIDGE JOHN
20 LEWIS BRIDGE, AND WHEN IT COMES TO THE VOTING RIGHTS ACT
21 THAT'S BEFORE CONGRESS, THAT THIS BOARD WILL FIND ITS WAY TO
22 NAMING THAT THE JOHN R. LEWIS VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2020. I'LL
23 BRING THAT IN AT THE APPROPRIATE TIME, BUT IT SEEMS TO ME THAT
24 HE'S WORTHY OF THAT. WELL, MADAM CHAIR, TALL TIMBER HAS FALLEN
25 TWICE IN TERMS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT. THE NAME OF THE

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1 REVEREND C.T. VIVIAN GOES ALONGSIDE THE NAME OF CONGRESSMAN
2 JOHN LEWIS. BORN CORDY TINDELL VIVIAN ON JULY 30TH, 1924 IN
3 BOONVILLE, MISSOURI, AND HE PASSED ON JULY THE 17TH IN
4 ATLANTA, GEORGIA, THE SAME DAY THAT JOHN LEWIS PASSED. C.T.
5 WAS 95 YEARS OF AGE. AND WHEN HE WAS SIX YEARS OLD, HIS FAMILY
6 MOVED FROM MACOMB, ILLINOIS, WHERE HE GRADUATED FROM THAT
7 LITTLE HIGH SCHOOL THERE IN 1942, AND HE BRIEFLY ATTENDED
8 WESTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY WITH A FOCUS ON HISTORY BEFORE
9 ACCEPTING A POSITION IN PEORIA AS A RECREATION WORKER. WHILE
10 IN PEORIA, HE PARTICIPATED IN A LUNCH COUNTER SIT-IN, HIS
11 FIRST NONVIOLENT PROTEST. HE LATER ATTENDED AMERICAN BAPTIST
12 THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY IN NASHVILLE. HE WAS AN ORDAINED BAPTIST
13 MINISTER. IN 1955, HE TOOK HIS ORDINATION PAPERS AND THEN THE
14 REVEREND VIVIAN SERVED IN DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.'S INNER
15 CIRCLE OF ADVISERS AND WAS CALLED THE GREATEST OF PREACHERS TO
16 EVER LIVE. HE SERVED AS DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL AFFILIATE FOR
17 THE SOUTHERN LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE FROM 1963 TO 1966 AND
18 SUPERVISED SO MANY ACTIVITIES. IT WAS C.T. VIVIAN THAT WAS A
19 CHAMPION AN INSTRUMENTAL PART OF THE REGISTRATION OF VOTERS IN
20 SELMA, ALABAMA. IN '72 HE BECAME THE DEAN AT SHAW UNIVERSITY
21 DIVINITY SCHOOL. AND HE KEPT ON MOVING. HE NEVER STOPPED
22 STANDING UP. HE ESTABLISHED THE ANTI-KLAN NETWORK, THEN HE
23 MOVED TO THE CENTER FOR DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL, AND THEN THE BLACK
24 ACTION STRATEGIES AND INFORMATION CENTER, ALL IN ATLANTA. HE
25 WROTE A BOOK ENTITLED "BLACK POWER AND THE AMERICAN MYTH," AND

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1 WAS RELEASED IN THE '70S AND THEN KEPT MOVING FORWARD. HE WAS
2 AWARDED THE PRESIDENTIAL MEDAL OF FREEDOM BY PRESIDENT OBAMA
3 IN RECOGNITION OF HIS ACTIVISM AND PARTICIPATION IN THE CIVIL
4 RIGHTS MOVEMENT. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED AS A CHAMPION FOR
5 CHANGE AND FOR HIS NUMEROUS CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE CIVIL RIGHTS
6 MOVEMENT AS AN ACTIVIST, LEADER, AND AUTHOR. THE NOTED
7 CONFRONTATION FROM SELMA TO MONTGOMERY WHEN HE WENT TO THE
8 STEPS OF THE COURTHOUSE AND WAS SEEKING TO GET THE ATTENTION
9 OF THE COMMISSIONER THERE, AND THE COMMISSIONER REARED BACK
10 AND SLUGGED HIM AND KNOCKED HIM FLAT. AND C.T., A DEVOTEE OF
11 NONVIOLENCE, GOT UP AND SAID, "YOU CAN KNOCK ME DOWN BUT YOU
12 CANNOT KNOCK DOWN JUSTICE. YOU CANNOT KNOCK DOWN FREEDOM."
13 C.T. VIVIAN WAS AN EXTRAORDINARY LEADER AND SURVIVED BY FOUR
14 DAUGHTERS, ANITA, DENISE, JO, ANNA, KIRA, TWO SONS, MARK AND
15 ALBERT, NINE GRANDCHILDREN, 10 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, EXTENDED
16 FAMILY, AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL ALL MISS HIM AS WILL THOSE OF US
17 WHO HAD THE HIGH HONOR OF KNOWING HIM. WELL, MADAM CHAIR, I
18 HAVE ONE FINAL ADJOURNMENT THAT I'LL JUST SIMPLY SAY IT'S
19 INTERESTING WHEN I THINK ABOUT THE REVEREND C.T. VIVIAN AND
20 HONORABLE JOHN LEWIS, CONGRESSMAN LEWIS CALLED ME BROTHER
21 THOMAS. AND C.T. VIVIAN CALLED ME BROTHER RIDLEY. SO THEY WERE
22 SPECIAL TO ME IN A LOT OF WAYS. MAY I THEN TURN TO DONALD D.
23 WALTON AND ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY. HE PASSED ON
24 JULY 12TH AT THE AGE OF 57. A NATIVE ANGELENO, A NATIVE OF
25 VIEW PARK, HE GREW UP AND GRADUATED FROM WESTCHESTER HIGH

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1 SCHOOL IN 1980. HE ATTENDED CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE, WHERE
2 HE WAS A SCHOLAR ATHLETE AND STUDIED MICROBIOLOGY AND PRE-
3 MEDICINE. HE LATER SWITCHED HIS STUDIES TO LAW AND GRADUATED
4 FROM HARVARD LAW SCHOOL IN 1987. HIS LAW CAREER BEGAN IN NEW
5 YORK WITH A POSITION AT SIMPSON, THACHER, AND BARTLETT, ON
6 WALL STREET. HE RETURNED TO LOS ANGELES, AND HIS CAREER AS AN
7 ENTERTAINMENT LAWYER BEGAN WITH A POSITION AS IN-HOUSE COUNSEL
8 AT M.C.A./UNIVERSAL. AND THEN MR. WALTON OPENED UP HIS OWN
9 LEGAL PRACTICE REPRESENTING ANY NUMBER OF ENTERTAINERS AND
10 ENTERTAINMENT COMPANIES. HE EVEN EXPANDED INTO REAL ESTATE
11 INVESTMENTS, MANAGING SEVERAL INVESTMENT PORTFOLIOS. MR.
12 WALTON WAS A PASSIONATE PHILANTHROPIST AND SUPPORTED
13 ORGANIZATIONS SUCH AS HARVARD LAW SCHOOL'S BLACK ALUMNI
14 ASSOCIATION, THE NEIGHBORHOOD YOUTH ASSOCIATION, THE SPECIAL
15 NEEDS NETWORK. HE WILL BE REMEMBERED FOR HIS GENEROUS SPIRIT,
16 HIS BRIGHT SENSE OF HUMOR, OUTGOING PERSONALITY, AS AN
17 ENTHUSIASTIC SUPPORTER AND CHEERLEADER FOR HIS SISTERS AND
18 DAUGHTERS AND NUMEROUS ENDEAVORS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS. HE WILL
19 BE MISSED. SURVIVED BY HIS DAUGHTER, SARAH, HIS MOTHER,
20 EVELYN, HIS SISTER, SYBIL, A HOST OF FAMILY MEMBERS AND
21 FRIENDS, WHO HAVE NOTHING BUT PROFOUND RESPECT AND REGARD FOR
22 DONALD D. WALTON, MAY HE REST IN PEACE. MADAM CHAIR.

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24 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR KUEHL.

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1 **SUP. KUEHL:** MADAM CHAIR, I HAVE THREE ADJOURNMENTS TODAY. I
2 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF CAROL
3 HINES. SHE WAS AN EMMY AWARD-WINNING PRODUCER WITH A TOTAL OF
4 FOUR NOMINATIONS, AND HER WORK IN T.V. AND FILMS AS A
5 PRODUCTION MANAGER AND ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KEPT HER AS A LONG-
6 TIME MEMBER OF THE DIRECTORS GUILD OF AMERICA. SHE ALWAYS
7 CHOSE TO WORK ON HEARTWARMING, FAMILY-BASED THEMES AND
8 COMEDIES THROUGHOUT HER CAREER ON SETS THAT INCLUDED "FAMILY
9 TIES," "STEP-BY-STEP," "THE WHITE SHADOW SHOW," "HILL STREET
10 BLUES," "W.K.R.P. IN CINCINNATI," AND "LOU GRANT." SHE ALSO
11 RECEIVED DIRECTOR CREDITS FOR THE MOVIES, "THE BUDDY HOLLY
12 STORY" AND "THREE WOMEN." SHE'S SURVIVED BY HER STEPDAUGHTER,
13 CELESTE, AND HER BROTHER, BOB. AND I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
14 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF STUART CORNFELD, WHO GRADUATED
15 FROM THE AMERICAN FILM INSTITUTE IN 1975, AND IN '77 BECAME AN
16 ASSISTANT TO MEL BROOKS, GETTING HIS FIRST EXECUTIVE PRODUCING
17 CREDIT ON BROOKS' 1980 FILM, "THE ELEPHANT MAN." A
18 COLLABORATOR AND FRIEND OF BEN STILLER, IN 1999, THEY LAUNCHED
19 RED HOUR FILMS, UNDER WHICH THEY ENJOYED SUCCESS WITH THE
20 COMEDIES, "ZOO LANDER," "STARKY & HUTCH," "DODGEBALL," "BLADES
21 OF GLORY," AND "TROPIC THUNDER." THE LAST OF WHICH EARNED AN
22 ACADEMY AWARD NOMINATION FOR ROBERT DOWNEY, JR. AND WON BEST
23 COMEDY AS THE BROADCAST CRITICS FILMS AWARD AND THE HOLLYWOOD
24 FILM AWARDS. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTERS, LOIS AND ELLEN.
25 AND, FINALLY, I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN

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1 MEMORY OF MEYER HERSCH, WHO FOUGHT IN THE SOUTH PACIFIC DURING
2 WORLD WAR II AND, A LOT LIKE OTHER RETURNING VETERANS, JUMPED
3 FULLY INTO THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THE POST WAR ECONOMY
4 OFFERED. HE STARTED AT THE VERY BOTTOM REHABBING A SMALL HOUSE
5 TRAILER AND THEN RESELLING IT. AND FROM THAT HUMBLE BEGINNING,
6 HE CREATED A SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS CAREER IN A NUMBER OF
7 INDUSTRIES. THE TRAILER ENTERPRISE BECAME A PUBLIC COMPANY AND
8 GREW INTO THE LARGEST TRAILER LEASING FIRM IN THE UNITED
9 STATES. HE EXPANDED HIS BUSINESS TO INCLUDE APARTMENTS,
10 SHOPPING CENTERS, AND INDUSTRIAL BUILDINGS. AND ALONG THE WAY,
11 HE WAS PRESIDENT OF TEMPLE BETH AM, SPENT EIGHT YEARS AS
12 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF THE CITY OF HOPE, CHAIRMAN OF THE
13 UNIVERSITY OF JUDAISM, CHAIRMAN OF THE L.A. UNITED JEWISH
14 WELFARE FUND, AND A NUMBER OF SIMILAR LEADERSHIP ROLES WITH
15 ISRAEL BONDS AND MANY OTHER CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. HE'S
16 SURVIVED BY HIS THREE CHILDREN, MITCHELL, BRIAN, AND KERRY.
17 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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19 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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21 **SUP. HAHN:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
22 TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF BRUCE ALAN HOFFMAN, WHO
23 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 80. HE WAS SELECTED BY THE BOARD OF
24 SUPERVISORS TO BE THE VERY FIRST DIRECTOR OF THE ALTERNATE
25 PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE BACK IN 1993. AND HE WAS ALL ABOUT

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1 TEAM LOYALTY AND SACRIFICE FOR THE BETTERMENT OF THE CLIENTS,
2 THE A.P.D. OFFICE, AND THE LAWYERS. HE WAS A TRUE LEADER WHO
3 INSPIRED ALL THOSE HE WORKED WITH. HIS LEGACY AS A TEAM
4 BUILDER AND MOTIVATOR IS WELL-ESTABLISHED AS THE A.P.D. HAS
5 GROWN FROM AN OFFICE OF 30 EMPLOYEES TO OVER 300. BRUCE AND
6 HIS WIFE RESIDED IN RANCHO PALOS VERDES, WHERE THEY RAISED
7 THEIR TWIN SONS, DEREK AND JASON. HE WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF
8 HIS CHURCH, SAINT MARY'S EPISCOPAL. HE ENJOYED THE OUTDOORS
9 INCLUDING FISHING, KAYAKING, HIKING, PADDLE TENNIS, AND SNOW
10 SKIING. HE WAS A MARINE UNTIL THE END, DEMONSTRATING HONOR,
11 COURAGE, AND COMMITMENT. BRUCE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, KAREN,
12 AND TWIN SONS, DEREK AND JASON. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE
13 ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF GLENN TEUBER, WHO
14 WAS 94, A LIFELONG RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO, WHEN HE PASSED AWAY.
15 HE ENLISTED AND SERVED TWO YEARS IN THE ARMY AIR CORPS DURING
16 WORLD WAR II. HE WAS AN AVID GARDENER, A GOLFER, AND A HUGE
17 FAN OF U.C.L.A. FOOTBALL AND BASKETBALL. HE WAS PRECEDED IN
18 DEATH BY HIS WIFE OF 61 YEARS, MURIEL, AND THEIR SON, GREGORY.
19 HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SONS, BRADLEY, DAVID, AND DOUGLAS, ALONG
20 WITH NUMEROUS OTHER FAMILY MEMBERS. HE'S ALSO SURVIVED BY MY
21 GOOD FRIEND, GORDON TEUBER, WHOSE FATHER WAS GLENN'S TWIN
22 BROTHER. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN
23 THE MEMORY OF RONALD GENTRY, WHO WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO
24 AND PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 91. HE SERVED IN THE NAVY DURING
25 THE KOREAN WAR, AND AFTER THE WAR, RON WORKED ON THE NIKE

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1 MISSILE PROGRAM. DURING HIS CAREER, HE WAS RECOGNIZED SEVERAL
2 TIMES FOR CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE MISSILE PROGRAM, THE SATELLITE
3 TESTING, AND THE SPACE SHUTTLE. RON BELONGED TO MASONIC LODGE
4 645 AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SAN
5 PEDRO, WHERE I ATTEND. RON IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARY-JO,
6 CHILDREN, KATHY, DAN AND KAREN, FOUR GRANDCHILDREN AND SIX
7 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. I ALSO MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE
8 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF STUART BORDEN, WHO WAS 72 WHEN HE
9 PASSED. HE WAS A HIGHLY RESPECTED TEACHER IN THE PARAMOUNT
10 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR OVER 26 YEARS AND A MEMBER OF LONG
11 BEACH'S YES WE CAN DEMOCRATIC CLUB. IN RETIREMENT, HE
12 VOLUNTEERED WITH THE PARAMOUNT UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
13 TECHNOLOGY DEPARTMENT. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 24 YEARS,
14 FRANCES ROZNER, AND HIS TWO SISTERS, ELLEN BORDEN HATTIS, AND
15 ANDREA BORDEN ROBERTS. AND MY LAST ONE IS THAT WE ADJOURN IN
16 THE MEMORY OF THEODORE SIMON. TED WAS A RESIDENT OF SAN PEDRO.
17 HE PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 99. HE FOUGHT WITH THE ALLIED
18 FORCES IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR, AND UPON RETURNING TO THE
19 UNITED STATES, HE SET OUT TO MASTER THE ART OF BREADMAKING. HE
20 THEN TURNED THAT ART INTO A 30-YEAR CAREER AT DICARLO'S
21 BAKERY. TED IS SURVIVED BY HIS CHILDREN, JOSEPH, RUTH, ANDY,
22 THREE GRANDCHILDREN, AND THREE GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. THANK YOU,
23 MADAM CHAIR.

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1 **SUP. BARGER, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. I MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN
2 TODAY, WE DO SO IN MEMORY OF FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC BRIAN
3 "BUCK" BALLENTINE. FIREFIGHTER PARAMEDIC BRIAN BALLENTINE WAS
4 A RESIDENT OF LANCASTER AND A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
5 FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY, AND HE PASSED AWAY AT THE YOUNG AGE OF
6 55. BUCK, AS HE WAS AFFECTIONATELY KNOWN, JOINED THE L.A.
7 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT IN 1985. BUCK FOLLOWED IN HIS FATHER'S
8 FOOTSTEPS WHO ALSO SERVED IN THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FIRE
9 DEPARTMENT AS A HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR. DURING HIS NEARLY 35
10 YEAR CAREER WITH THE DEPARTMENT, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO NUMEROUS
11 FIRE STATIONS, INCLUDING CANYON COUNTRY, RANCHO PALOS VERDES,
12 PALOS VERDES ESTATES, EAST LOS ANGELES, LANCASTER, PALMDALE,
13 WEST HOLLYWOOD, AND NEWHALL. MOST RECENTLY, HE WAS ASSIGNED TO
14 THE AIR OPERATIONS UNIT. BUCK IS REMEMBERED FOR HIS KINDNESS,
15 HIS HUMOR, AND HIS LOVE FOR HIS FAMILY. BUCK IS SURVIVED BY
16 HIS WIFE, LISA, DAUGHTERS, ALEX, LAUREN, BRIANNA, AND
17 JACQUELYN, HIS MOTHER, ANITA, HIS BROTHER, BILL, HIS SISTER,
18 SHERYL, AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. AND I KNOW HE IS ALSO
19 SURVIVED AND LOVED AND WILL BE MOURNED BY THE ENTIRE L.A.
20 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT FAMILY, WHO WILL MISS HIM DEARLY. I
21 ALSO MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JEROME P. CANZONERI, A
22 RESIDENT OF TEMPLE CITY, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 81.
23 RAISED IN AN ITALIAN COMMUNITY, HE ATTENDED CATHOLIC SCHOOLS
24 AND THEN BECAME A PARISHIONER AT ST. LUKE CHURCH. HE LOVED
25 NOTRE DAME FOOTBALL, HORSE RACING, AND SINGING. HE WAS A KIND

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1 INDIVIDUAL WHO WOULD OPEN HIS HOME TO ANYONE. JEROME IS
2 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE, IRENE, CHILDREN, VICKIE AND CARLOS, HIS
3 NINE GRANDCHILDREN, SIX GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, AND HIS NIECE,
4 TEMPLE CITY COUNCILMEMBER CYNTHIA STERNQUIST. ALSO THAT WE
5 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF LORETTA BELLE HANSEN, A LONG TIME
6 ANTELOPE VALLEY RESIDENT, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 95.
7 SHE GRADUATED AND BECAME A REGISTERED NURSE AT JENNY EDMUNDSON
8 HOSPITAL IN COUNCIL BLUFFS, IOWA AND MOVED TO LANCASTER, WHERE
9 SHE WAS HIRED BY THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL IN 1957. LORETTA
10 HELD SEVERAL POSITIONS IN HER 34 YEARS AT THE ANTELOPE VALLEY
11 HOSPITAL. SHE WAS THE HEAD NURSE, DIRECTOR OF NURSING,
12 DIRECTOR OF PATIENT CARE, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR, AND INTERIM
13 ADMINISTRATOR UNTIL RETIREMENT IN 1991. AFTER RETIRING, SHE
14 WAS ELECTED TO THE ANTELOPE VALLEY HOSPITAL BOARD OF
15 DIRECTORS. SHE ALSO SERVED ON LANCASTER CITY PLANNING
16 COMMISSION AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY CHAPTER OF
17 THE ALTRUSA CLUB INTERNATIONAL. LORETTA IS SURVIVED BY HER
18 DAUGHTER, THREE SONS, EIGHT GRANDCHILDREN, AND SIX GREAT
19 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO I MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
20 ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF OF THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE
21 IDENTIFIED AS INDIGENT VETERANS BY THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
22 MEDICAL EXAMINER AND WERE SUBSEQUENTLY BURIED WITH DIGNITY AND
23 HONOR AT RIVERSIDE NATIONAL CEMETERY LAST MONTH. JAMES
24 BURNETT, MARINE CORPS. ROBERT MERLE BUTNER, MARINE CORPS.
25 LOUIS CURNAL, JR., ARMY. GREGORY VAN DAVID, NAVY. RONALD

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1 ANDREW DRAPER, ARMY. EDWARD JOSEPH HOFFMAN, AIR FORCE. DENNIS
2 LAMB, ARMY. RICHARD JOHN LANDON, ARMY. FRANK LUNDY, NAVY.
3 EDWARD THOMAS MALLARD, NAVY. DAVID MELTON, MARINE CORPS.
4 NEWTON ODA, AIR FORCE. WILLIAM LEROY ROGERS, ARMY. GAY WILLIAM
5 TOM, AIR FORCE. FERNANDO A. VICTORIA, MARINE CORPS. MAY THEIR
6 CONTRIBUTIONS AND SACRIFICE IN SERVICE TO OUR COUNTRY NEVER BE
7 FORGOTTEN. NOW I'LL READ SUPERVISOR SOLIS'S ADJOURNMENTS. I
8 MOVE THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN TODAY, WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MAXX
9 CHENG. MAXX PASSED AWAY LAST THURSDAY AFTER EXPERIENCING
10 NAUSEA, A FEVER, AND COUGHING. HE WAS JUST 13 YEARS OLD. HIS
11 FAMILY AND THE COMMUNITY OF CLAREMONT ARE GRIEVING THIS
12 TRAGEDY. MAXX WAS AN ATHLETE, AN ATHLETIC YOUNG BOY, WHO WAS
13 ON THE SCHOOL'S SWIMMING TEAM. HE HAD DREAMS OF COMPETING IN
14 THE OLYMPICS. MAXX PLAYED THE VIOLA, WAS PART OF HIS SCHOOL'S
15 SPEECH AND DEBATE TEAM, AND WAS ENERGETIC AND KIND TO
16 EVERYONE. HE'S SURVIVED BY HIS SISTER, CHARLOTTE, TWIN
17 BROTHER, LEO, PARENTS, AND HIS GRANDMOTHER. MAY HE REST IN
18 PEACE. I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY ALSO IN MEMORY OF ROSALIA
19 VASQUEZ, WHO WAS A SISTER OF ONE OF MY MEMBER, OLIVIA VASQUEZ,
20 WHO UNFORTUNATELY PASSED AWAY FROM COVID. SHE CONTRACTED
21 COVID-19 WHILE A RESIDENT AT GLADSTONE REHABILITATION CENTER.
22 ROSALIA WAS BORN IN 1961 IN BOYLE HEIGHTS AT THE HISTORIC
23 GENERAL HOSPITAL. SHE STARTED HER LIFE IN THE CITY OF SAN
24 GABRIEL, WHEN HER PARENTS DISCOVERED SHE WOULD BE DISABLED FOR
25 THE REST OF HER LIFE, GIVEN HER MEDICAL CONDITIONS. DESPITE

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1 ROSIE'S PHYSICAL CHALLENGES, SHE BROUGHT JOY TO ALL WHO CAME
2 INTO HER LIFE. SHE LOVED MUSIC, PARTIES, AND WAS VERY GOOD AT
3 DANCING IN HER WHEELCHAIR. NO MATTER THE SITUATION, SHE WAS
4 ALWAYS HAPPY AND WAS KNOWN TO GIVE HUGS TO ALL. SHE WOULD
5 LAUGH WITH YOU OR AT YOU AND WAS AN INSPIRATION AND KEPT LIFE
6 IN PERSPECTIVE FOR THOSE AROUND HER. SHE WILL BE MISSED BY HER
7 LOVING FAMILY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER FATHER, JORGE VASQUEZ
8 MORA, MOTHER, JUANITA MUNOZ, SISTERS, ELIZABETH DELEON, OLIVIA
9 VASQUEZ, AND BROTHER, JORGE DIEGO VASQUEZ. MAY SHE REST IN
10 PEACE. LAST, I MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN TODAY IN MEMORY OF VICTOR
11 VELASQUEZ RAMIREZ, WHO WAS BORN ON MARCH 3RD, 1946 IN NAYARIT,
12 MEXICO AND PASSED AWAY ON JULY 13TH, 2020 AT THE AGE OF 74. HE
13 STUDIED JOURNALISM IN GUADALAJARA MEXICO AND RELOCATED TO THE
14 CITY OF LA PUENTE IN 1977. HE BEGAN WORKING AS A STORE MANAGER
15 AND THEN PURSUED HIS DREAM TO BECOME A JOURNALIST. IN 2001, HE
16 BECAME A WRITER FOR THE SPANISH PAPER CALLED "LA VOZ." VICTOR
17 NOT ONLY ENJOYED WRITING, BUT ALSO HAD A PASSION FOR
18 PHOTOGRAPHY, HELPING HIS FAMILY AND HIS COMMUNITY. HE
19 VOLUNTEERED TO TAKE PHOTOS OF LOCAL COMMUNITY EVENTS INCLUDING
20 EVENTS HOSTED BY MY OFFICE, PARTICIPATED IN FOOD
21 DISTRIBUTIONS, AND VOLUNTEERED AT HIS LOCAL POLICE DEPARTMENT.
22 VICTOR IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 49 YEARS, TERESITA JOYA,
23 THEIR NIECE, MIRIAM MONTANO, AND NEPHEWS, JAIME AND MIGUEL
24 ANGEL MONTANO, WHOM THEY RAISED AS THEIR OWN, AND A HOST OF
25 EXTENDED FAMILY MEMBERS, AND FRIENDS, WHO WILL MISS HIM

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1 DEARLY. MAY HE REST IN PEACE. THOSE ARE OUR ADJOURNMENTS.
2 MOVED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR
3 HAHN. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THIS WILL CONCLUDE OUR
4 BOARD MEETING. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE
5 HELD ON AUGUST 4TH, 2020. THE NEXT MEETING OF THE SUPERVISORS
6 WILL BE, I'M SORRY, THE NEXT SUPERVISOR MEETING WILL BE A
7 SPECIAL MEETING ON JULY 28TH, 2020. AGAIN FOR CLARIFICATION,
8 THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE A SPECIAL
9 MEETING ON JULY 28TH, 2020. THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING OF THE
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL BE HELD ON AUGUST 4TH OF 2020. WITH
11 THAT, WE'RE ADJOURNED.

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**CLOSED SESSION ITEMS
FOR JULY 21, 2020**

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5 **CS-1. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - EXISTING**
6 **LITIGATION**

7 (Paragraph (1) of Subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
8 54956.9)

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10 LA Alliance for Human Rights, et al. v. City of Los Angeles, et
11 al., U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Case
12 Number: 20-cv-02291-DOC-KES.

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14 This lawsuit seeks relief stemming from the homelessness
15 conditions in the City and County of Los Angeles. (20-2724)

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17 **No reportable action was taken.**
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20 **CS-2. CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED**
21 **LITIGATION**

22 (Paragraph (2) of subdivision (d) of Government Code Section
23 54956.9)

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25 Significant exposure to litigation (~~one case~~ two cases).
26 (20-2580)

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28 **No reportable action was taken.**
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31 **CS-3. DEPARTMENT HEAD PERFORMANCE EVALUATIONS**
32 **(Government Code Section 54957)**

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34 Department Head performance evaluations. (11-1977)

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36 **No reportable action was taken.**
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2 6029/RPR/CRR qualified in and for the State of California, do
3 hereby certify:

4 That the transcripts of proceedings recorded by the Los
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6 were thereafter transcribed into typewriting under my
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8 That the transcript of recorded proceedings as archived
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11 me.

12 I further certify that I am neither counsel for, nor
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14 in anywise interested in the outcome thereof.

15 IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 6th
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