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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]  
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6   **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER, PLEASE. AND  
7   WOULD ASK EVERYONE TO PLEASE RISE. WE WILL BE LED IN THE  
8   INVOCATION TODAY BY THE REVEREND CANON LYNN JAY, ST. STEPHEN'S  
9   EPISCOPAL CHURCH FROM SANTA CLARITA, FOLLOWED BY THE PLEDGE OF  
10  ALLEGIANCE WHICH WILL BE LED BY A GOOD FRIEND, MR. WILLIAM  
11  WARD, SERVICE OFFICER, LAKEWOOD MEMORIAL POST NO. 8615, V.F.W.  
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13 **REV. CANON LYNN JAY:** THANK YOU, GOOD MORNING. OH GOD OF OUR  
14 MANY UNDERSTANDINGS, WE PRAY THAT YOU WILL BLESS THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS AS THEY WORK FOR ALL THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF  
16 LOS ANGELES. BLESS OUR SUPERVISORS WITH DISCOMFORT AT EASY AND  
17 SIMPLISTIC ANSWERS, REMEMBERING THAT ANYTHING WORTH DOING OR  
18 OF REAL IMPORTANCE WILL NOT BE DONE WITHOUT DILIGENTLY WORKING  
19 TOGETHER. SEND A SPIRIT OF WISDOM, CHARITY, AND JUSTICE TO THE  
20 SUPERVISORS THAT WITH STEADFAST PURPOSE THEY MAY FAITHFULLY  
21 SERVE IN THIS OFFICE TO PROMOTE THE WELL-BEING OF ALL PEOPLE.  
22 AND, FINALLY, BLESS US ALL WITH COMPASSION AND GENEROSITY,  
23 REMEMBERING THAT EVERY RELIGION'S GOD JUDGES US BY THE WAY WE  
24 CARE FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE. AMEN.  
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1 **WILLIAM A. WARD:** IT IS OUR CUSTOM TO RISE TO FACE THE FLAG.  
2 PLACE YOUR HAND OVER YOUR HEART AND FOLLOW ME. [PLEDGE OF  
3 ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU BOTH. FIRST, MR. WARD, IF  
6 YOU'LL JOIN ME OVER HERE, PLEASE. I'M NOT SURE, YOU MIGHT HOLD  
7 THE RECORD FOR LEADING US IN THE PLEDGE THE MOST FOR ANYONE.  
8 HE'S A GOOD FRIEND, AND HE IS AT LAKEWOOD MEMORIAL POST NO.  
9 8615, AS I SAID FROM THE V.F.W.

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11 **WILLIAM A. WARD:** HOORAY FOR ARTESIA AND CERRITOS.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOU GOT IT. HE'S ALSO A MEMBER OF THE  
14 VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA AND AMERICAN LEGION. HE SERVED IN  
15 THE UNITED STATES ARMY IN VIETNAM 1962 THROUGH 1968. RECEIVED  
16 THE U.S. ARMY GOOD CONDUCT MEDAL, THE NATIONAL DEFENSE SERVICE  
17 MEDAL AND THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM SERVICE MEDAL. HE'S A  
18 RETIRED TEACHER FROM THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
19 AND HE'S LIVED IN THE FOURTH DISTRICT FOR 64 YEARS. SO BILL, I  
20 WANT TO SAY ONCE AGAIN THANK YOU FOR ALWAYS TAKING THE TIME TO  
21 COME DOWN AND LEAD US IN THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

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23 **WILLIAM A. WARD:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS, IT'S A PLEASURE TO WELCOME  
2 REVEREND CANON LYNN JAY HERE TODAY, WHO WAS A GRADUATE OF  
3 CSUN, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY AT NORTHRIDGE, WHERE SHE  
4 RECEIVED HER DEGREE AND TEACHING CREDENTIAL. AND SHE THEN  
5 ATTENDED EPISCOPAL THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL AND THE SCHOOL OF  
6 THEOLOGY AT CLAREMONT, AND WAS GRANTED HER MASTERS OF DIVINITY  
7 IN THEOLOGY, ORDAINED A DEACON IN 1982, ORDAINED A PRIEST IN  
8 1983. SERVED AS CURATE OF ST. ANDREWS AND CHARLES IN GRENADA  
9 HILLS BEFORE BECOMING VICAR OF ST. STEPHEN'S IN 1985. SHE IS  
10 MARRIED AND SHE HAS THREE CHILDREN.

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12 **CANON LYNN JAY:** AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND TWO GRANDCHILDREN. ANY GREAT?

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16 **CANON LYNN JAY:** NO.

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18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** OKAY, OKAY. WE'LL REST THERE. BUT THANK YOU  
19 FOR COMING DOWN AND LEADING US IN PRAYER. [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WE SHALL PROCEED WITH THE AGENDA.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME THANK YOU FOR  
2 ALLOWING ME TO BE ABLE TO BE SEATED THIS WEEK WITHOUT HAVING A  
3 CHAIR COLLAPSING. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD. GOOD MORNING, MR. CHAIRMAN, MEMBERS  
6 OF THE BOARD. WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 4, AGENDA  
7 FOR THE MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION. ON  
8 ITEM 1-D, AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE ACTING  
9 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE  
10 WEEK TO MARCH 10TH, 2009.

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12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 2-D IS BEFORE YOU.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
17 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
20 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEMS 1-P AND 2-P.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
23 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 17.  
2 ON ITEM NO. 1, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC  
3 TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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7 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 5, THERE'S REQUESTS FROM  
8 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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12 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
15 THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 11, CONSENT CALENDAR,  
18 ITEMS 18 THROUGH 57. ON ITEM NO. 34, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
19 AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 36, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
24 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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3 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 38, SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS  
4 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 10TH,  
5 2009.

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7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO MARCH 10, SO  
8 ORDERED.

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10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 39, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM  
11 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 40, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
16 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 41, THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
21 WORKS REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE REFERRED BACK TO HER  
22 DEPARTMENT.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 42 AND 43, THERE'S A REQUEST  
2 FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THESE ITEMS.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED TO BE HELD.

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6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 44, THIS INCLUDES THE  
7 CORRECTION AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM  
8 NO. 49, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
9 THIS ITEM.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEMS 54 AND 55, COUNTY COUNSEL REQUESTS  
14 THAT THESE ITEMS BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO MARCH 24TH, 2009.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** 54, 55, CONTINUED TO MARCH 24. SO  
17 ORDERED.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS ON THE CONSENT  
20 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

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22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
23 CHAIR WILL SECOND. SO ORDERED.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE'RE NOW ON PAGE 27, ORDINANCES FOR  
2 INTRODUCTION. ITEMS 58 AND 59. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE  
3 IN FOR THE RECORD. ON ITEM NO. 58, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
4 AMENDING TITLE 1, GENERAL PROVISIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
5 CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND NONCOMPLIANCE FEES  
6 FOR CODE VIOLATIONS AND TITLE 13, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND  
7 WELFARE OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO GRAFFITI  
8 PREVENTION, PROHIBITION, AND REMOVAL.

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10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NO. 59, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE  
14 AMENDING TITLE 6. SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE  
15 RELATING TO THE NEW PHYSICIANS PAY PLAN. THE ADDITION,  
16 DELETION, AND/OR CHANGING OF CERTAIN CLASSIFICATION AND A  
17 NUMBER OF ORDINANCE POSITIONS IN VARIOUS DEPARTMENTS AS A  
18 RESULT OF THE BUDGET PROCESS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008, 2009 AND  
19 THE IMPLEMENTATION OF CLASSIFICATION STUDY RECOMMENDATIONS.

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21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
22 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SEPARATE MATTER ITEMS 60. AND I'LL READ THE  
25 SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD. THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX



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1 COLLECTOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE  
2 ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE LA CANADA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
3 GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS 2004 ELECTION SERIES C IN AGGREGATE  
4 PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$4,200,000.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THE  
7 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** DISCUSSION ITEMS, ITEMS 61 AND 62. ON ITEM  
10 61, WE'LL HOLD FOR A DISCUSSION. ON ITEM 62, WE'LL HOLD FOR A  
11 PUBLIC HEARING. MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA WHICH  
12 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING AS  
13 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, ON ITEM 63-A, THERE'S A  
14 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. 63-B IS  
15 BEFORE YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
18 CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE  
21 AGENDA. BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH  
22 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT NO. 4.

23

24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'RE GOING TO BEGIN WITH --

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN I JUST BE RECORDED AS AN AYE VOTE ON ALL  
2 THE CONSENT ITEMS? THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IT'S MY PLEASURE. WE'RE GOING  
5 TO DO SOME L.A. COUNTY STARS. FIRST OF ALL, IT'S MY PLEASURE  
6 TO INTRODUCE THE MARCH 2009 L.A. COUNTY STARS IN THE CATEGORY  
7 SERVICE EXCELLENCE. I'D LIKE TO WELCOME DR. EMILY BEELER FROM  
8 THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. DR. BEELER HAS BEEN WORKING  
9 WITH THE VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH AND RABIES CONTROL PROGRAM  
10 FOR OVER THREE YEARS, AND STATES THAT SHE HAS THE BEST JOB  
11 SHE'S EVER HEARD OF AND HER PASSION FOR HER WORK REFLECTS  
12 THIS. TRACKING AND CONTROLLING ANIMAL DISEASES OF PUBLIC  
13 HEALTH IMPORTANCE REALLY INTERESTS HER AND FASCINATES HER. AND  
14 SHE OFTEN WORKS IN HER SPARE TIME TO IMPROVE THE KNOWLEDGE OF  
15 THE CURRENT STATE OF-- IMPROVE HER KNOWLEDGE OF THE CURRENT  
16 STATE OF ANIMAL DISEASES. SHE IS CONSTANTLY FINDING RELEVANT  
17 INFORMATION IN HUMAN MEDICINE, LAW, ECONOMICS, ETYMOLOGY,  
18 ECOLOGY AND HER RELATIONSHIPS WITH PEOPLE IN THE COMMUNITY  
19 DEEPENS OUR UNDERSTANDING OF ZOONAUTIC. NEW SCRABBLE WORD  
20 TODAY, YES. DISEASE TRENDS HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
21 DR. BEELER HAS ALSO EXPANDED LOCAL ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE  
22 THROUGH EDUCATION OF POTENTIAL REPORTERS AND COLLABORATIONS  
23 WITH MANY OTHER AGENCIES. IN ORDER TO REACH MORE PEOPLE, SHE  
24 IS WILLING TO GIVE HER EDUCATIONAL TALKS DURING EVENING HOURS.  
25 SHE STAFFS BOOTHS AT VARIOUS EDUCATIONAL FAIRS ON WEEKENDS.



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1 SHE EXPANDS LOCAL ANIMAL DISEASE SURVEILLANCE, AND THAT'S A  
2 VERY DAUNTING TASK FOR SUCH A SMALL PROGRAM. BUT SHE ACTIVELY  
3 WORKS TO DEVELOP COLLABORATIONS SO THAT WE CAN WORK WITH  
4 OTHERS TO ACHIEVE OUR GOALS HERE IN THE COUNTY. BY LISTENING,  
5 BEING CONSIDERATE AND RESPONSIVE, DR. EMILY BEELER IS ABLE TO  
6 PROVIDE EXCELLENT SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY ON A DAILY BASIS  
7 AND MORE SO PRESENTS A VERY POSITIVE IMAGE ON BEHALF OF THE  
8 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH. AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE DR.  
9 EMILY BEELER. [APPLAUSE.]

10

11 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I DON'T KNOW IF EVERYBODY REALIZES HOW  
12 CLOSELY VETERINARY HEALTH IS TO HUMAN HEALTH. SO MANY OF OUR  
13 DISEASES COME FROM ANIMALS OR COME FROM ANIMALS INDIRECTLY  
14 THROUGH VECTORS, WHETHER IT'S THE ONES THAT WE WORRY ABOUT  
15 EVERY DAY, LIKE WEST NILE, OR THE MORE INFREQUENT ONES LIKE  
16 RABIES AND PLAGUE. AND EVEN THE MOST SERIOUS DISEASES THAT  
17 HAVE RECENTLY OCCURRED, LIKE H.I.V. CAME FROM ANIMALS. EBOLA  
18 AND COMES FROM ANIMALS. AND EVEN CONTAMINATION OF PRODUCE CAME  
19 FROM ANIMALS THAT CAUSED A NUMBER OF VERY SERIOUS OUTBREAKS.  
20 SO VETERINARY PUBLIC HEALTH IS REALLY CORE PUBLIC HEALTH. AND  
21 DR. BEELER REALLY EXEMPLIFIES WHAT WE LOOK FOR IN PEOPLE WHO  
22 ARE LEADERS IN PUBLIC HEALTH. SHE WORKS VERY HARD TO PROTECT  
23 OUR HEALTH, BOTH THE HEALTH OF THOSE OF US THAT ARE FURRY AND  
24 THOSE OF US THAT ARE NOT. AND SHE HAS SHOWN EXEMPLARY  
25 COMMITMENT, SPENDING A LOT OF HER FREE TIME GOING OUT AND



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1 GIVING TALKS. SHE IS PART OF OUR KEY SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM THAT  
2 KEEPS EVERYBODY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY SAFE. SO MY  
3 CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO DR. BEELER FOR HER ENORMOUS  
4 DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT. [APPLAUSE.]

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6 **EMILY BEELER:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH TO BOTH THE BOARD OF  
7 SUPERVISORS AND DR. FIELDING FOR TAKING A MOMENT TO FOCUS ON  
8 ANIMAL DISEASES AND THE CONNECTION TO HUMAN DISEASE BECAUSE  
9 IT'S NOT ALWAYS SUCH AN OBVIOUS CONNECTION. BUT THANK YOU VERY  
10 MUCH TO OUR ENTIRE PROGRAM. THIS IS REALLY -- THE WORK I DO IS  
11 CERTAINLY JUST AN EXTENSION OF THE VERY HARD WORK OF EVERYONE  
12 ELSE IN MY PROGRAM PUTTING IN ALSO A LOT OF EXTRA HOURS. SO  
13 THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING THE TIME. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** WELL, WE HAVE SOME MORE L.A. COUNTY  
16 STARS. THIS COMES FROM OUR DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS.  
17 SORT OF GIVES YOU AN IDEA FROM PUBLIC HEALTH ON ANIMAL DISEASE  
18 TO REAL ESTATE FRAUD PREVENTION, TWO OF THE MANY SERVICES THIS  
19 GREAT COUNTY PROVIDES. THIS IS THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD  
20 PREVENTION TEAM. THEY HAVE THEIR SCROLLS ALREADY FROM THE  
21 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS. THIS TEAM IS MADE UP OF  
22 INDIVIDUALS WHO COME TO WORK EACH DAY WITH THE GOAL OF HELPING  
23 HOMEOWNERS HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AS THE RECENT  
24 FORECLOSURE CRISIS EXPANDED -- COULD WE HAVE -- KEEP IT DOWN  
25 OVER HERE, STEVE? COULD YOU HAVE THEM KEEP IT DOWN OVER HERE,



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1 PLEASE? AS THE RECENT FORECLOSURE CRISIS EXPANDED, THE REAL  
2 ESTATE TEAM WORKED TO MEET THE CHANGING NEEDS OF THE PUBLIC  
3 THAT THE SERVE, AND DEVELOPED INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS TO THE  
4 CHALLENGES THEY FACED. THE REAL ESTATE TEAM OF THE DEPARTMENT  
5 OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS IS AN EXCELLENT EXAMPLE OF PEOPLE HELPING  
6 PEOPLE. THEY EMBODY THE COUNTY'S MISSION OF PROVIDING  
7 EFFECTIVE AND CARING SERVICE TO THE CONSUMERS HERE IN OUR  
8 COUNTY. ON A DAILY BASIS, THIS TEAM WORKS WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE  
9 FACING THE LOSS OF THEIR HOMES AND ONE OF LIFE'S MOST  
10 CHALLENGING TIMES. THE PROFESSIONAL AND RESPONSIVE SERVICES  
11 THESE INDIVIDUALS PROVIDE IS ENHANCED BY THEIR COMPASSION AND  
12 HEARTFELT DESIRE TO HELP THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE. THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS WORKS VERY HARD TO PROMOTE A FAIR AND  
14 VIBRANT MARKETPLACE WHERE CONSUMERS AND HONEST BUSINESSES CAN  
15 THRIVE. THE HARD WORK AND DEDICATION OF THIS TEAM MAKES THAT  
16 VISION A REALITY. AS I MENTIONED, THEY RECEIVED THEIR SCROLLS,  
17 BUT WE JUST WANT TO CONGRATULATE THEM AS OUR MARCH 2009 L.A.  
18 COUNTY STARS AS THE REAL ESTATE FRAUD PREVENTION TEAM.

19 [APPLAUSE.]

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21 **PASTOR HERRERA:** GOOD MORNING, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, AND  
22 HONORABLE BOARD MEMBERS FOR THIS RECOGNITION. I TELL YOU, THIS  
23 IS THE D.C.A. REAL ESTATE TEAM THAT HAS HELPED SO MANY  
24 HOMEOWNERS WITH LOAN MODIFICATIONS, THAT HAVE HELPED SO MANY  
25 HOMEOWNERS WITH THOSE FORECLOSURE CONSULTANTS THAT HAVE





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1 SCAMMED THEM. THIS IS THE TEAM THAT HAS HELPED SO MANY  
2 HOMEOWNERS WITH THE LOAN MODIFICATION SCAMS. THIS IS A TEAM  
3 ALSO THAT HAS HELPED SO MANY DEALING WITH THE TAX PROPERTY  
4 ASSESSMENT SCAM THAT IS GOING ON RIGHT NOW. AND THEY ARE VERY  
5 DESERVING OF THIS HONOR. THEY'RE COMMITTED TO THEIR WORK, TO  
6 THEIR DEDICATION TO HELPING CONSUMERS. NOT ONLY THEM BUT ALL  
7 THE DEPARTMENT. I'M VERY PROUD OF THEM. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE  
8 CONSUMERS. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE STAFF THAT REALLY IS  
9 COMMITTED, DEDICATED AND COMPASSIONATE WITH THE WORK THAT THEY  
10 DO. THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THIS RECOGNITION, AND WE HONOR  
11 YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I AM SO IMPRESSED WITH THIS TEAM. WE HAVE GOTTEN  
14 SO MANY PHONE CALLS FOR ASSISTANCE IN OUR OFFICE. [INAUDIBLE]  
15 CONGRATULATIONS.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MARK?

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19 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. CHAIRMAN. I WANT  
20 TO ECHO THE SENTIMENTS THAT HAVE BEEN EXPRESSED REGARDING THE  
21 TIMELY AND CRITICAL WORK THAT'S BEING DONE TO AID FAMILIES WHO  
22 ARE IN DISTRESS OWING TO THE COLLAPSE IN THE REAL ESTATE  
23 MARKET, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO FORECLOSURES. WE'VE SAID  
24 OVER AND OVER AGAIN, THE ISSUE OF PREDATORY LENDING PRACTICES  
25 IS NO SMALL THING. MR. CHAIRMAN, YOU HAVE BEEN ON POINT IN



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1 THIS REGARD AS WELL AS MRS. MOLINA. AND WE WANT TO SEIZE THIS  
2 OPPORTUNITY TO SAY THERE'S A LOT MORE WORK TO BE DONE. THERE  
3 WAS A PARTICULAR INSTANCE IN WHICH THIS DEPARTMENT AND ITS  
4 LEADERSHIP INTERVENED. IT WAS EXTRAORDINARY HOW THEY TURNED A  
5 SITUATION AROUND THAT COULD HAVE RESULTED IN A VERY, VERY NOT  
6 ONLY LIFE-THREATENING BUT LIFE-ENDING EPISODE. THEY WERE  
7 HIGHLY PROFESSIONAL, DISCREET, AND FOR ALL INTENTS AND  
8 PURPOSES, JOHNNY ON THE SPOT. AND NOW AS A RESULT OF THAT, WE  
9 HAVE A GOOD REPORT AND A GOOD OUTCOME FOR THAT FAMILY. AND SO  
10 I WISH TO SALUTE ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR EXEMPLARY WORK AND  
11 ENCOURAGE YOU TO DO MORE OF IT. THANK YOU.

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13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. WE'LL DO A GROUP PHOTO. BUT I  
14 THINK JUST AS BOTH MY COLLEAGUES AND ALL OF OUR OFFICES  
15 OBVIOUSLY HAVE HAD NUMEROUS LETTERS. AND THIS DEPARTMENT, YOUR  
16 DEPARTMENT AND THIS TEAM, HAS STEPPED UP AND WE GET SOME VERY  
17 NICE LETTERS IN RETURN. SO CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NEXT, I HAVE A DISTINCT HONOR OF ASKING  
20 MR. JAMES BRINDA TO JOIN ME UP HERE TODAY. ALSO MARK MATSUI,  
21 PRESIDENT-ELECT OF THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION FOR POST  
22 SECONDARY EDUCATION AND DISABLED. AND DR. TERRY GOLDSTEIN WHO  
23 IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE GO PROJECT AT LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE.  
24 JAMES IS THE FIRST RECIPIENT OF A SCHOLARSHIP THAT I HELPED  
25 SUPPORT FOR THE CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF POST-SECONDARY



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1 EDUCATION AND DISABLED, C.A.P.E.D. GROUP, CONVENTION IN SAN  
2 FRANCISCO LAST OCTOBER. STAFF SERGEANT JAMES BRINDA JOINED THE  
3 ARMY IN 1986. OVER 22 YEARS HE HAS SERVED ON ACTIVE DUTY WITH  
4 THE RESERVES BOTH OVERSEAS AND AT HOME. HE HAS SERVED IN  
5 KUWAIT, IRAQ, AND AFGHANISTAN IN VERY NUMEROUS DIVERSE  
6 MILITARY UNITS, INCLUDING COMBAT TROOP UNITS, TRAINING,  
7 LOGISTICS, CHEMICAL, CIVIL AFFAIRS AND DRILL SERGEANT SCHOOLS  
8 TO NAME JUST A FEW. WHILE JAMES RETURNED SAFELY HOME BUT AS A  
9 RESULT OF HIS INJURIES AND HEALTH ISSUES, HE WAS UNABLE TO  
10 CONTINUE HIS ACADEMIC CAREER AND NEEDED A NEW PROFESSION. HE  
11 IS CURRENTLY ATTENDING LONG BEACH CITY COLLEGE WHERE HE'S  
12 STUDYING FOR HIS REAL ESTATE CERTIFICATE. HE IS LOOKING  
13 FORWARD TO PARTNERSHIPS WITH VARIOUS LOCAL ENTREPRENEURS AND  
14 ACQUIRING PROPERTIES AND SHELTERING THEIR FUTURES AND  
15 SUPPORTING THEIR FAMILIES HERE IN CALIFORNIA. ALSO, JAMES WAS  
16 INITIATED INTO THE HONOR SOCIETY OF STUDENTS WITH  
17 DISABILITIES, PULLING STRAIGHT A'S DESPITE HIS OBSTACLES. SO  
18 ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD, WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE JAMES FOR ALL  
19 HIS HARD WORK. BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY, HIS SERVICE TO AMERICA  
20 AND WISH HIM THE BEST AS HE FINISHES HIS ACADEMIC PROGRAMS IN  
21 HIS CAREER AND IN LIFE. JAMES, CONGRATULATIONS. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, JAMES. NEXT, I'D LIKE TO  
24 INVITE UP THE TORRANCE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS' GOLF TEAM. WE'RE  
25 GOING TO HAVE THE PLAYERS AND COACHES JOIN US UP HERE. WE HAD



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1 A LITTLE TIME TOGETHER UPSTAIRS. WE PRESENTED THEM THEIR  
2 INDIVIDUAL SCROLLS. WE ARE HONORING THEM TODAY AS THE 2008  
3 C.I.F. STATE GIRLS' GOLF CHAMPIONS. [APPLAUSE.] YES. THIS IS  
4 THEIR SECOND CONSECUTIVE STATE TITLE. AND JUST THE LATEST IN A  
5 HISTORIC AND UNPRECEDENTED RUN IN C.I.F. GIRLS' GOLF. SEEKING  
6 REDEMPTION AT THE RED HILL COUNTRY CLUB, WHERE THE TEAM PLACED  
7 SECOND IN THE 2006 STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS, THE TEAM'S SCORE THIS  
8 YEAR WAS 22 SHOTS BETTER THAN IN 2006. ON THEIR WAY TO THE  
9 CHAMPIONSHIPS, THEY TOOK FIRST PLACE IN THE C.I.F. SOUTHERN  
10 SECTION DIVISION, FIRST PLACE IN THE SOUTHERN SECTION  
11 CHAMPIONSHIP, AND WERE THE RUNNER UP IN THE STATE REGIONAL  
12 ROUND. SEVERAL GIRLS ON THE TEAM WON INDIVIDUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS  
13 FOR THE 2008 SEASON, INCLUDING JUNIOR JENNY CHIN, WHO WON THE  
14 INDIVIDUAL STATE CHAMPION TITLE, AND JANE RA, WHO WON THE  
15 THIRD PLACE INDIVIDUAL TITLE. JANE, WHO IS A SENIOR, WASN'T  
16 ABLE TO JOIN US TODAY, BUT SHE HAS PLACED IN THE TOP FIVE  
17 INDIVIDUAL C.I.F. STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS EVERY YEAR AS A MEMBER  
18 OF THE TORRANCE HIGH TEAM. AS I MENTIONED EARLIER, THIS IS  
19 JUST ONE MORE RECOGNITION FOR A REMARKABLE GROUP OF YOUNG  
20 LADIES. THIS IS THE TORRANCE TEAM'S THIRD STATE TITLE IN FOUR  
21 YEARS. THEY HAVE ONE 13 OF THE LAST 16 C.I.F. TEAM  
22 CHAMPIONSHIPS AND FINISHED SECOND IN THE THREE THAT THEY  
23 DIDN'T WIN. THE TEAM MEMBERS HAVE WON FOUR INDIVIDUAL C.I.F.  
24 CHAMPIONSHIPS ALONG THE WAY. THIS YEAR, THEY SET A C.I.F.  
25 STATE TEAM SCORING RECORD OF THREE UNDER PAR, AND ARE THE



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1 FIRST TEAM TO BREAK PAR AT A C.I.F. TEAM EVENT IN THE STATE'S  
2 HISTORY. SO ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF THIS  
3 GREAT COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO CONGRATULATE YOU ON AN INCREDIBLE  
4 RUN. I KNOW THERE'S GOING TO BE MANY MORE. AND I KNOW YOU ARE  
5 REALLY ANXIOUS TO GET BACK TO SCHOOL. (GROANS). NO? YEAH.  
6 ANYWAY, CONGRATULATIONS. LET'S GIVE THEM A BIG ROUND OF  
7 APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] THAT WAS TOO QUICK. I ASKED FOR 12 ASIDE  
8 ON THE GOLF COURSE, AND THEY SAID "SURE." THEY MUST HAVE SEEN  
9 MY GOLF GAME. NEXT WE HAVE ARTS EDUCATION MONTH. AND I'M GOING  
10 TO CALL UP LAURIE SCHELL, WHO IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR  
11 THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR ARTS EDUCATION, BETTY HAAGEN, A  
12 GOOD FRIEND AND MY APPOINTEE WHO IS THE CURRENT PRESIDENT OF  
13 THE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION. WE HAVE SEVERAL MEMBERS OF THE  
14 ARTS FOR ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE. THIS MORNING, THE BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS HAS PROCLAIMED MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH  
16 THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES COUNTY, JOINING STATE AND NATIONAL  
17 ENTITIES IN RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF DANCE, MUSIC,  
18 THEATER AND THE VISUAL ARTS IN A COMPREHENSIVE EDUCATION FOR  
19 OUR STUDENTS. ARTS EDUCATION IS CRITICAL TO DEVELOPING  
20 STUDENTS' CREATIVE AND PROBLEM-SOLVING ABILITIES, SKILLS THAT  
21 ARE ESSENTIAL IN DRIVING THE ECONOMY OF THIS COUNTY. THAT IS  
22 WHY SIX YEARS AGO, THIS BOARD UNANIMOUSLY ADOPTED THE PROGRAM  
23 CALLED ARTS FOR ALL, THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BLUEPRINT FOR ARTS  
24 EDUCATION, WHICH IS A REGIONAL PLAN TO RESTORE ARTS EDUCATION  
25 THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY'S 81 SCHOOL DISTRICTS. SPEARHEADED BY



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1 THE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION AND THE COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION,  
2 AN ARTS FOR ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE WAS ESTABLISHED. THIS  
3 COMMITTEE NOW HAS ACTIVE PARTNERSHIPS WITH 34 SCHOOL DISTRICTS  
4 IN THE COUNTY, EACH OF THESE DISTRICTS HAVE DEVELOPED POLICIES  
5 AND PLANS FOR ARTS EDUCATION. IN ADDITION, THE COUNTY'S ARTS  
6 FOR ALL TEAM HAS CREATED NUMEROUS TOOLS AND RESOURCES THAT  
7 SUPPORT THESE SCHOOL DISTRICTS IN PROVIDING ARTS EDUCATION TO  
8 OVER 500,000 STUDENTS. ARTS FOR ALL HAS ALSO BEEN FEATURED IN  
9 NATIONAL PUBLICATIONS AND ITS BEST PRACTICES AND LESSONS  
10 LEARNED HAVE BEEN SHARED WITH LEADERS IN THE FIELD OF ARTS  
11 EDUCATION THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA AND THE ENTIRE COUNTY. SO,  
12 MOST RECENTLY AND MOST IMPORTANTLY, ARTS FOR ALL WAS AWARDED A  
13 \$1.2 MILLION GRANT FROM THE WALLACE FOUNDATION THAT WILL  
14 ENABLE THIS INITIATIVE TO BUILD ON THE ACHIEVEMENTS FOR THE  
15 FIRST SIX YEARS AND EXPAND ITS ABILITY TO INCREASE THE IMPACT  
16 OF ARTS IN CLASSROOMS. AND I THINK AS WE GO THROUGH A LOT OF  
17 DIFFERENT THINGS, THE ONE THING THIS BOARD IS UNANIMOUS ABOUT  
18 IS OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR ARTS AND ARTS EDUCATION. BECAUSE  
19 ARTS IS LIFE LONG. WHETHER YOU'RE FORTUNATE ENOUGH TO DO IT  
20 PROFESSIONALLY, IT'S SOMETHING THAT GIVES PLEASURE,  
21 CREATIVITY, DISCIPLINE, ALL THE THINGS YOU NEED TO BE  
22 SUCCESSFUL AND HAVE GOOD QUALITY OF LIFE KINDS OF ISSUES. SO  
23 I'M GOING TO PRESENT THIS SCROLL AND I'M GOING TO ASK BETTY TO  
24 SAY A FEW WORDS. AND LAURIE. BETTY AND LAURIE, ALL RIGHT.

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1 **BETTY HAAGEN:** THANK YOU CHAIRMAN KNABE. ON BEHALF OF THE LOS  
2 ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND  
3 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR SUPPORT FOR ARTS FOR ALL.  
4 WHILE WE ARE HERE THIS MORNING TO CELEBRATE THE PROCLAIMED  
5 MARCH AS ARTS EDUCATION MONTH, IT IS IMPORTANT TO RECOGNIZE  
6 THAT THE STRENGTH OF THE COUNTYWIDE ARTS IN EDUCATION  
7 INFRASTRUCTURE, THE NATIONAL RECOGNITION THAT THE INITIATIVE  
8 HAS RECEIVED, AS WELL AS OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE BLUEPRINT,  
9 WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE PUBLIC-PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS  
10 THAT HAVE BEEN ESTABLISHED TO SUPPORT THIS WORK. IN ADDITION  
11 TO LAURIE SCHELL FROM THE CALIFORNIA ALLIANCE FOR THE ARTS  
12 EDUCATION, I WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEDICATION,  
13 COMMITMENT, AND LEADERSHIP OF THE MEMBERS OF THE ARTS FOR ALL  
14 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHO ARE CRITICAL PARTNERS WITH THE BOARD  
15 OF SUPERVISORS IN THE RESTORATION OF ARTS EDUCATION. DANIELLE  
16 BRAZIL, ARTS FOR L.A.; JANICE HOBER, SONY PICTURES  
17 ENTERTAINMENT; DR. DARLENE ROBLES, LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE  
18 OF EDUCATION; MARK SLAVKIN, THE MUSIC CENTER; HOPE WARSHAW,  
19 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSIONER; AND LAURIE ZUCKER, LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION. THESE PARTNERS HAVE BEEN  
21 MEETING MONTHLY FOR SIX YEARS, AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU  
22 ALL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND YOUR VISION TO PROVIDE QUALITY  
23 ARTS EDUCATION TO THE STUDENTS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
24 THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **LAURIE SCHELL:** THANK YOU CHAIRMAN KNABE. ON BEHALF OF THE ARTS  
2 FOR ALL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND THE  
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN THE CREATION OF  
4 ARTS FOR ALL. IT IS BECAUSE OF THE SUPPORT OF THE LOS ANGELES  
5 COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THAT SCHOOL DISTRICTS ACROSS THE  
6 COUNTY HAVE MADE SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN BUILDING  
7 INFRASTRUCTURE FOR K-12 ARTS EDUCATION. AS INDICATED BY THE  
8 RECENT ARTS FOR ALL 2008 ARTS EDUCATION PERFORMANCE INDICATORS  
9 REPORT, IN 2008, REPORT MARKS A MILESTONE IN ARTS EDUCATION IN  
10 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SINCE THE LAST REPORT IN 2005, WE'VE SEEN  
11 TREMENDOUS GROWTH IN BUILDING INFRASTRUCTURE FOR ARTS  
12 EDUCATION. IN FACT, THE GROWTH HAS NEARLY DOUBLED. SIXTY-FOUR  
13 PERCENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS REPORT HAVING AN ARTS EDUCATION  
14 POLICY. SIXTY-ONE PERCENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS REPORT HAVING A  
15 BOARD-ADOPTED ARTS EDUCATION PLAN OR INDICATED THEY ARE  
16 DEVELOPING ONE. THIRTY-NINE PERCENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICTS REPORT  
17 HAVING AN ARTS COORDINATOR. AND, NOTABLY, 98 PERCENT OF SCHOOL  
18 DISTRICTS REPORTED USING GENERAL FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF ARTS  
19 EDUCATION, NOT RELYING SOLELY ON PRIVATE OR OUTSIDE FUNDING.  
20 THESE INCREASES DEMONSTRATE A GROWING COMMITMENT TO THE ARTS  
21 AND ARTS EDUCATION IN L.A. COUNTY SCHOOLS, AND WE ARE VERY  
22 GRATEFUL FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE L.A. COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND  
23 THIS BODY IN MAKING THIS TREMENDOUS GROWTH AND POTENTIAL FOR  
24 ALL OF OUR STUDENTS POSSIBLE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I'D LIKE TO BRING UP MCKAY HATCH. SOME OF YOU  
2 MAY REMEMBER MCKAY TWO YEARS AGO WHEN HE STARTED A PROGRAM,  
3 "NO CUSSING CLUB" AT SOUTH PASADENA JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL WHERE  
4 HE WAS A STUDENT. SINCE THAT TIME, THE PAST TWO YEARS THEY  
5 HAVE NOW HAD OVER 30,000 YOUNG PEOPLE ACROSS THIS NATION WHO  
6 HAVE BEEN JOINING IN "NO CUSSING CLUBS" AND THIS HAS NOW GONE  
7 INTERNATIONAL. IN ISRAEL, SAUDI ARABIA, IN EUROPE, THROUGHOUT  
8 THE ENTIRE WORLD, THERE ARE NOW YOUNG PEOPLE SAYING THEY'VE  
9 HAD ENOUGH OF CURSING, SWEARING COMING TOGETHER FOR A POSITIVE  
10 ROLE MODEL FOR OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AS YOU CAN SEE TODAY, MANY OF  
11 THE STUDENTS THAT ARE HERE IN THEIR ORANGE T-SHIRTS IN THE  
12 AUDIENCE AND WITH ME TO SUPPORT MCKAY, BUT THIS IS WHAT ONE  
13 INDIVIDUAL HAS BEEN ABLE TO DO, JUST TO SEND A POSITIVE  
14 MESSAGE TO OUR YOUNG PEOPLE. AND SO WHILE SOME WILL MOCK, SOME  
15 WILL CAST ASPERSIONS TO THESE EFFORTS, THIS IS WHAT ONE PERSON  
16 CAN DO. AND IF EACH OF US CAN DO ONE POSITIVE ROLE, WE COULD  
17 DO A LOT. I DON'T KNOW IF ANY OF YOU HAVE READ OR KNEW A GOOD  
18 FRIEND OF MINE WHO PASSED AWAY A FEW YEARS AGO, THAT WAS B.T.  
19 COLLINS, WHO SERVED GOVERNOR BROWN AND GOVERNOR WILSON AND  
20 SERVED IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE. BUT HIS SISTER WROTE A BOOK  
21 CALLED "THE OUTRAGEOUS HERO," WHICH I WOULD HOPE YOU WOULD  
22 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO READ. WHAT ONE MAN CAN DO IS WHAT B.T.  
23 COLLINS HAD DONE, BOTH AS A SPECIAL FORCES OFFICER IN VIETNAM,  
24 A DOUBLE AMPUTEE WHEN HE RETURNED, INVOLVED WITH HELPING  
25 VETERANS TO GET THEIR LIFE BACK TOGETHER AND THEN SERVING TWO



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1 GOVERNORS AND A MEMBER OF THE STATE LEGISLATURE AS TO WHAT YOU  
2 CAN DO, ONE PERSON CAN DO. IF WE HAD MORE OF THOSE PEOPLE,  
3 PERHAPS WE SHOULD SEND MCKAY TO THE MIDDLE EAST, HE COULD HELP  
4 RESOLVE THOSE PROBLEMS THERE. HOW ARE YOU ON THE STIMULUS? BUT  
5 ANYWAY, MCKAY, WE WANT TO THANK YOU AND GIVE YOU THIS  
6 PROCLAMATION, AND WISH YOU CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH YOUR EFFORTS  
7 AND HAVE YOU SAY A FEW WORDS. LET'S TAKE A PICTURE FIRST.

8 [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **MCKAY HATCH:** WELL, FIRST OF ALL, I WOULD LIKE TO THANK MY  
11 FAMILY, SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL CLUB MEMBERS, MY PRINCIPAL,  
12 MISS ANDERSON, AND MY CLUB ADVISOR, MISS WALDEN, FOR  
13 SUPPORTING THE NO CUSSING CLUB. IT IS AN HONOR TO ACCEPT THIS  
14 PROCLAMATION FROM SUPERVISOR MICHAEL ANTONOVICH ON BEHALF OF  
15 CLUB MEMBERS AT SOUTH PASADENA HIGH SCHOOL AND ALL OVER THE  
16 WORLD. I THINK IT IS SO GREAT TO LIVE IN A CITY LIKE LOS  
17 ANGELES THAT WOULD RECOGNIZE SOMETHING THAT KIDS ARE TRYING TO  
18 DO TO HELP MAKE A BETTER WORLD, LIKE THIS CUSS-FREE WEEK. THIS  
19 NO CUSSING WEEK IS ABOUT BRINGING AWARENESS TO HOW WE TREAT  
20 EACH OTHER WITH OUR LANGUAGE. MAYBE WE COULD BE A LITTLE  
21 KINDER TO OUR NEIGHBORS, OR TO YOUR KIDS, AND EVEN YOUR  
22 HUSBAND OR WIFE, OR MAYBE EVEN YOUR EMPLOYEES OR YOUR BOSS.  
23 WHEN I STARTED THIS CLUB TWO YEARS AGO, JUST ASKING MY FRIENDS  
24 NOT TO CUSS AROUND ME, I THOUGHT THEY WOULD NEVER BE MY  
25 FRIENDS AGAIN. BUT THEY TOOK THE CHALLENGE AND THE NO CUSSING



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1 CLUB WAS BORN. NOW THROUGH THE WEBSITE, NOCUSSING.COM, WE HAVE  
2 MORE THAN 30,000 MEMBERS WORLDWIDE THAT HAVE TAKEN THE NO  
3 CUSSING CHALLENGE. THIS YEAR, EVERYONE'S TALKING ABOUT CHANGE.  
4 MAYBE WE CAN TAKE THIS WEEK TO MAKE POSITIVE CHANGES IN THE  
5 WAY WE TALK TO EACH OTHER. IT'S ALL ABOUT SELF-CONTROL AND  
6 USING OUR LANGUAGE TO UPLIFT ONE ANOTHER. I REALLY BELIEVE  
7 THAT IT ALL STARTS WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT OUR WORDS HAVE  
8 POWER. IF YOU CAN TAKE THE NO CUSSING CHALLENGE FOR A WEEK.  
9 THEN MAYBE YOU CAN DO IT FOR A MONTH, OR MAYBE EVEN A YEAR. I  
10 GUARANTEE THAT YOUR LIFE WILL CHANGE. WE NEED TO LEAVE PEOPLE  
11 BETTER THAN YOU FOUND THEM. I RECEIVED AN EMAIL FROM A MEMBER  
12 THAT SUMS UP THIS NO CUSSING CLUB AND THIS CUSS-FREE WEEK. IT  
13 SAYS "YOUR WORDS BECOME YOUR ACTIONS. YOUR ACTIONS BECOME YOUR  
14 BEHAVIOR. YOUR BEHAVIOR BECOMES YOUR CHARACTER. AND YOUR  
15 CHARACTER BECOMES YOUR DESTINY. YOU ARE WHAT YOU SPEAK."  
16 AGAIN, I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND SUPERVISOR  
17 ANTONOVICH FOR HAVING US HERE TODAY. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** TALKING ABOUT THE INDIVIDUAL THAT ONE CAN DO,  
20 WE NOW WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP ISRAEL ESTRADA, WHO ALSO IS AN  
21 INDIVIDUAL THAT HAD AN IDEA; AND AS A RESULT, HE STARTED THE  
22 PASADENA FORWARD, WHICH IS A NONPROFIT TO PROMOTE AND  
23 FACILITATE PROGRESS IN EDUCATION, ART AND CULTURE, BUSINESS,  
24 PUBLIC SERVICE AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE IN THE GREATER PASADENA  
25 AREA. AND BY STARTING THE PASADENA MARATHON, WHICH IS A VERY



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1 SUCCESSFUL EVENT NOW. AND THAT WILL BEGIN ON MARCH 22ND OF  
2 THIS MONTH. THE MARATHON IS PASADENA FORWARD'S LARGEST  
3 FUNDRAISING EVENT. AND BY SUPPORTING LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS AND  
4 PROVIDING THEM WITH THE TOOLS TO ADVANCE AND EXPAND THEIR  
5 PROGRAMS, PASADENA FORWARD WILL NOW ENABLE THE SMALL AND LARGE  
6 ORGANIZATIONS ALIKE TO EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY PROVIDE  
7 SERVICES TO THE GREATER PASADENA AREA. SO NOW APPROXIMATELY  
8 9,000 PEOPLE ARE EXPECTED TO PARTICIPATE ACROSS ALL OF THOSE  
9 EVENTS THAT INCLUDE: THE FULL MARATHON, HALF-MARATHON, THE 5K  
10 BIKE TOUR AND FUN RUN WALK. SO THERE ARE STILL OPPORTUNITIES  
11 IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE ON THAT MARATHON, ON  
12 MARCH 22ND, THE ROSE BOWL, YOU CAN BEGIN BY GOING ON THE WEB  
13 AT WWW.PASADENAMARATHON.ORG. SO ISRAEL, THANK YOU FOR YOUR  
14 LEADERSHIP, AND HERE IS THE PROCLAMATION FOR THE PASADENA  
15 MARATHON. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **ISRAEL ESTRADA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, AND FELLOW  
18 SUPERVISORS. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF PASADENA  
19 FORWARD, AND MY GREAT STAFF WHO HAVE BEEN WORKING ON THIS  
20 MARATHON FOR FOUR YEARS NOW. I WANT TO THANK YOU AND I AM  
21 PLEASED TO ACCEPT THIS HONOR. AS YOU KNOW, WE'VE HAD A NUMBER  
22 OF CHALLENGES TO GET THROUGH THIS YEAR TO PUT ON THIS EVENT,  
23 NOT THE LEAST OF WHICH WAS THE WILDFIRES THAT CAUSED A GREAT  
24 DEAL OF HARM TO OUR EVENT THIS PAST NOVEMBER. BUT NOW WE'RE  
25 JUST 19 DAYS AWAY FROM THE MARATHON AND WE'RE LOOKING GREAT. I



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1 WANT TO TAKE JUST A QUICK SECOND TO THANK KAISER PERMANENTE  
2 AND ALL OF OUR OTHER GREAT SPONSORS WHICH, WITHOUT THEIR HELP,  
3 THIS EVENT COULD NOT TAKE PLACE. AND AGAIN, I WANT TO  
4 ENCOURAGE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU HERE TODAY AND WATCHING TO  
5 COME OUT AND PARTICIPATE IN THE EVENT AS EITHER A VOLUNTEER OR  
6 A PARTICIPANT. THANK YOU AGAIN. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO PROCLAIM THIS WEEK WEIGHTS  
9 AND MEASURES WEEK. AND WITH US IS KURT FLOREN, WHO IS THE  
10 DIRECTOR, AND JEFFREY HUMPHREYS, THE DEPUTY FOR THE  
11 COMMISSION. MARCH 1ST THROUGH THE SEVENTH IS THIS WEEK. IT'S A  
12 WEEK THAT WILL BE DESIGNATED BY OUR STATE AND LOCAL  
13 JURISDICTIONS THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES IN RECOGNITION OF  
14 THE FIRST WEIGHTS AND MEASURES LAW PASSED BACK BY THE UNITED  
15 STATES CONGRESS IN 1799 ON MARCH 2ND. THE COUNTY OF LOS  
16 ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES HAS A THEME,  
17 COUNTY'S OBSERVANCE "WEIGHTS AND MEASURES: BALANCING THE  
18 MARKETPLACE." THEY HAVE SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE TO EVERY CONSUMER  
19 IN OUR COUNTY AND THOSE THAT PURCHASE GAS AT THE PUMP. THE  
20 AGRICULTURAL COMMISSIONER WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DEPARTMENT  
21 ROUTINELY CONDUCTS AND UNDER COVERS INSPECTIONS AT RETAIL  
22 FACILITIES THAT HAVE HELPED UNCOVER AND CORRECTED PROBLEMS,  
23 FORTIFYING THE INTEGRITY OF THE SALES PROCESS AND ENHANCING  
24 CONSUMER AWARENESS. THEREFORE, WITH GREAT PLEASURE THE BOARD



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1 PROCLAIMS THIS WEEK MARCH 1ST-7TH WEIGHTS AND MEASURES WEEK IN  
2 OUR COUNTY. SO KURT?

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4 **KURT FLOREN:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
5 CERTAINLY APPRECIATE THE RECOGNITION OF WEIGHTS OF MEASURES  
6 WEEK. AND THE THEME, BALANCING THE MARKETPLACE IS AN EXCELLENT  
7 THEME. BUT THERE'S ANOTHER THEME FOR THIS YEAR, MAKING A  
8 DIFFERENCE. IN L.A. COUNTY, WE HAVE 60 INSPECTORS THAT ARE IN  
9 THE FIELD EVERY DAY DOING THIS WORK. AND THERE'S ONLY ABOUT  
10 2,000 IN THE NATION. AND MOST FOLKS ARE VERY UNAWARE OF WHAT  
11 THESE PROFESSIONAL FOLKS DO. BUT THEY TRULY DO MAKE A  
12 DIFFERENCE. EACH OF US IS A CONSUMER. MOST TAKE FOR GRANTED  
13 THAT SCALES AND GAS PUMPS AND PACKAGES ARE ALL ACCURATE AND  
14 LABELS ARE ACCURATE. BUT THE JOB OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES  
15 OFFICIALS IS TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE CAN HAVE THAT CONFIDENCE  
16 IN THE MARKETPLACE. WE'VE GOT OVER OR ABOUT A QUARTER MILLION  
17 WEIGHING AND MEASURING DEVICES IN THE COUNTY, COUNTLESS  
18 VOLUMES OF PACKAGED GOODS, ABOUT 9,000 BUSINESSES THAT ARE  
19 USING PRICE SCANNERS EVERY DAY. AND ALL THOSE HAVE TO BE  
20 TESTED AND INSPECTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY'RE ACCURATE. AND  
21 WE'RE ALL IMPACTED BY THAT EACH AND EVERY DAY. JEFF HUMPHREYS  
22 IS HERE AND I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE HIM FOR HEADING UP THE  
23 WEIGHTS AND MEASURES DIVISION HERE. I'M VERY PROUD OF THE WORK  
24 THAT THESE DEDICATED PEOPLE DO. VERY PLEASED AT THE



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1 OPPORTUNITY TO HIGHLIGHT WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AND APPRECIATE  
2 THIS. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW FOR THE CLOSING ACT IS SCRUFFY, WHO IS A  
5 TERRIER MIX WHO IS 16 WEEKS OLD, A LITTLE BOY. THIS IS LITTLE  
6 SCRUFFY LOOKING FOR A HOME. IF ANYBODY WOULD LIKE TO ADOPT  
7 HIM, HE'S AVAILABLE. YOU CAN CALL THE TELEPHONE NUMBER AT THE  
8 BOTTOM OF YOUR SCREEN. 562-728-4644. AND HE WOULD LOVE TO BE  
9 AN ADDITION TO YOUR FAMILY. WHAT DO YOU THINK BILL? NEED AN  
10 ADDITION? LITTLE SCRUFFY? HIS HEART'S A-BEATING. SUPERVISOR  
11 RIDLEY-THOMAS?

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES. I  
16 THINK YOU WILL DELIGHT IN THIS PRESENTATION. AND IT GIVES ME A  
17 HIGH DEGREE OF HONOR AND RESPECT TO CALL FORWARD BORDEN OLIVE,  
18 A 50-YEAR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. THAT ALL BY  
19 ITSELF DESERVES A BIG ROUND OF APPLAUSE. [APPLAUSE.] MR.  
20 CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, MR. BORDEN JOINED THE COUNTY OF LOS  
21 ANGELES IN 1955 AS A STREET GANG WORKER FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
22 COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. IT WAS IN 1966 THAT HE JOINED THE  
23 HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION FROM WHICH HE'S RETIRING AS A  
24 SENIOR HUMAN RELATIONS CONSULTANT. HE IS A MODEL EMPLOYEE BY  
25 ANY STANDARD OF MEASUREMENT. YOU WOULD WISH TO KNOW THAT HE



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1 PIONEERED CONCEPTS FOR HUMAN RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY IN THE  
2 AREA OF HATE CRIME, HATE CRIMES INTERVENTION AND ADVOCACY. HE  
3 ALSO DEVELOPED PLANS FOR THE 1984 OLYMPIC GAMES RUMOR CONTROL  
4 CENTER. HE HELPED WITH THE EFFORT TO CREATE HUMAN RELATIONS  
5 COUNCILS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY, INCLUDING THOSE IN ANTELOPE  
6 VALLEY, PASADENA, BURBANK, HAWAIIAN GARDENS AND THE SAN  
7 FERNANDO VALLEY. MR. CHAIRMAN, HE WAS NOMINATED AND RECOGNIZED  
8 BY THE INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE FOR HIS  
9 HIGHLY COVETED WORK, WHICH CAUSED HIM TO BE GIVEN THE CIVIL  
10 RIGHTS AWARD IN 1999. YOU'LL NOTE THAT HE'S RECEIVED NUMEROUS  
11 RECOGNITIONS FROM THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR HIS  
12 DEDICATED COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT. HE WORKED WITH THE OAKWOOD  
13 BEAUTIFICATION COMMITTEE IN VENICE, WHICH WAS AN EARLY ATTEMPT  
14 AT COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING, FOR WHICH HE IS HIGHLY  
15 RECOGNIZED. IN ADDITION, HE TOOK THE LEAD IN BUILDING BRIDGES  
16 BETWEEN EMOTIONALLY CHARGED WARRING FACTIONS IN THE SAN PEDRO,  
17 WILMINGTON AREA. HIS DEDICATION AND COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT  
18 PROVED SUCCESSFUL. THERE WAS A DROP IN WHAT WAS THEN DEFINED  
19 AS RACIALLY MOTIVATED CRIMES IN THOSE AREAS. AND SO ON BEHALF  
20 OF THE BOARD, MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, IT IS WITH GREAT  
21 PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THIS SCROLL TO BORDEN OLIVE, AS WE  
22 COMMEND HIM FOR HIS COMMITTED AND VALUED SERVICE TO THE COUNTY  
23 OF LOS ANGELES, PARTICULARLY THE HUMAN RELATIONS DEPARTMENT,  
24 AS HE MARKS A MILESTONE ANNIVERSARY OF 50 YEARS AS A COUNTY  
25 EMPLOYEE. [APPLAUSE.]





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2 **BORDEN OLIVE:** THANK YOU, MR. THOMAS. AND I NEED TO TELL YOU  
3 THE WAY YOU DO 50 YEARS IS ONE DAY AT A TIME.

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5 **SPEAKER:** YEAH!

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7 **ROBIN TOMA:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR. YOU KNOW, BORDEN OLIVE HAS  
8 BEEN AT THE COMMISSION NOT ONLY SINCE I BEGAN WORKING THERE 13  
9 YEARS AGO, BUT FOR 50 YEARS AT THE COUNTY. AND OBVIOUSLY THAT  
10 IS A REMARKABLE ACHIEVEMENT. EVER SINCE I'VE BEEN THERE,  
11 BORDEN WOULD BE KNOWN FOR BEING ON THE SPOT TO RESPOND TO  
12 INTERRACIAL VIOLENCE ON A SCHOOL CAMPUS. HE'D BE THERE TO HELP  
13 BUILD A HUMAN RELATIONS TASKFORCE, IN ANTELOPE VALLEY,  
14 BURBANK, NO MATTER, WHEREVER IT WAS NEEDED. HE WOULD BE THERE  
15 IF A COMMUNITY NEEDED TO HAVE INVESTIGATION SUPPORT FOLLOWING  
16 A HATE CRIME THAT'S COMPLETELY UPSET A COMMUNITY THAT NEEDS TO  
17 BE ADDRESSED. HE IS SOMEONE WHO IS KNOWN IN OUR REGION AS  
18 SOMEONE WHO CAN BE RELIED UPON TO PROVIDE CRITICAL ASSISTANCE  
19 TO COMMUNITIES AND INSTITUTIONS IN NEED. I DON'T KNOW HOW  
20 BORDEN DOES IT. IT IS AN INCREDIBLE THING. BUT I KNOW WHAT  
21 DRIVES HIM IS HIS PASSION AND HIS CARING AND HIS DEDICATION.  
22 AND FOR THAT, HE IS SOMEONE THAT ALL OF US ON STAFF, AND WE  
23 HAVE MEMBERS OF THE STAFF HERE REPRESENTING THE WHOLE STAFF  
24 AND COMMISSIONERS WHO FEEL A DEEP SENSE OF GRATITUDE FOR HIS  
25 TREMENDOUS COMMITMENT TO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FOR HUMAN



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1 RELATIONS. SO I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND THE  
2 BOARD FOR JOINING US IN RECOGNIZING HIS TREMENDOUS  
3 ACCOMPLISHMENTS. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. WE WILL BEGIN WITH DISTRICT  
6 4, I BELIEVE, IS THAT CORRECT? FIRST OF ALL, I MOVE TODAY THAT  
7 WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JULIE ANN (COOK) CARPENTER, WHO PASSED  
8 AWAY PEACEFULLY ON HER HOME ON FEBRUARY 20TH AFTER A FOUR-YEAR  
9 BATTLE WITH BREAST CANCER. SHE HAD EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE  
10 IN URBAN PLANNING FROM U.S.C. SHE COMMENCED HER CAREER IN 1987  
11 AT REGIONAL PLANNING, WHERE SHE WORKED UNTIL 1995, STARTING AS  
12 A REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT AND WORKING HER WAY UP TO SENIOR  
13 REGIONAL PLANNING ASSISTANT POSITION. THEREAFTER, SHE  
14 TRANSFERRED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS AS A  
15 PLANNER, WHERE SHE STAYED UNTIL HER MEDICAL CONDITION  
16 PREVENTED HER FROM WORKING. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER HUSBAND  
17 TRISTRAM; FATHER, ROY; AND BROTHER, GREG. THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS  
18 GO TO THE FAMILY. ALL MEMBERS, PLEASE, ON THAT. GREAT GAL.  
19 ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF HELEN SIMMEN SMITH COUSER, WHO  
20 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 97. SHE WAS THE MOTHER OF DEL SMITH,  
21 OUR LONGTIME COUNTY LOBBYIST IN WASHINGTON, D.C. ALL MEMBERS  
22 ON THAT. SHE WAS ALSO THE OLDEST LIVING REALTOR IN THE STATE  
23 OF CALIFORNIA. SHE WAS A RESIDENT OF THE CITY OF WHITMORE AND  
24 WILL BE SORELY MISSED BY HER FAMILIES AND FRIENDS. SHE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HER SON, DEL; AND HER TWO DAUGHTERS, DONNA AND



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1 DENA; AND SIX GRANDCHILDREN. WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR SINCEREST  
2 CONDOLENCES TO DEL AND HIS FAMILY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN  
3 MEMORY OF A GOOD FRIEND MR. TOM PRIMOSCH, A LONGTIME RESIDENT  
4 OF CERRITOS WHO PASSED AWAY RECENTLY AFTER A LONG BATTLE WITH  
5 CANCER. HE WAS AN AVID JOGGER AND A FOUNDING MEMBER OF  
6 CERRITOS REPUBLICAN CLUB. HE SERVED HIS COUNTRY AS A U.S. ARMY  
7 RANGER, BETTER KNOWN AS RANGER TOM. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE  
8 OF 37 YEARS, DIXIE; SONS, TOMMY AND RYAN; BROTHER, BILL;  
9 SISTERS, IMELDA AND ANTONETTE; AND THREE GRANDCHILDREN. OUR  
10 THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. HE WAS A GREAT GUY. THOSE ARE MY  
11 ADJOURNMENTS. SO ORDERED. I ALSO HAVE A READ-IN MOTION. WE'LL  
12 GET YOU COPIES. JUST FOR A REPORT BACK. THE FEDERAL STIMULUS  
13 PACKAGE PROVIDES THE COUNTY WITH AN OPPORTUNITY NOT ONLY TO  
14 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING BUT CREATES  
15 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR CONSTITUENTS AFFECTED BY THE  
16 ECONOMIC DOWNTURN. SUBSIDIZED EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES COULD  
17 BENEFIT THE COUNTY, OTHER CITIES OR MUNICIPALITIES IN THE  
18 NONPROFIT AND PRIVATE SECTORS AS WELL AS OUR CLIENTS.  
19 EMERGENCY TEMPORARY AID FOR NEEDY FAMILIES, BETTER KNOWN AS  
20 T.A.N.F., CONTINGENCY FUND MAY PROVIDE THE COUNTY OVER \$100  
21 MILLION FOR SPECIFIC EXPENDITURES, ONE OF WHICH IS SUBSIDIZED  
22 EMPLOYMENT. THE FEDERAL PORTION OF THE FUNDING PROVIDES 80  
23 PERCENT OF THE SUBSIDY AND REQUIRES A 20 PERCENT COUNTY SHARE.  
24 THE WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT ADULT AND YOUTH DISLOCATED WORKER  
25 GRANTS MAY PROVIDE AN ADDITIONAL ESTIMATED \$30.7 MILLION TO



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1 SUPPORT EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES. THIS IS 100  
2 PERCENT FUNDED BY THE FEDERAL W.I.A. DOLLARS, WITH ZERO NET  
3 COUNTY COST. THESE OPPORTUNITIES ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE  
4 FROM MAY OF THIS YEAR 2009, THROUGH MARCH 2010. SO I THEREFORE  
5 MOVE THAT WE INSTRUCT THE C.E.O. TO DETERMINE THE FEASIBILITY  
6 OF COORDINATING EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR UNEMPLOYED  
7 CALWORKS AND NONCALWORKS CLIENTS WITH COUNTY DEPARTMENTS,  
8 PRIVATE SECTOR, NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND OTHER CITIES AND  
9 MUNICIPALITIES, AND REPORT BACK THEIR FINDINGS TO THIS BOARD  
10 WITHIN 60 DAYS IF NOT SOONER. I WOULD MOVE THAT, SECONDED BY  
11 SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY,  
12 LET'S CALL UP ITEM 39. I HAVE TWO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC SIGNED  
13 UP FOR THAT. SHIRLEY CARNEY AND ARNOLD SACHS. OKAY. IF YOU  
14 WILL IDENTIFY YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE?

15

16 **SHIRLEY CARNEY:** GOOD MORNING, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY NAME IS  
17 SHIRLEY CARNEY, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS FOR  
18 ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK. AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE BOARD MEMBERS  
19 FOR THE WORK THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY DONE IN THE COMMUNITY.  
20 HOWEVER, I AM KEEPING IN MIND AS I SPEAK TODAY THE OTHER  
21 GOVERNMENTAL AGENCY THAT THEY WORK IN CONJUNCTION WITH. SO AS  
22 I WILL PROCEED WITH ITEM 39. I ALSO THINK ITEM 39 SHOULD  
23 INCLUDE AREAS IN THIS MEASURE, SUCH AREAS AS SOUTH CENTRAL LOS  
24 ANGELES, LONG BEACH, AND COMPTON. DUE TO A TENDENCY IN COMMON  
25 OF UNKNOWN WHEREABOUTS. I WOULD ALSO LIKE THE BOARD TO EXTEND



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1 AN OPPORTUNITY TO THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY TO REVIEW THE  
2 PROJECT AND ITS QUALITY OF SERVICE FOR THE DURATION OF THE  
3 PROJECT. WELL, SINCE I HAVE 40 AND A FEW OTHERS, WOULD YOU  
4 MIND IF I SPOKE TO THEM?

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** RIGHT. GO AHEAD AND SPEAK TO ITEM 40, 42  
7 AND 43.

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9 **SHIRLEY CARNEY:** OKAY. ITEM 40, SAME THING WITH THIS MEASURE.  
10 IT SHOULD COVER ACCURATE AREAS. OH, LAST BUT NOT LEAST, WITHIN  
11 THIS AREA, DUE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION, I ALSO  
12 WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THIS COMMENT. I WOULD LIKE THE DEPARTMENT  
13 OF TRANSPORTATION NOT TO ENGAGE OR PARTAKE IN ANY ACTS OF  
14 TERRORISM OR SUCH AS PUBLIC EMBARRASSMENT OR USING ANY COUNTY  
15 OR ANY FUNDS TO PUBLIC EMBARRASS ANY OF ITS MEMBERS. AND BY  
16 THIS I MEAN INTIMIDATION OF JOBS, CONTRACTS, OR INTIMIDATION  
17 OF FUNDS. IS THERE ANY QUESTIONS, GENTLEMEN?

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** NO. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. THEN ITEMS  
20 39, 40, 42 AND 43 ARE BEFORE US. MR. SACHS IS NOT HERE ON 39.  
21 THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.  
22 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THANK YOU. THAT MOVES THOSE  
23 FOUR ITEMS. LET'S SEE. ITEM NO. 1, IT'S BEEN HELD. DR.  
24 CLAVREUL? WHILE YOU'RE HERE, YOU MIGHT AS WELL ADDRESS ITEM  
25 36.



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2 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
3 DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. ON ITEM 1, MY FAVORITE ABOUT H.I.V.  
4 COMMISSION. ALL THE MEMBERS AND THEY HAVE DOMINATED IN THE  
5 LAST FEW YEARS, HAVE BEEN EITHER H.I.V. POSITIVE OR GIVING  
6 TREATMENT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE H.I.V. POSITIVE. THEY NEED TO HAVE  
7 A PORTION WHICH IS NEUTRAL. AND THAT'S NOT HAPPENING AT ALL.  
8 AND THAT'S VERY CONCERNING, ESPECIALLY WHEN THERE ARE SO MANY  
9 ISSUES THEY ARE DEALING WITH THAT AFFECT MONEY DISBURSED IN  
10 THIS AREA. SO I WILL COME EVERY TIME YOU HAVE ONE OF THOSE  
11 ITEMS HERE. AND ON THE OTHER --

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT WAS ITEM 36, GENEVIEVE.

14

15 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** YES. HOLD ON A MINUTE. SO I HAVE A  
16 COUPLE OF ARTICLES ABOUT NURSING SCHOOL GRADUATES THAT YOU  
17 MIGHT ENJOY READING. AND ON ITEM 36, THE CONTRACTS, YOU KNOW,  
18 AGAIN, IT WILL BE BETTER IF IT WAS MORE STRAIGHTFORWARD.  
19 BECAUSE IF YOU REALLY READ IT IN DETAIL, THE INCREASE IS  
20 REALLY 1,624,000. BUT THAT'S NOT THE WAY IT'S REALLY WRITTEN.  
21 I UNDERSTAND THAT IN THAT CASE YOU HAVE A SOLE VENDOR  
22 CONTRACT. EVEN SO, I AM NOT VERY IN FAVOR OF IT, TO PROVIDE  
23 THE SOFTWARE FOR QUADRAMED, BUT IT'S KIND OF A VICIOUS CIRCLE  
24 BECAUSE I THINK IT WOULD BE BETTER IF WE HAD BETTER CHOICE. I  
25 THINK IT'S A PRETTY STEEP INCREASE OF THE CONTRACT BECAUSE



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1 ALTOGETHER IT MAKES IT A \$2,592,000. SO MY OBJECTION TO THAT  
2 BIG EXPENSE, THAT INCREASE OF 1 MILLION. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. ITEM 1, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
5 YAROSLAVSKY. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. WITHOUT  
6 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 36, MOVED BY SUPERVISOR  
7 YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS. WITHOUT  
8 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO. 5 WAS HELD BY THE PUBLIC. WE  
9 HAVE JANET ELGIN. MARK GOFF. ELIZABETH ORECK. AND NICHOLA  
10 GORE-JONES. IF THE FOUR OF THEM WOULD COME FORWARD, PLEASE?  
11 ITEM NO. 5. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO GO FIRST, JUST IDENTIFY  
12 YOURSELF FOR THE RECORD.

13

14 **JANET ELGIN:** MY NAME IS JANET ELGIN. I'M A LIFELONG RESIDENT  
15 OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND I'M GLAD ABOUT THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
16 REVIEW THIS ORDINANCE. AND I'VE SEEN HOW DESTRUCTIVE IMPROPER  
17 BREEDING IS. AND I'D LIKE THE LAWS STRENGTHENED. AND I'D LIKE  
18 PEOPLE HEAVILY PENALIZED WHO ARE BREEDING WHO HAVE NO BUSINESS  
19 BEING IN THAT BUSINESS. AND ALSO, I THINK WITH THE ECONOMY IN  
20 PROBLEMS, AND PEOPLE LOSING THEIR JOBS, PEOPLE ARE GOING TO BE  
21 LOOKING FOR QUICK WAYS TO MAKE MONEY. AND BREEDING PUPPIES  
22 WHEN THEY DON'T KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING TO MAKE A QUICK BUCK  
23 IS NOT APPROPRIATE. SO I'D LOOK FORWARD TO THIS BEING  
24 REVIEWED. AND TAXPAYERS SHOULDN'T BE PAYING FOR PEOPLE WHO  
25 ABUSE ANIMALS AND DON'T KNOW HOW TO TAKE CARE OF THEM.



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2 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. NEXT?

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4 **NICHOLA GORE-JONES:** HELLO MY NAME IS NICHOLA GORE-JONES, AND  
5 I'M A VOLUNTEER AT THE HARBOR SHELTER IN SAN PEDRO. NEARLY 5  
6 MILLION PETS ARE EUTHANIZED IN THE UNITED STATES EACH YEAR, 5  
7 MILLION. AND WE CALL OURSELVES CIVILIZED. IF EACH ONE OF YOU  
8 COULD SPEND ONE WEEK VOLUNTEERING AT A CITY SHELTER, I  
9 GUARANTEE THAT YOU WOULD ALL SUPPORT ANY ORDINANCE TO  
10 ELIMINATE THE PROFLIGACY OF PUPPY MILLS AND BACKYARD BREEDERS.  
11 THERE'S NOTHING CUTE OR SWEET ABOUT GETTING TO KNOW A DOG AT A  
12 SHELTER, SOCIALIZING AND CARING FOR HER FOR A FEW WEEKS TO TRY  
13 AND GET HER ADOPTED AND THEN FINDING OUT THAT SHE WAS  
14 EUTHANIZED -- THAT'S KILLED -- BECAUSE THERE'S NO MORE ROOM AT  
15 THE SHELTER. SHE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN THE PRETTIEST DOG OR THE  
16 SMARTEST, BUT SHE WAS ENTITLED TO A CHANCE AT LIFE, AS IS EVER  
17 BEING BORN ON THIS EARTH. PROFITING FROM THE DELIBERATE  
18 BREEDING OF EVEN MORE PUPPIES TO SATISFY THE SUPERFICIAL,  
19 EGOTISTICAL NEEDS OF SOME HUMANS TO HAVE A MORE PRESTIGIOUS  
20 DOG IS THE LOWEST FORM OF GREED. TO EXPLOIT ANIMALS IN OFTEN  
21 INHUMANE CONDITIONS IS DESPICABLE AND SHOULD BECOME OUTLAWED.  
22 IF YOU COULD SEE SOME OF THE BREEDING BITCHES THAT COME INTO  
23 THE SHELTER, EXHAUSTED, MALNUTRITIONED, AND TERRIFIED OF  
24 HUMANS, YOU WOULD SEE THAT EXPLOITING DOGS FOR PROFIT IS A  
25 PRACTICE WHICH NEEDS TO BE RELEGATED TO THE PAST AS A SIGN





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1 THAT OUR SOCIETY CAN BECOME MORE HUMANE, MORE CIVILIZED AND  
2 MORE ENLIGHTENED. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, AND I HOPE YOU WILL  
3 SUPPORT ANY STEPS NECESSARY TO ELIMINATE PUPPY MILLS AND  
4 PREVENT L.A. COUNTY FROM BECOMING A HAVEN FOR UNETHICAL  
5 BREEDING.

6

7 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO COME  
8 DOWN. YES, SIR.

9

10 **MARK GOFF:** HI, MY NAME IS MARK GOFF, I'M DIRECTOR OF  
11 INVESTIGATIONS FOR LAST CHANCE FOR ANIMALS, A NONPROFIT THAT  
12 LOOKS INTO ANIMAL RIGHTS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THROUGHOUT  
13 THE COUNTRY. I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD FOR REVIEWING THIS  
14 MOTION TODAY. AND PARTICULARLY MR. ANTONOVICH, WHOSE OFFICE  
15 CALLED FOR A TASKFORCE BETWEEN HIS OFFICE, THE D.A.C.C., LAST  
16 CHANCE FOR ANIMALS AND BEST FRIENDS. WHAT WE'VE UNCOVERED IS A  
17 PUPPY MILL INDUSTRY HERE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. IT'S  
18 GOTTEN MORE NATIONAL -- THIS PROBLEM HAS GOTTEN MORE NATIONAL  
19 ATTENTION, ESPECIALLY AFTER OPRAH WINFREY EXPOSED IT AS PART  
20 OF AN ONGOING ANIMAL CRUELTY ISSUE IN THIS COUNTRY. AND  
21 UNFORTUNATELY IT'S RIGHT HERE IN OUR OWN BACKYARD. HOWEVER,  
22 THE GOOD NEWS IS THAT THIS IS A RECENT PHENOMENON. AND IT'S  
23 NOT A HUGE, HUGE PROBLEM. AND IT'S SOMETHING THAT WE BELIEVE  
24 THAT IT COULD BE NIPPED IN THE BUD. IT'S PRIMARILY UP IN THE  
25 HIGH DESERT AND ANTELOPE VALLEY, FROM WHAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO



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1 DETERMINE. AND A LOT OF THESE DOGS ARE BEING SOLD HERE IN THE  
2 CITY OF LOS ANGELES. SO I JUST FEEL THAT THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
3 SUPERVISORS HERE HAS A UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SOMETHING  
4 ABOUT THIS PROBLEM AND MAYBE SET A STANDARD FOR THE REST OF  
5 THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND THE REST OF THE COUNTRY WHEN IT  
6 COMES TO BASICALLY OUTLAWING ANYBODY HAVING THE ABILITY TO  
7 CREATE HUNDREDS AND HUNDREDS AND LITERALLY THOUSANDS OF DOGS  
8 THAT HAVE BEEN COMING OUT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
9 PROBABLY FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS. SO I APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTS  
10 AND YOUR ABILITY TO DO SO. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **ELIZABETH ORECK:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS  
15 ELIZABETH ORECK, AND I AM THE LOS ANGELES PROGRAMS MANAGER FOR  
16 BEST FRIENDS ANIMAL SOCIETY. THROUGH OUR PUPPY STORE FREE  
17 CAMPAIGN, WE HAVE BEEN ADDRESSING THE PUPPY MILL PROBLEM VIA  
18 THE PET STORES THAT SELL THESE PUPPIES AND THAT KEEP THE MILLS  
19 IN BUSINESS. BUT WE NEED TO TAKE LEGISLATIVE MEASURES AS WELL.  
20 LOS ANGELES IS RAPIDLY BECOMING THE PUPPY MILL CAPITAL OF THE  
21 WEST. AND THAT'S A DISTINCTION THAT I AS A THIRD GENERATION  
22 NATIVE OF LOS ANGELES, AND EVERYONE ELSE, SHOULD NOT FEEL  
23 PROUD OF. BEST FRIENDS HAS BEEN WORKING VERY CLOSELY WITH THE  
24 COUNTY TO TRY TO GET A HANDLE ON THIS SITUATION. AND NOW THE  
25 BALL IS IN YOUR COURT. AND I REALLY URGE YOU TO SUPPORT



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1 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH'S RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO DO THE RIGHT  
2 THING FOR THE COUNTY, FOR ITS ANIMALS AND FOR ITS TAXPAYERS.  
3 THANK YOU SO MUCH.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.] THE ITEM'S BEFORE  
6 US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO DO IT IN LESS TIME?  
9 PERHAPS 45 DAYS OR 30 DAYS?

10

11 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN TARGET 45 DAYS AND WE CAN GIVE AN  
12 INTERIM REPORT.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WE COULD DO IT AT 45 DAYS, IT'S POSSIBLE.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS  
17 AMENDED TO 45 DAYS. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION,  
18 SO ORDERED. ITEM 49 HELD FOR THE PUBLIC. MR. SACHS? HE'S NOT  
19 HERE. OKAY. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT.  
20 SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO  
21 ORDERED. SO NEXT, ITEM 34, THAT WAS HELD FOR SUPERVISOR  
22 RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. DO YOU WANT A STAFF  
23 REPORT FIRST? OR DO YOU JUST WANT TO GO DIRECT TO YOUR  
24 COMMENTS? OKAY. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS? AND THEN SUPERVISOR  
25 ANTONOVICH.



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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, COLLEAGUES. I  
3 JUST SIMPLY WANTED TO NOTE THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THIS EFFORT. A  
4 VARIETY OF MEASURES ARE UNDERWAY TO ADDRESS THE SERIOUS  
5 CHALLENGES OF DENTAL HYGIENE AS IT IS DESCRIBED HERE AS ORAL  
6 HEALTH IN COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
7 CERTAINLY I BELIEVE THAT KAISER IS TO BE COMMENDED FOR THIS  
8 GRANT. IT'S STRATEGICALLY TARGETED. AND IF WE THINK ABOUT THIS  
9 IN TERMS OF THE THINGS THAT CONTRIBUTE TO THE LACK OF SUCCESS  
10 OF STUDENTS IN PARTICULAR AS THEY ARE VERY YOUNG AND TRYING TO  
11 GET THEIR STUDIES TOGETHER, TRYING TO CLIMB ACADEMICALLY,  
12 DENTAL PROBLEMS IS NO SMALL ISSUE. AND SO I THINK THIS IS  
13 SMART. THIS IS THE STUFF OF WHICH PREVENTION IS MADE. AND I  
14 SIMPLY NOTE IT AS A POINT OF OFFERING CONGRATULATIONS IN THIS  
15 INSTANCE. IT'S NEEDED. IT'S IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW THAT IT WILL  
16 DO A LOT OF GOOD.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** A YEAR AGO I HAD BROUGHT TOGETHER A GROUP OF  
21 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERS AT THE ARBORETUM TO DISCUSS THIS  
22 ISSUE, HAVING BEEN INVOLVED IN THE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM. THERE  
23 IS AN AREA HERE THAT WE NOTICED THAT DENTAL HYGIENE, DENTAL  
24 CARE WAS NOT ONE OF THE PRIORITIES. IT WAS THE EXCEPTION AND  
25 NOT THE RULE. WE FIND THAT POOR DENTAL HYGIENE CAN ALSO LEAD



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1 TO DEATH BECAUSE OF THE TOXICS THAT ARE GOING THROUGH A  
2 CHILD'S MOUTH THAT'S FULL OF DENTAL CARIES. SO WE WERE ABLE TO  
3 BRING TOGETHER THE U.S.C. SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY, THE FIRST FIVE,  
4 AND THE HEADS OF THE JUVENILE DEPENDENCY COURT TO DISCUSS THIS  
5 ISSUE, ALONG WITH PUBLIC/PRIVATE PROVIDERS. AND AS A RESULT OF  
6 THAT, WE STARTED LOOKING FOR SOME GRANT MONEY. AND WE HAD  
7 DENTISTS WHO SAID THAT THEY COULD COME FORWARD TO ASSIST. AND  
8 THERE WAS A GREAT DEAL OF CONSTERNATION THAT THERE WAS A LACK  
9 OF DENTAL HYGIENE FOR THESE YOUNG PEOPLE. AND WE ARE THEIR  
10 PARENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE A WARD OF THE COURT. AND YET WE'RE NOT  
11 DOING A GOOD JOB IN ENSURING THAT THEY HAVE GOOD DENTAL  
12 HYGIENE. BUT WHAT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW, SO WE APPRECIATE THE  
13 GRANT THAT KAISER FOUNDATION IS NOW GOING TO PROVIDE FOR THIS  
14 ORAL HEALTH, MR. FUJIOKA, I WOULD LIKE TO ASK, IF YOU COULD,  
15 TO EXPLAIN THE RESPECTIVE PROGRESS, CHALLENGES AND TIMELINES  
16 THAT WE WILL HAVE IN ESTABLISHING PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIPS  
17 TO SET UP A DENTAL EXAMINATION CAPABILITY IN EACH OF THE OTHER  
18 MEDICAL HUBS BESIDES HARBOR-U.C.L.A. M.L.K.

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IS THAT IN THE FORM OF A REPORT BACK? BECAUSE  
21 WE'LL BE HAPPY TO COME BACK ONCE WE COORDINATE WITH THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** REPORT BACK. UNTIL UNIFORM DENTAL EXAMINATION  
25 CAPABILITY IS SET IN ALL MEDICAL HUBS COUNTYWIDE, HOW THOSE



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1 DENTAL HEALTH NEEDS OF CHILDREN GOING THROUGH THE HUBS WILL BE  
2 MET. AND WHAT HAPPENS TO THE FOUR NEW FULL-TIME POSITIONS ONCE  
3 THAT GRANT IS EXPENDED? AND A REPORT IN 30 DAYS TO DETERMINE  
4 THE COUNTY'S ABILITY TO EXPAND ON-SITE DENTAL SERVICES AT THE  
5 NEW HIGH DESERT M.A.C.C., WHICH IS SCHEDULED FOR COMPLETION IN  
6 2010. SO WE COULD HAVE THAT IN THE REPORT BACK.

7

8 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL DO THAT.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I MOVE THE MOTION OR SECOND THE MOTION,  
11 WHOEVER, MR. CHAIRMAN.

12

13 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH AS  
14 AMENDED. THE CHAIR WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
15 SO ITEM 61 WAS HELD FOR DISCUSSION. 61 AND 62 ARE HEARINGS AND  
16 DISCUSSIONS. WE HAVE 63-A, WHICH WAS HELD FOR MR. SACHS. HE'S  
17 NOT HERE ON THAT. SO MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE CHAIR  
18 WILL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. OKAY. WE'LL GO TO  
19 THE PUBLIC. FIRST OF ALL, WE WILL GO TO ITEM 61.

20

21 **ELLEN SANDT:** GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. ITEM 61 BEFORE YOU IS  
22 OUR PROPOSED UPDATE TO THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN. THE LAST  
23 TIME IT WAS UPDATED WAS SEVERAL YEARS AGO IN MARCH OF 2005.  
24 AND WE FELT THAT AFTER THE GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE WAS  
25 IMPLEMENTED AND WE LOOKED AT THE STRATEGIC PLAN AND THE THINGS



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1 THAT HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, THAT IT WAS REALLY TIME TO BE  
2 LOOKING AT A REVISED AND UPDATED COUNTY STRATEGIC PLAN. WE  
3 STARTED LAST DECEMBER OF 2007 WITH AN INITIAL MEETING WITH  
4 DEPARTMENTS TO IDENTIFY AREAS WHERE DEPARTMENTS THOUGHT THE  
5 COUNTY NEEDED TO IMPROVE OPERATIONS. AND THEN THERE WAS  
6 ANOTHER MEETING IN FEBRUARY TO KIND OF REFINE THAT AND SAY  
7 "OKAY, HERE'S WHAT WE WANT FOR THE FOCUS AREAS." AFTER THAT,  
8 THE DIFFERENT CLUSTERS STARTED MEETING TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IN  
9 THEIR AREAS THEY THOUGHT THE STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD LOOK LIKE,  
10 WHAT THE STRATEGIES SHOULD BE UNDER EACH ONE OF THE GOALS, AND  
11 THEN ULTIMATELY WHAT THE OBJECTIVES WOULD BE TO ACTUALLY  
12 IMPLEMENT THOSE GOALS. SO DURING THE SPRING AND SUMMER, THERE  
13 WERE A SERIES OF MEETINGS IN THE CLUSTER MEETINGS, IN THE  
14 SUMMER WE MET WITH THE CHIEF DEPUTIES AND THEN AGAIN IN THE  
15 FALL FROM THE BOARD OFFICES. AND THEN IN DECEMBER OF '08, WE  
16 HAD A DEPARTMENT-WIDE MEETING, THEY HAD ALL DEPARTMENT HEADS  
17 AND THE BOARD OFFICES AND OUR OFFICE TO KIND OF GO OVER: OKAY,  
18 HERE'S WHERE WE'RE AT, WHAT OTHER TWEAKS ARE NEEDED? WE GOT  
19 QUITE A BIT OF FEEDBACK FROM THAT MEETING, SO WE INCORPORATED  
20 THAT IN AND THEN WE COME TO YOU WITH THIS PROPOSED PLAN THAT'S  
21 BEFORE YOU. IN GOING BACK AND LOOKING AT THE 2005 STRATEGIC  
22 PLAN, THE GOOD NEWS IS A LOT OF THINGS WERE ACCOMPLISHED IN  
23 THAT PLAN. WHEN WE WENT THROUGH AND TALLIED IT UP, 76 PERCENT  
24 OF THE GOAL OF THE OBJECTIVES IN THE 2000 PLAN HAVE BEEN  
25 ACCOMPLISHED, 9 PERCENT WERE ONGOING, 7 PERCENT HAVE BEEN



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1 CONTINUED INTO THEIR CURRENT PROPOSED STRATEGIC PLAN, 4  
2 PERCENT HAVE BEEN PUT OFF TO A LATER TIME, AND 4 PERCENT WERE  
3 DETERMINED NOT TO BE FEASIBLE AT THAT TIME. SO WE TOOK THE  
4 ONES THAT WEREN'T DONE THAT NEEDED TO BE ROLLED OVER AND WE  
5 INCORPORATED THEM INTO THE NEW PLAN. AND ONE OF THE OTHER  
6 THINGS THAT WE DID WAS IN THE PAST, THE STRATEGIC PLAN HAD  
7 SEPARATE GOALS FOR FISCAL ACCOUNTABILITY AND OPERATIONAL  
8 EFFECTIVENESS, SERVICE EXCELLENCE. AND SO WE CONSOLIDATED  
9 THOSE INTO ONE OPERATIONAL EFFECTIVENESS GOALS. NOW, THE  
10 GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE HAPPENED IN BETWEEN NOW AND THE LAST TIME  
11 THERE WAS A STRATEGIC PLAN. SO WHAT WE DID ON THE OPERATIONAL  
12 EFFECTIVENESS GOAL IS WE MADE OPERATIONS CLUSTER THE LEAD ON  
13 THAT GOAL, HOWEVER, ALL DEPARTMENTS ARE INVOLVED IN BASICALLY  
14 TOUCHED BY THE GOALS IN THAT -- TOUCHED BY THE OBJECTIVES IN  
15 THAT GOAL. FOR EXAMPLE, IMPROVING THE HUMAN RELATIONS OR HUMAN  
16 RESOURCES SERVICES, IMPROVING HOW WE DO CAPITAL PROJECTS,  
17 IMPROVING HOW WE DO I.T. PROJECTS. THERE'S A NUMBER OF THINGS  
18 IN OPERATIONS CLUSTER THAT REACH OUT AND TOUCH EVERYBODY. SO  
19 THAT'S KIND OF HOW WE ORGANIZED THAT ONE. ON THE VALUES, WE  
20 SUGGESTED ADDING A COUPLE OF VALUES. WE SUGGESTED ADDING A  
21 VALUE FOR CUSTOMER ORIENTATION AND A VALUE FOR LEADERSHIP. WE  
22 SUGGESTED REMOVING THE VALUE FOR COMMITMENT, BECAUSE WE FELT  
23 THAT WAS IMPLIED IN A NUMBER OF THE OTHER ONES. AND WE  
24 ACTUALLY ALSO CITE THAT IN THE LEADERSHIP GOAL. AND WE REVISED  
25 THE INTEGRITY AND PROFESSIONALISM VALUES JUST TO TIGHTEN UP





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1 THE LANGUAGE. SO THE GOALS FOR THE OTHER CLUSTERS, I THINK THE  
2 OVERALL GOALS STAYED PRETTY SIMILAR. THE STRATEGIES, OF  
3 COURSE, ARE REVISED. AND THEN THE OBJECTIVES, OF COURSE, ARE  
4 REVISED AND UPDATED. WHAT WE SEE LONG TERM FOR THE STRATEGIC  
5 PLAN, WHAT WE'D LIKE TO SEE, IS THAT WE COME BACK EVERY YEAR,  
6 PROBABLY IN THE WINTER OR EARLY SPRING, AND WE TAKE THAT  
7 OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS WHERE WE ARE IN ACHIEVING THE  
8 OBJECTIVES, IDENTIFY WHAT NEW OBJECTIVES WOULD BE COMING FOR  
9 THE NEXT BUDGET CYCLE, AND THEN GETTING THOSE THINGS UPDATED,  
10 IF WE NEED TO TWEAK THE STRATEGIES OR GOALS, OBVIOUSLY WE'D BE  
11 COMING BACK TO YOUR BOARD FOR THAT. OUR GOAL IS TO SHIFT THE  
12 STRATEGIC PLANNING CYCLE SO THAT WE HAVE STRATEGIC PLANNING  
13 DONE IN THE WINTER OR SPRING, AND THAT'S COMING BEFORE THE  
14 BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE NEXT FISCAL YEAR. WE WOULD LIKE  
15 THE STRATEGIC PLAN TO BE PART OF WHAT PEOPLE ARE CONTEMPLATING  
16 WHEN THEY'RE LOOKING AT THEIR PROPOSED BUDGET. AND SO WE WANT  
17 TO GET ONTO A CALENDAR OF DOING THE STRATEGIC PLAN. AND THEN  
18 WE HAVE DEPARTMENTS DOING MAP GOALS FOR THE COMING YEAR. AND  
19 THEN WE HAVE THE UPCOMING PROPOSED BUDGET INSTRUCTIONS. SO  
20 WITH THAT, I WILL LEAVE IT OPEN TO QUESTIONS.

21

22 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS?

23

24 **SUP. MOLINA:** TRYING TO GET A CLARIFICATION. VERY AMBITIOUS,  
25 LOTS OF STUFF TO DO, WHICH IS A GOOD THING. LET ME UNDERSTAND



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1 IT. ARE THESE -- I UNDERSTAND SOME ARE TIME FRAMES OF WHEN TO  
2 GET THESE THINGS DONE. ARE THEY WITHIN TIME FRAMES FOR THE  
3 DEPARTMENT? I'M SORRY.

4

5 **ELLEN SANDT:** THE OBJECTIVES WOULD HAVE TIME FRAMES TIED TO  
6 THEM FOR THE DEPARTMENTS. AND THE OBJECTIVES WE WOULD SEE AS  
7 BEING UPDATED EVERY YEAR. SO MOST OBJECTIVES HOPEFULLY YOU  
8 COULD ACCOMPLISH WITHIN A YEAR. THERE MIGHT BE SOME THAT TAKE  
9 TWO YEARS TO PHASE IN. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE OBJECTIVE IS.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** BUT UNDER THE STRATEGIC PLAN TODAY, ARE THEY  
12 IDENTIFIED?

13

14 **ELLEN SANDT:** THE PROPOSED ONE IN FRONT OF YOU? YES. THE  
15 TIMELINE OR THE OBJECTIVES THEMSELVES?

16

17 **SUP. MOLINA:** THE TIMELINE.

18

19 **ELLEN SANDT:** THE TIMELINE. I DON'T KNOW IF IT'S IN THIS  
20 REPORT, BUT WE CAN CERTAINLY GIVE YOU A COPY OF THAT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO THEY UNDERSTAND CLEARLY. BECAUSE I KNOW, FOR  
23 EXAMPLE, IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES, ONE OF THE  
24 THINGS WE ASKED THEM IS TO DEVELOP A MORE EFFECTIVE RISK  
25 MANAGEMENT UNIT. AND THEY'RE GOING TO DO THIS IN THE COMING



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1 YEAR. SO I KNOW THAT'S IN THERE. IS THAT TRUE ACROSS OF BOARD  
2 OF OTHER DEPARTMENTS?

3

4 **ELLEN SANDT:** THAT'S WHERE WE WENT AHEAD. WE HAD A LOT OF  
5 MEETINGS WITH DEPARTMENTS TO TALK ABOUT WHAT THEIR OWN -- WHAT  
6 THEY THOUGHT SHOULD BE INCLUDED IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN. ONE OF  
7 THE THINGS WE FOUND DURING THE DISCUSSION WAS THAT A LOT OF  
8 THEM WERE THINGS THAT NEEDED TO BE INCLUDED IN THE  
9 DEPARTMENT'S OWN STRATEGIC PLANS VERSUS THE COUNTY-WIDE ONE.  
10 BECAUSE IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TOO SPECIFIC TO ONE DEPARTMENT.

11

12 **SUP. MOLINA:** I SEE.

13

14 **ELLEN SANDT:** VERSUS THE HIGHER-LEVEL GOAL. SO ONE OF THE  
15 THINGS WE WANT TO DO IS BE SURE THE STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS  
16 IS DONE FAR ENOUGH AHEAD OF TIME THAT IT'S ACTUALLY PART OF  
17 ONE OF THE THINGS YOU LOOK AT WHEN YOU DO YOUR MAP GOALS AND  
18 THEN PART OF THE THINGS YOU DO WHEN YOU PUT YOUR BUDGET  
19 REQUESTS TOGETHER FOR THE COMING YEAR.

20

21 **SUP. MOLINA:** SO IF I LOOK AT THIS NEXT YEAR, I WILL HAVE A  
22 LIST, POTENTIALLY, OF THE THINGS THAT WERE ACCOMPLISHED. AND  
23 THEY'RE NOT GOING TO BE COORDINATED A CONFERENCE, REVIEWED A -  
24 - IS IT GOING TO BE MORE TANGIBLE STUFF? LIKE DEVELOP A RISK  
25 ASSESSMENT UNIT WITHIN THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT SERVICES? BECAUSE



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1 I DIDN'T GET A CHANCE TO GO THROUGH ALL OF IT. THAT'S WHY I'M  
2 ASKING THIS GENERAL QUESTION.

3

4 **ELLEN SANDT:** A COUPLE PARTS TO THAT ANSWER. THERE PROBABLY  
5 STILL WOULD BE CONFERENCE TO GO OVER THE STATUS AND TALK ABOUT  
6 WHAT WE SEE AS MAJOR CHANGES THAT MAY BE NEEDED IN THE COMING  
7 YEAR. BUT THERE ALSO BE WOULD BE THE SPECIFIC REVIEW. I THINK  
8 WHAT WE NEED TO DO A GOOD JOB OF IS CIRCLING BACK AROUND WITH  
9 EACH DEPARTMENT ON THEIR OWN DEPARTMENTAL STRATEGIC PLAN,  
10 BECAUSE THAT'S WHERE I THINK YOU'LL SEE A LOT OF THOSE REALLY  
11 SPECIFIC KINDS OF ACCOMPLISHMENTS SHOWING UP. THE STRATEGIC  
12 PLAN WE'RE PROPOSING TO YOU TODAY IS ONE THAT WE WERE HOPING  
13 TO SEE GOALS LIKE THE LAST COUPLE, GOALS THAT ARE GOOD FOR THE  
14 NEXT THREE OR FOUR YEARS. BUT WE WANT THE ABILITY TO RE-VISIT  
15 THEM EVERY YEAR IN CASE CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE CHANGED AND WE  
16 MIGHT WANT TO CHANGE STRATEGIES OR TWEAK GOALS.

17

18 **SUP. MOLINA:** I UNDERSTAND AND I APPRECIATE THAT. BUT THERE  
19 CERTAINLY ARE SOME -- THAT THESE GOALS ARE ATTAINABLE AND THEY  
20 AREN'T JUST LIKE BETTER CUSTOMER SERVICE, THAT'S A GOAL,  
21 RIGHT? BUT HOW IS IT THAT WE ACHIEVE THAT? SO I HOPE THAT'S  
22 DEFINED. BUT IN ONE OF THE AREAS -- AND I ALWAYS RAISE THIS  
23 ISSUE BECAUSE I HAVE SO MUCH RESPONSIBILITY AND SOME OF MY  
24 COLLEAGUES, DO, AS WELL. IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
25 PARTICULARLY WITH OUR OPPORTUNITY TO PASS THE UTILITY TAX IN



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1 THOSE AREAS, THERE CERTAINLY IS -- AND I DON'T KNOW TO WHAT  
2 EXTENT, I KNOW THAT A BIG PART OF THE SERVICE DELIVERY IS VERY  
3 IMPORTANT PART OF THE STRATEGIC PLANS AND VERY IMPORTANT FOR  
4 MANY OF US WHO REPRESENT UNINCORPORATED AREAS. IS THERE,  
5 WITHIN THE STRATEGIC PLAN OVERALL, AND UNINCORPORATED AREAS,  
6 HAVE WE DEVELOPED ANY KIND OF A BUDGET OF THE DELIVERY OF  
7 SERVICES OR ANYTHING LIKE THAT UNDER THE NEW, UNDER THE  
8 FUNDING ?

9

10 **ELLEN SANDT:** I DON'T KNOW THAT THERE'S A BUDGET FOR IT AS PART  
11 OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN, ALTHOUGH WE DID INCLUDE THE REFERENCE  
12 TO REGIONAL SERVICES AS WELL AS MUNICIPAL SERVICES. AND SO I  
13 THINK DURING THE BUDGET PROCESS, THAT'S SOMETHING IS THAT WE'D  
14 BE LOOKING AT. AND THEN THE OTHER THING I WANTED TO LET YOU  
15 KNOW IS ACTUALLY COME APRIL IS WHEN WE'RE ACTUALLY PLANNING TO  
16 RE-VISIT ALL THE OBJECTIVES PEOPLE WORKED ON THIS YEAR AND  
17 THEN WHAT OUR OBJECTIVES SHOULD BE FOR NEXT YEAR. AND THAT'S  
18 EXACTLY THE KIND OF THING THAT ONE WOULD WANT TO BRING UP IN  
19 THAT KIND OF A MEETING. SAY "THIS IS OUR GOAL FOR THE COMING  
20 YEAR IS TO, IN THIS CASE, DEVELOP OUR BUDGET FOR THAT."

21

22 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** A KEY ELEMENT IS THE FACT THAT THIS IS THE  
23 COUNTY'S OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN. AND COUPLED WITH IT, COMBINED  
24 WITH IT, WILL BE THE INDIVIDUAL STRATEGIC PLANS FOR EACH  
25 DEPARTMENT. THE LAST PLAN, WHEN WE LOOKED AT IT, IT HAD --



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1 I'VE GOT TO CHOOSE THE RIGHT WORD -- IT SEEMED TO BE TORN  
2 BETWEEN TRYING TO BE A SPECIFIC DEPARTMENT PLAN VERSUS AN  
3 OVERALL STRATEGIC PLAN FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.  
4 WITH RESPECT TO YOUR QUESTION ON THE TWO OF THE USERS TAX, WE  
5 HAVE A REPORT BACK DUE TO THE BOARD THAT SPEAKS TO HOW WE'LL  
6 USE THAT MONEY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES. AND  
7 WITH THAT, THE COMMITMENT WE MADE TO THE VOTERS WHO PASSED  
8 THAT BILL.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** WELL LET ME JUST SAY THAT I APPRECIATE THIS  
11 EFFORT. I THINK EVERYTHING NEEDS A PLAN. BUT PLANS, AGAIN,  
12 HAVE TO HAVE MEASURABLE GOALS. THEY HAVE TO HAVE ACHIEVABLE  
13 GOALS. THEY HAVE TO BE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD. AND THEY HAVE TO  
14 HAVE FLEXIBILITY, AS WELL. BECAUSE YOU CAN TRY A STRATEGY AND  
15 IT MAY NOT WORK AND YOU HAVE TO GO A DIFFERENT WAY. SO WE  
16 ALWAYS TALK ABOUT HAVING STRATEGIC PLANS, BUT THEY USUALLY ARE  
17 DISTANT THINGS. AND THIS ONE'S PRETTY AMBITIOUS, AS WELL, WITH  
18 LOTS AND LOTS OF LISTS. SO I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT THAT'S  
19 BEING DONE, BUT I GUESS THE BEST THING IS TO NOW LOOK AT IT A  
20 YEAR FROM NOW TO SEE WHAT WE DID. AND I THINK THAT WE AS BOARD  
21 MEMBERS NEED TO ALSO HAVE A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF HOW WE  
22 EVALUATE THAT, AS TO WHETHER -- AS TO OKAY, SO YOU COORDINATED  
23 A CONFERENCE. I DON'T THINK THAT THAT IN ITSELF SHOULD BE A  
24 GOAL, BUT SOMETIMES THAT'S WHAT IT IS. WHAT WAS THE OUTCOME OF  
25 IT? WHAT HAPPENED? AND ASK FOR INPUT ON THAT. BUT THANK YOU



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1 VERY MUCH. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE  
2 OUTCOME.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** JUST A QUICK QUESTION, MR. CHAIRMAN, TO  
7 THE C.E.O. INTERIM POINTS OF REVIEW THAT GIVE INDICATION OF  
8 WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION AND REFINEMENT, ANY A  
9 MID-YEAR CORRECTION STRATEGIES THAT MAY BE BUILT INTO THE  
10 PROCESS? SO ARE WE LOCKED INTO SIMPLY AN ANNUAL REVIEW? OR IS  
11 THERE PERIODIC OPPORTUNITIES, PARTICULARLY AS THINGS EMERGE AS  
12 PRIORITIES? NOT EVERYTHING WILL BE GIVEN EQUAL WEIGHT.  
13 OBVIOUSLY. AND SO THE QUESTION IS HOW DO WE MOVE THROUGH THIS  
14 WITH THE KIND OF CONSCIOUSNESS AND/OR INTENTIONALITY THAT SAYS  
15 THAT WE ARE IN FACT FULFILLING THAT WHICH WE THOUGHT WE WOULD  
16 FULFILL PURSUANT TO LAYING OUT A STRATEGIC PLAN OR VISION IN  
17 THE FIRST INSTANCE?

18

19 **ELLEN SANDT:** OUR GOAL IS TO REVIEW THE OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE  
20 ACTUALLY SORT OF IMPLEMENTING ACTIONS OF THE STRATEGIC PLAN.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RIGHT.

23

24 **ELLEN SANDT:** A MINIMUM OF ONCE A YEAR. PROBABLY HALFWAY  
25 THROUGH THE FISCAL YEAR, ROUGHLY. THERE IS NO REASON WHY YOU



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1 COULDN'T DO IT SOONER THAN THAT. BUT THE OTHER THING WE WANT  
2 TO SEE HAPPEN IS WE WANT TO SEE DEPARTMENT HEAD MAP GOALS AND  
3 THE ACTUAL ADOPTED BUDGET ALSO START REFLECTING THINGS THAT  
4 ARE IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN. SO DURING THE YEAR, YOU'RE DOING  
5 UPDATES AND YOU'RE DOING REVIEWS OF WHAT DEPARTMENT HEADS HAVE  
6 ACCOMPLISHED AND YOU'RE ALSO LOOKING AT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN  
7 TERMS OF IMPLEMENTING THE BUDGET. AND SO THERE'S DIFFERENT  
8 PLACES AND TIMES WHERE I THINK YOU'LL SEE PIECES OF THE  
9 STRATEGIC PLAN SHOWING UP. BUT AT LEAST ONCE PER YEAR INTO THE  
10 FUTURE WE'D LIKE TO DO A REVIEW OF EVERYTHING, WHERE IT'S AT,  
11 WHAT'S BEEN ACCOMPLISHED, IS THE TIME FRAME STILL VIABLE? ARE  
12 THERE NEW ISSUES THAT HAVE COME UP?

13

14 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WHICH IS A KEY POINT WITH RESPECT TO THE  
15 BUDGET, DEPARTMENT HEAD MAP GOALS AND STRATEGIC PLAN. ONE  
16 WEAKNESS WE SAW IS THAT THOSE THREE VERY IMPORTANT PROCESSES  
17 WEREN'T LINKED TOGETHER. AND SO A DEPARTMENT HEAD'S MAP PLAN  
18 OFTENTIMES HAD GOALS THAT WERE NOT CONSISTENT WITH WHAT WAS IN  
19 THE STRATEGIC PLAN. BY LINKING THOSE THREE TOGETHER, IT MAKES  
20 A MUCH STRONGER PROCESS FOR THE COUNTY.

21

22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** WELL, I THINK IT'S FAIR TO SAY OUT OF  
23 SIGHT, OUT OF MIND. SO WHATEVER MECHANISMS THERE ARE TO CAUSE  
24 IT TO BE IN FOCUS WITH REGULARITY PROBABLY MAXIMIZES THE  
25 OPPORTUNITY TO FULFILL THE STATED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. ABSENT





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1 THAT, AN ANNUAL REVIEW SIMPLY BECOMES AN ANNUAL REVIEW LET  
2 RATHER THAN PERMEATING THE ENVIRONMENT WHICH WOULD HOPEFULLY  
3 BE THE EXPECTATION AND/OR GOAL.

4

5 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE CAN COME BACK ON A MUCH MORE FREQUENT  
6 BASIS. WELL, I'LL JUST LEAVE IT AT THAT. WE CAN COME BACK IF  
7 IT'S THE WISH OF THE BOARD. WE CAN COME BACK ON A QUARTERLY  
8 BASIS, WE CAN COME BACK ON A SEMIANNUAL BASIS.

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I WOULD JUST SIMPLY SAY THAT GIVING IT  
11 THOUGHT AS TO INCREASING THE FREQUENCY OF THE REPORT BACKS IN  
12 A PUBLIC CONTEXT HELPS TO TRANSFORM THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE  
13 CULTURE. AND I LEAVE IT TO THE C.E.O. AND HIS INIMITABLE  
14 WISDOM TO DETERMINE WHAT THAT FREQUENCY IS.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** EITHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? THOUGHTS?  
19 OKAY. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT ELLEN HAS DONE  
22 AND HER OTHER FOLKS IN THIS C.E.O.'S OFFICE. I'M NOT  
23 COMPLETELY SATISFIED, BUT I'M KIND OF GOING TO JUST GIVE UP ON  
24 THE POINT. I THINK THIS IS MORE OF A WORK PLAN. THERE'S  
25 NOTHING WRONG WITH A WORK PLAN. EVERYBODY NEEDS TO HAVE A WORK



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1 PLAN. I'VE ALWAYS ENVISIONED, AND I THOUGHT WHAT WE ENVISIONED  
2 WHEN WE DID THIS THE FIRST TIME WAS A STRATEGIC PLAN -- THIS  
3 GETS TO YOUR POINT, WHICH I THINK IS WELL TAKEN -- THERE WAS A  
4 TENSION BETWEEN THESE GOALS OR OBJECTIVES KIND OF FALLING INTO  
5 THE DEPARTMENTAL HOLES AS OPPOSED TO BEING OVERARCHING. I'VE  
6 ALWAYS FELT AND I'VE THOUGHT WHERE WE WERE GOING WHEN THIS  
7 STRATEGIC PLANNING PROCESS STARTED WAS THAT THE STRATEGIC  
8 GOALS, THE OVERARCHING GOALS SPANNED DEPARTMENTS, SPANNED  
9 CLUSTERS. THAT WHETHER YOU WORKED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
10 OR IN THE C.E.O.'S OFFICE OR IN A BOARD OFFICE OR IN THE  
11 ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT, THAT THE GOAL, WHATEVER THE GOAL  
12 IS, EFFICIENT, TIMELY, CUSTOMER FRIENDLY, PEOPLE-FIRST,  
13 WHATEVER, TO PICK YOUR GOAL, THAT THAT WOULD FIT INTO ANY  
14 DEPARTMENT. AND THEN HOW THAT GOT MANIFESTED IN EACH OF THE  
15 DEPARTMENTS WOULD BE MORE IN LINE WITH THE SPECIFIC GOALS THAT  
16 YOU HAVE HERE. IT HASN'T EXACTLY PANNED OUT THAT WAY. I'M NOT  
17 SURE IT MATTERS AT THE END OF THE DAY. AND I THINK AN AWFUL  
18 LOT OF TIME HAS BEEN SPENT ON THIS BY A LOT OF PEOPLE. TOWARD  
19 WHAT END? WE'LL SEE IN A YEAR. BUT THAT'S THE ONE COMMENT I  
20 WANT TO MAKE ON THIS. AND IF YOU'RE INCLINED TO TAKE A LOOK AT  
21 IT NEXT TIME, IT'S MAYBE -- WELL, YOU OBVIOUSLY WEREN'T  
22 INCLINED, BECAUSE THE COMMENTS WERE MADE IN A NUMBER OF  
23 VENUES. AND THEY WERE NOT TAKEN TO HEART, AT LEAST ON THIS  
24 POINT. BUT I THINK IT'S SOMETHING THAT SHOULD STILL BE ON YOUR  
25 RADAR SCREEN BECAUSE THE STRATEGIC GOAL SHOULD BE KIND OF THE



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1 TYPE O BLOOD. IT SHOULD BE APPLICABLE IN ANY DEPARTMENT,  
2 USABLE IN ANY -- ANY DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY SHOULD BE ABLE  
3 TO POINT TO THAT OVERARCHING STRATEGY AND SAY "THAT APPLIES TO  
4 ME." HONESTY AND INTEGRITY APPLIES WHETHER YOU'RE IN THE  
5 C.E.O.'S OFFICE OR IN THE ANIMAL CONTROL DEPARTMENT.  
6 EFFICIENCY, BEING FRIENDLY TO THE PUBLIC, PUTTING THE CUSTOMER  
7 FIRST IS SOMETHING THAT APPLIES NO MATTER WHAT DEPARTMENT  
8 YOU'RE IN. THIS LOOKS TO ME -- AND I THINK TO A LOT OF THE  
9 DEPARTMENTS -- MORE LIKE A WORK PLAN THAN A STRATEGIC PLAN. AS  
10 I SAY, THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT, I JUST WISH WE'D  
11 CALLED IT A WORK PLAN. IT'S A VERY -- I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR  
12 MOLINA. IT'S A VERY AMBITIOUS, VERY SPECIFIC WORK PLAN. SO AS  
13 YOU LOOK THROUGH THIS, YOU KIND OF KNOW WHAT THESE CLUSTERS  
14 AND THE DEPARTMENTS WITHIN THE CLUSTERS ARE EXPECTED TO DO.

15

16 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE HEAR YOU LOUD AND CLEAR. WHEN WE LOOKED AT  
17 THE LAST PLAN, IT HAD A MUCH GREATER DEGREE OF SPECIFICITY. IT  
18 HAD VERY DIRECT GOALS AND OBJECTIVES THAT WERE UNIQUE TO  
19 DEPARTMENTS, BUT YET IN THE COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN, OUR FIRST  
20 ATTEMPT AT THIS -- AND IT HAS TAKEN A LONG TIME. A LOT OF  
21 PEOPLE WORKED ON IT -- HAD MORE OF AN OVERARCHING TONE TO IT.  
22 WHEN WE DISCUSSED IT IN VARIOUS MEETINGS, SOME OF THE FEEDBACK  
23 WE GOT WAS "YOU NEED TO HAVE MORE SPECIFICITY." AND SO WE HAD  
24 THAT FEEDBACK SAYING "MORE SPECIFICITY, MORE SPECIFICITY", BUT  
25 IN MY MIND IT'S CONSISTENT WITH WHAT YOU JUST SAID. THE



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1 COUNTY'S STRATEGIC PLAN SHOULD BE MORE OVERARCHING AND  
2 ATTACHED TO IT SHOULD BE 40, 41 INDIVIDUAL STRATEGIC PLANS  
3 FROM EACH DEPARTMENT THAT HAD THAT VERY SPECIFIC INFORMATION,  
4 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES. AND SO LIKE ANYTHING ELSE WE TRY TO  
5 DEVELOP HERE, WE HAD TO STRIKE A BALANCE BETWEEN THE STRONG  
6 REQUESTS FOR SPECIFICITY AND YET OUR FEELING THAT THERE SHOULD  
7 BE MORE OF AN OVERARCHING VIEW TO IT. OUR STRATEGIC PLAN MUST  
8 BE SEEN AS MORE OF A DYNAMIC DOCUMENT THAT WILL CHANGE OVER  
9 TIME. AND AS WE MOVE INTO THIS PLAN WHERE WE START ENSURING  
10 THAT OUR MAP GOALS, BUDGET GOALS, PERFORMANCE GOALS AND THE  
11 STRATEGIC GOALS AND OBJECTIVES BECOME BLENDED TOGETHER, THEN  
12 YOU'LL SEE THIS DOCUMENT CHANGE IN FUTURE YEARS. BUT I TOTALLY  
13 AGREE WITH YOU. BUT WE DID HAVE SOME STRONG COMMENTS FROM SOME  
14 STAFF ASKING FOR MUCH MORE SPECIFICITY. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** COULD YOU EXPLAIN HOW HUMAN RESOURCES IS  
17 GOING TO BE INVOLVED IN HELPING ALL DEPARTMENTS TO ACHIEVE THE  
18 ORGANIZATIONAL GOALS?

19

20 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE'S PROBABLY AN ELEMENT IN HERE THAT FOR  
21 ALMOST EVERYTHING WE DO, H.R. HAS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT. WE  
22 HAVE, AS PART OF NOT ONLY OUR -- WHAT'S IN THE STRATEGIC PLAN,  
23 BUT ALSO WILL BE PART OF THE BUDGET. AND JUST IN GENERAL, AND  
24 I'VE SAID THIS ON OTHER OCCASIONS, WE DO NEED TO STRENGTHEN  
25 OUR H.R. PROGRAM ON A COUNTY-WIDE BASIS. FOR THE NEXT YEAR,



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1 THAT'S GOING TO BE OUR FOCAL POINT FOR NOT ONLY OUR OFFICE BUT  
2 I FEEL FOR THE ENTIRE COUNTY.

3

4 **ELLEN SANDT:** IN TERMS OF THE PLAN ITSELF, UNDER BOTH SERVICE  
5 EXCELLENCE AND WORKFORCE EXCELLENCE, THOSE ARE BOTH AREAS THAT  
6 WE WANTED TO FOCUS ON. AS BILL NOTED, WE'RE GOING TO BE  
7 WORKING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES TO SEE WHAT CAN  
8 BE DONE TO IMPROVE PROCESSES ACROSS-THE-BOARD AND HOW THAT  
9 DEPARTMENT OPERATES SO THAT IT CAN PROVIDE BETTER SERVICE TO  
10 ALL THE COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AND THEN WE ALSO WANT TO SEE MORE  
11 EMPHASIS ON THINGS LIKE SUCCESSION PLANNING AND PROFESSIONAL  
12 WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT. WE KNOW WE'RE HEADED TOWARDS A TIME  
13 WHEN THERE'S GOING TO BE A WHOLE LOT OF RETIREES COMING.  
14 THERE'S A WAVE COMING AND WE NEED TO GET READY FOR IT. WE NEED  
15 TO BE RECRUITING THE VERY BEST PEOPLE WE CAN. SO THAT'S GOING  
16 TO BE ONE OF OUR BIG EMPHASIS.

17

18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU. AND THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR  
19 EFFORT. I JUST SORT OF SUMMARIZE. I THINK WE NEED THAT OVER --  
20 WHILE YOU WANT TO DEAL WITH SPECIFIC THINGS, THERE IS THAT  
21 OVERRIDING.

22

23 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** I AGREE.

24



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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AS ZEV MENTIONED, A STRATEGY IS A  
2 STRATEGY. IT SHOULD BE INTERCHANGEABLE BETWEEN DEPARTMENTS.

3

4 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** GOT IT. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY, THANK YOU. THAT'S A RECEIVE AND  
7 FILE? MOVED. THE CHAIR WILL MOVE IT. SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR  
8 MOLINA. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM 62?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 62, THIS IS A PUBLIC HEARING ITEM.  
11 AND IF THERE'S ANYONE WHO WOULD LIKE TO TESTIFY BEFORE THE  
12 BOARD, PLEASE STAND AND RAISE YOUR RIGHT HAND TO BE SWORN IN.

13

14 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ITEM 62? ANYONE?

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IT DOES NOT APPEAR THAT THERE IS ANYBODY TO  
17 TESTIFY. THEREFORE I WILL JUST READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE  
18 RECORD. THIS IS A HEARING ON AMENDMENT TO PART 5 OF THE RULES  
19 AND REGULATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY WATERWORKS DISTRICT  
20 NOS. 21, KAGEL CANYON; 29, MALIBU AND THE MARINA DEL REY WATER  
21 SYSTEM; 37, ACTON; AND 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY REGARDING THE  
22 PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. THERE IS NO DEPARTMENT  
23 STATEMENT ON THIS AND NO WRITTEN CORRESPONDENCE WAS RECEIVED  
24 ON THIS MATTER.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIRMAN, BEFORE I FORGET. I MOVE  
2 RECONSIDERATION OF 61. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY MOVES  
3 RECONSIDERATION. I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4  
5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FOR THE PURPOSE OF MOVING TO ADOPT IT RATHER  
6 THAN RECEIVING IT.

7  
8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE CHAIR WILL SECOND IT. WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ALL RIGHT. THEN ITEM 62 IS BEFORE US.  
10 DO WE NEED ANYTHING FOR THE RECORD?

11  
12 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THERE IS NO REQUIRED STAFF STATEMENT. IF THERE  
13 ARE QUESTIONS? SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

14  
15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** QUESTION. WHY DO THE WATER WORKS DISTRICTS  
16 NEED TO AMEND THEIR RULES AND REGULATIONS?

17  
18 **LARRY HAFETZ:** I THINK THERE ARE PEOPLE FROM STAFF HERE TO  
19 ANSWER SOME OF THESE QUESTIONS.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S NOT THE WAY THE WATER RUNS.

22  
23 **ADAM ARIKI:** MY NAME IS ADAM ARIKI, I'M THE ASSISTANT DEPUTY  
24 DIRECTOR FOR THE WATER WORKS DIVISION.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THE QUESTION IS WHAT'S WRONG WITH THE  
2 CURRENT RULES AND REGULATIONS?

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4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHY DO WE NEED TO AMEND THESE RULES AND  
5 REGULATIONS, AND WHY DO WE NEED TO AMEND THESE RULES AND  
6 REGULATIONS?

7

8 **ADAM ARIKI:** THE EXISTING RULE WAS LAST UPDATED IN 1991. AND  
9 THE UPDATE WILL BRING THE SURCHARGE PRICES WITHIN THE PLAN,  
10 THE PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN TO BE CONSISTENT WITH THE  
11 EXISTING WATER RATES FOR THE DISTRICT.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW DOES THE AMENDMENT CHANGE THE CURRENT  
14 PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN?

15

16 **ADAM ARIKI:** THE AMENDMENT? EXCUSE ME, SUPERVISOR? THE  
17 AMENDMENT?

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL THIS AMENDMENT CHANGE THE CURRENT  
20 PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN?

21

22 **ADAM ARIKI:** THE AMENDMENT WILL CORRELATE THE SURCHARGES WITHIN  
23 THE PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN WITH THE EXISTING WATER  
24 RATES FOR EACH DISTRICT. WHAT IT WILL DO IS ESSENTIALLY LOWER





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1 FOR THE MAJORITY OF THE WATER WORKS DISTRICTS THE SURCHARGES  
2 FROM WHAT THEY ARE CURRENTLY.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WHAT TRIGGERS IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
5 PHASED CONSERVATION PLAN?

6

7 **ADAM ARIKI:** A BOARD ACTION WOULD TRIGGER THE IMPLEMENTATION.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO WE'RE NOT IMPLEMENTING RIGHT NOW A PHASED  
10 WATER CONSERVATION PLAN?

11

12 **ADAM ARIKI:** NO.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IF THE BOARD APPROVES THIS ITEM TODAY, THEN  
15 OUR VOTE MERELY CHANGES HOW THE PLAN GETS IMPLEMENTED?

16

17 **ADAM ARIKI:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IF THE BOARD WANTED TO IMPLEMENT THE  
20 PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, THERE WOULD BE A FUTURE PUBLIC  
21 HEARING?

22

23 **ADAM ARIKI:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THAT PUBLIC HEARING BE IN THE COMMUNITY  
2 OR AT HALL OF ADMINISTRATION?

3

4 **ADAM ARIKI:** IT WOULD BE AT THE HALL OF ADMINISTRATION.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THEN ANY CHANGES THAT WOULD BE MADE, THE  
7 BOARD, ACTING AS THE BOARD FOR A SPECIFIC WATERWORKS DISTRICT,  
8 WOULD HAVE TO HOLD AT THAT PUBLIC HEARING?

9

10 **ADAM ARIKI:** THAT'S CORRECT.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THEY DO ONE INDIVIDUAL HEARING OR ONE  
13 FOR EACH DISTRICT? OR DO A HEARING FOR ALL OF THEM?

14

15 **ADAM ARIKI:** IF THE PHASED WATER CONSERVATION IMPLEMENTATION  
16 APPLIES TO ALL THE WATERWORKS DISTRICTS AT ONCE, THEN WE'LL  
17 ONLY HAVE ONE PUBLIC HEARING.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND WOULD THE WATERWORKS DISTRICT AGREE TO  
20 PROVIDE NOTICE TO INTERESTED PARTIES IN THE IMPACTED  
21 DISTRICTS?

22

23 **ADAM ARIKI:** YES, SIR.

24



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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WOULD THE PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN BE  
2 IMPLEMENTED FOR SOME DISTRICTS AND NOT FOR OTHERS?

3

4 **ADAM ARIKI:** THAT IS CORRECT, SUPERVISOR.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHICH DISTRICTS ARE LEAST LIKELY TO REQUIRE  
7 IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PHASED WATER PLAN?

8

9 **ADAM ARIKI:** GIVEN THE EXISTING CIRCUMSTANCES, IN 2009, WE  
10 ANTICIPATE WATERWORKS DISTRICT 40, ANTELOPE VALLEY; 37, ACTON;  
11 21, KAGEL CANYON, 36 VALVERDE WILL BE THE LEAST IMPACTED OR  
12 THE LEAST LIKELY THAT WILL REQUIRE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
13 PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** HOW WILL CUSTOMERS KNOW HOW MUCH WATER  
16 THEY'RE ABLE TO USE?

17

18 **ADAM ARIKI:** CUSTOMERS WILL BE TOLD IN ADVANCE IN THEIR WATER  
19 BILLS HOW MUCH WATER THEY ARE ALLOWED FOR THE NEXT BILLING  
20 CYCLE.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND REGARDING DISTRICT 40 AND ANTELOPE  
23 VALLEY, IF SUCH A PLAN WOULD BE IMPLEMENTED, HOW DO YOU SEE  
24 THIS CHANGE IMPACTING RATES?

25



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1 **ADAM ARIKI:** AS I ALLUDED TO EARLIER, THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT  
2 WILL ACTUALLY LOWER THE SURCHARGES. THEY WILL BE LOWER THAN  
3 THEY WERE UNDER THE EXISTING PLAN.

4  
5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AND IN ACTON, DISTRICT 37, THOSE RATES WOULD  
6 ALSO BE LOWERED?

7  
8 **ADAM ARIKI:** THAT WOULD BE THE SAME, YES, SIR.

9  
10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THANK YOU.

11  
12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ARE THE SET PERCENTAGES ON THE UPDATED  
13 SURCHARGES? OR IS IT USAGE? BECAUSE THE REPORT DOESN'T REALLY  
14 SAY. IT SAYS UPDATE. BUT IS THAT UP OR DOWN?

15  
16 **ADAM ARIKI:** THEY'RE ACTUALLY GOING DOWN. THEY ARE BASED ON  
17 EXISTING WATER RATES. IN THE EXISTING PLAN THEY WERE FLAT FEES  
18 OF \$3 AND \$6 AS OPPOSED TO TWO TIMES THE RATE, THREE TIMES THE  
19 RATE.

20  
21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO THE UPDATED SURCHARGE, THAT WOULD  
22 HAVE TO COME BACK TO THE BOARD?

23  
24 **ADAM ARIKI:** TODAY, YOU'RE ACTING ON UPDATING THE PLAN WITH THE  
25 UPDATED SURCHARGES. HOWEVER, IF WE ARE TO IMPLEMENT THE PHASED



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1 WATER CONSERVATION PLAN, THEN WE'LL HAVE TO COME BACK. THE  
2 BOARD WOULD HAVE TO DO THAT.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THE UPDATED SURCHARGE IS HOW MUCH?

5

6 **ADAM ARIKI:** THE UPDATED SURCHARGE IS TWO TIMES THE WATER RATES  
7 IN ANY PARTICULAR DISTRICTS. AND THESE RATES VARY FROM ONE  
8 DISTRICT TO ANOTHER UP TO 15 PERCENT ABOVE THE ALLOTMENT. AND  
9 THEN THREE TIMES BEYOND THAT LIMIT.

10

11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THAT LIMIT THEN, THAT'S THE PENALTY  
12 PIECE, RIGHT?

13

14 **ADAM ARIKI:** THE LIMIT WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BOARD. AND IT  
15 DEPENDS ON WHERE ARE WE IN THE PHASES? THERE ARE NINE PHASES  
16 IN THE WATER PLAN, OR THE PHASED WATER CONSERVATION PLAN. EACH  
17 PHASE IS -- THE FIRST PHASE IS 10 PERCENT. BUT THEN EVERY  
18 PHASE THERE AFTER IS AN INCREMENT OF 5 PERCENT. 15, 20 AND SO  
19 FORTH.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. I THINK WE NEED TO BE CLEAR  
22 ABOUT THIS, TOO. BECAUSE I KNOW LIKE IN MY OWN CITY, I REDUCED  
23 MY WATER CONSUMPTION BY 25 PERCENT, BUT I'M PAYING 42 PERCENT  
24 MORE. SO IT SOUNDS LIKE A LITTLE SIDE DEAL, UPDATE THIS AND  
25 THEN BOOM YOU GET HIT WITH IT. I MEAN, CAN WE CLARIFY? I MEAN



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1 IT'S JUST A VERY GENERIC REPORT. IT SOUNDS LIKE IT'S NO  
2 BIGGIE, BUT IT COULD BE A BIGGIE.

3

4 **LARRY HAFETZ:** SUPERVISOR, I BELIEVE THE PUBLIC WORKS COULD  
5 COME BACK WITH A CLARIFIED REPORT TO GIVE THE DETAILS THAT  
6 YOU'RE LOOKING FOR. I THINK IT WOULD BE APPROPRIATE, AS WELL.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY.

9

10 **LARRY HAFETZ:** I'D ALSO WANT TO ADD THAT STAFF WAS TALKING  
11 ABOUT ANOTHER PUBLIC HEARING. AND I THINK WHAT WE'RE TALKING  
12 ABOUT IS A DECLARATION FROM THE BOARD WHICH WOULD BE AT A  
13 PUBLIC MEETING OF A WATER SHORTAGE EMERGENCY. AND THESE ISSUES  
14 WOULD BE ADDRESSED THEN. IT WOULD NOT BE A FORMAL PUBLIC  
15 HEARING LIKE TODAY.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ALL RIGHT. THE ITEM'S BEFORE US  
18 THEN. WHAT ACTION DO WE HAVE TO TAKE TO MOVE TO AMEND THIS  
19 PART 5 OF THE RULES AND REGS, IS THAT CORRECT?

20

21 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THAT'S CORRECT.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** MOVED BY SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. THE  
24 CHAIR WILL SECOND. NOW, BUT PART OF THAT APPROVAL TODAY, THEN,  
25 IS FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS TO COME BACK TO US WITH



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1 A CLARIFIED REPORT OF WHAT THESE ACTIONS, EITHER FROM  
2 SURCHARGE, WHAT THE POTENTIAL COST PENALTIES AND SO ON, ARE  
3 MUCH CLEARER THAN SUCH GENERIC. WE CAN DO THAT. WE CAN STILL  
4 APPROVE IT AND REQUEST THAT REPORT BACK, IS THAT CORRECT?

5

6 **LARRY HAFETZ:** THAT'S CORRECT.

7

8 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BECAUSE THEY DON'T GET THE CALLS WHEN  
9 THE BILLS GO UP, WE DO. ALL RIGHT. WITH THAT CLARIFICATION,  
10 THEN, SO ORDERED. NO OBJECTIONS. I BELIEVE THAT TAKES CARE OF  
11 THE AGENDA.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** S-1.

14

15 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** S-I? THOUGHT THAT WAS CONTINUED, NO? S-  
16 1.

17

18 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** JUST A VERY, VERY QUICK UPDATE. WE'RE STILL  
19 WORKING WITH THE STATE, AND SPECIFICALLY THE STATE  
20 CONTROLLER'S OFFICE ON INFORMATION REGARDING CASH FLOW. THIS  
21 AFTERNOON, THE CONTROLLER'S OFFICE WILL BE MEETING WITH THE  
22 DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE ON THAT VERY SPECIFIC SUBJECT. ONE  
23 CONCERN WE HAVE IS THAT THE CASH OR PAYMENTS FROM THE STATE  
24 CONTINUE TO COME IN VERY, VERY SLOWLY. FOR EXAMPLE, THE  
25 PAYMENT WE NORMALLY WOULD HAVE RECEIVED ON FEBRUARY 13TH IS IN



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1 FACT GOING TO COME IN ON MARCH 13TH. WE JUST HEARD THIS THIS  
2 MORNING. AND SO BECAUSE OF THAT, BECAUSE OF THE UNCERTAINTY  
3 AND THE FACT THAT THE NORMAL SCHEDULE IS NOT BEING FOLLOWED,  
4 WE'RE WORKING CLOSELY WITH OUR AUDITOR-CONTROLLER AND OUR  
5 TREASURER TAX COLLECTOR ON OUR OWN CASH FLOW AND WITH THAT OUR  
6 CASH FLOW NEEDS. WE'RE ALSO IN A PROCESS OF FINALIZING OUR  
7 REVIEW OF THE FEDERAL ECONOMIC STIMULUS PACKAGE. WE CAN SEE  
8 THAT THERE'S SOME VERY SIGNIFICANT POTENTIAL IN THIS PACKAGE.  
9 ONE HAS TO DO WITH THE JOB PROGRAM THAT'S CONSISTENT WITH A  
10 MOTION PRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR KNABE. WE ALSO SEE HOW THE  
11 FMAP, THE MEDI-CAL MATCH IS GOING TO HAVE A STRONG IMPACT ON  
12 US. BUT ONE THING WE'RE CONCERNED WITH IS THAT IT'S ALREADY  
13 BEING REPORTED THAT THE STATE BUDGET WAS BASED ON SOME  
14 INCORRECT REVENUE PROJECTIONS, I'LL LEAVE IT AT THAT. AND AS A  
15 CONSEQUENCE, IT'S LIKELY THAT THE STATE WOULD BE COMING BACK  
16 IN A FEW MONTHS WITH A SECOND ROUND OF CHANGES. THAT CREATES  
17 SERIOUS CONCERNS, ESPECIALLY AS IT RELATES TO HOW THE FEDERAL  
18 STIMULUS PACKAGE MONEY WILL BE COMING TO THE COUNTY AND  
19 WHETHER OR NOT THE STATE WILL LOOK AT IT AS AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
20 CLOSE ANOTHER GAP THAT'S BEING QUIETLY REPORTED. SO WE  
21 CONTINUE TO STAY ON TOP OF THIS. WE SHOULD KEEP THIS ITEM ON  
22 THE AGENDA ON A WEEKLY BASIS. AS YOU KNOW, WE'RE WORKING ON  
23 PREPARING OUR OWN BUDGET. THE 5 PERCENT CUT THAT WE HAVE  
24 RECOMMENDED IS STILL BEING MOVED FORWARD. ALL THE DEPARTMENTS





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1 ARE WORKING DILIGENTLY WITH US. AND WE CONTINUE TO DO WHAT WE  
2 CAN TO IDENTIFY HOW WE'LL BALANCE OUR BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR.

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANY QUESTIONS OF THE C.E.O.?

5

6 **SUP. MOLINA:** ONLY TO ASK A QUESTION FOR CLARIFICATION. WHEN  
7 YOU SAY LEAVE IT ON THE AGENDA, THAT MEANS THAT AS ISSUES COME  
8 UP, YOU WILL DISCUSS THEM WITH US.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES. THAT'S WHY HE ASKED TO KEEP IT ON  
11 THE AGENDA SO WE CAN DO THAT.

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU. MR. SACHS SIGNED UP FOR S-1. IS HE  
14 BACK YET?

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. JUST VERY QUICKLY,  
17 SINCE YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THE STATE AND BUDGET UPDATE, ANY  
18 DISCUSSION OR ANY NOTIFICATION FROM THE STATE WHEN THEY WILL  
19 REINSTITUTE THE FLOW OF PROP 1-P FUNDS FOR THE PROJECTS THAT  
20 WERE CUT OFF BY THE GOVERNOR? AND ANYTHING THAT THE COUNTY CAN  
21 DO TO PUSH THAT ALONG? THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU FOR THE UPDATE. C.E.O.?  
24 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH, YOUR ADJOURNMENTS, PLEASE?

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** FIRST I HAVE AN ADJOURNMENT THAT SUPERVISOR  
2 KNABE IS GOING TO JOIN ME WITH, AND THAT'S THE PASSING TODAY  
3 OF JAMES FLOURNOY. PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 93. JIM WAS ONE  
4 OF THE ATTORNEYS, QUITE ACTIVE IN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY. HE WAS  
5 A CANDIDATE WITH RONALD REAGAN WHEN REAGAN WAS A CANDIDATE FOR  
6 GOVERNOR. HE WAS AS CANDIDATE FOR SECRETARY OF STATE AND STATE  
7 CONTROLLER IN 1982. HE SERVED BOTH ON THE CALIFORNIA  
8 REPUBLICAN DELEGATIONS FOR PRESIDENT BUSH AND HIS SON AND FOR  
9 RONALD REAGAN, AND SENATOR DOLE, ALONG WITH RICHARD NIXON.  
10 QUITE INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. HE PRACTICED LAW WITHIN THE  
11 LOS ANGELES AREA. HE WAS ONE OF MY ROLE MODELS IN POLITICS. HE  
12 BEFRIENDED ME WHEN I WAS A YOUNG COLLEGE STUDENT. HIS FUNERAL  
13 WILL BE ON SATURDAY AT CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 4911 WEST 59TH  
14 STREET IN LOS ANGELES. TRIBUTES CAN BE SENT IN CARE OF  
15 HARRISON-ROSS MORTUARY AT 4601 CRENSHAW BOULEVARD. AND SO WE  
16 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JAMES AND OUR BEST TO MARILYN AND HIS SON  
17 AND FAMILY.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANOTHER ONE OF OUR GREAT LEADERS, I HAD THE  
22 OPPORTUNITY OF SERVING WITH HER ON THE AIR QUALITY WATER  
23 MANAGEMENT BOARD WITH SENATOR NELL SOTO. HER DAUGHTER WAS ONE  
24 OF YVONNE BURKE'S DEPUTIES FOR MANY YEARS. SHE WAS A DEDICATED  
25 WOMAN IN POLITICS, WAS ACTIVE IN PUBLIC SERVICE FOR SIX



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1 DECADES AND A TRAILBLAZER, ALONG WITH HER HUSBAND PHIL, WHO  
2 ALSO SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE. AND SHE HAD A DISTINGUISHED  
3 CAREER. WAS A FEISTY, WONDERFUL, LOVING PERSON. AND ON THE AIR  
4 QUALITY MANAGEMENT BOARD, SHE HELPED TO CONFORM THAT AGENCY TO  
5 WHAT IT IS TODAY, ONE OF THE MORE CONSTRUCTIVE AGENCIES THAT  
6 WE HAVE IN GOVERNMENT. SHE WAS A GOOD MOTHER, GOOD ELECTED  
7 OFFICIAL AND A GOOD FRIEND. CARL LEE TALTON-DAVIS, WHO WAS  
8 KILLED IN A FATAL CAR ACCIDENT. HE WAS STATIONED AT FORT  
9 CAMPBELL, KENTUCKY, AND SERVED IN IRAQ FOR EIGHT MONTHS. HE  
10 WAS A RESIDENT OF LANCASTER AND JOINED THE ARMY FROM HIGH  
11 SCHOOL AND PASSED AWAY DUE TO A FATAL CAR ACCIDENT IN  
12 KENTUCKY. GORDON ELLIOTT FOOTMAN, WHO WAS A DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
13 SERVICES IN BURBANK AND THEN BECAME DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC  
14 SERVICES AND EVALUATION FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF  
15 EDUCATION. PAUL HARVEY, ONE OF THE MOST LISTENED-TO RADIO  
16 BROADCASTERS IN THE WORLD WHOSE DISTINCTIVE DELIVERY AND DAILY  
17 MIX OF NEWS, COMMENTARY AND HUMAN INTEREST STORIES INFORMED  
18 AND ENTERTAINED A NATIONAL RADIO AUDIENCE FOR NEARLY 60 YEARS,  
19 PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 90. HIS WIFE, WHO WAS HIS PRODUCER,  
20 PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR. AND HE WAS A VOICE THAT WILL LIVE ON.  
21 STEPHANIE STELLA MARICH. SHE WAS AN INTERPRETER FOR THE U.S.  
22 IMMIGRATION FOR CROATIAN IMMIGRANTS, AND QUITE ACTIVE IN ST.  
23 ANTHONY'S CATHOLIC CROATIAN CHURCH. ACTIVE IN ST. ANTHONY'S  
24 WOMEN'S GUILD. WALLACE "WALLY" PAULEY. STARTED AS A BANK  
25 TELLER AND WORKED HIS WAY UP TO VICE PRESIDENT OF WELLS FARGO



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1 REGIONAL BRANCH. ACTIVE IN KIWANIS INTERNATIONAL AND THE  
2 SALVATION ARMY'S CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS. THOMAS COSSUM, WHO  
3 SETTLED IN TUJUNGA, CALIFORNIA, SETTLED IN THE TUJUNGA AREA  
4 AND WAS VETERAN OF WORLD WAR II AND ACTIVE IN LOCAL ELKS  
5 LODGE. RUTH ELAINE CRAMER PASSED AWAY ON FEBRUARY 19TH AT THE  
6 AGE OF 83. AND TERRENCE "TERRY" PATRICK MCGOVERN, WHO GROUP UP  
7 IN THE LEONA VALLEY AND GRADUATED FROM COURTS HIGH SCHOOL. FOR  
8 A GOOD PART OF HIS LIFE, HE WORKED AS AN ELECTRICIAN. ROBERT  
9 HOLGUIN-WITMEYER, 18 YEAR OLD ADOPTED SON OF DENISE AND JOE  
10 WITMEYER, PASSED AWAY SUNDAY NIGHT. SO OUR SYMPATHIES TO THEM.  
11 I KNOW JOE AND DENISE WERE THE STATE FOSTER PARENTS OF THE  
12 YEAR RECIPIENTS. AND ALSO SHE WAS THE STATUS OF WOMEN  
13 COMMISSION OUTSTANDING WOMEN FOR THE FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL  
14 DISTRICT. AND THEY HAVE A WONDERFUL HISTORY OF ADOPTING AND  
15 CARING FOR FOSTER CHILDREN INVOLVED WITH THAT GROUP, ALONG  
16 WITH BEING INVOLVED WITH THE BRAILLE INSTITUTE AND HAVING A  
17 NUMBER OF CHILDREN OF THEIR OWN AND THEN ADOPTED THAT HAVE  
18 BENEFITED FROM THEIR LOVE AND DEDICATION. SO THOSE ARE MY  
19 ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A QUESTION ON THE MAY 19TH ELECTION TO  
24 INCREASE TAXES THAT'S ON THE BALLOT. WILL THE COUNTY BE



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1 REIMBURSED FOR THAT ELECTION, THAT STATEWIDE ELECTION? OR DO  
2 WE HAVE TO SUBSIDIZE PART OF THAT, MR. FUJIOKA?

3

4 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ON THE MAY 19TH ELECTION? DO WE GET  
5 REIMBURSED?

6

7 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** IT IS MY UNDERSTANDING WE WILL. THE PROBLEM  
8 WOULD BE WITH THE TIMING.

9

10 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OR IS IT GOING TO BE DEFERRED?

11

12 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THE TIME OF THE REIMBURSEMENT WILL NOT COME IN  
13 THIS YEAR. IT WILL PROBABLY COME IN SOMEWHERE LATER THAN NEXT  
14 FISCAL YEAR. AND SO WE'LL HAVE TO PUT THE MONEY UP FRONT AND  
15 THEN WAIT FOR THAT REIMBURSEMENT. THAT'S THE PROBLEM WITH SOME  
16 OF THESE SPECIAL ELECTIONS SO LATE IN THE FISCAL YEAR.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO THE CHECK WILL BE IN THE MAIL MAYBE NEXT  
19 YEAR.

20

21 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** HOPEFULLY.

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23 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** BUT THEY LOVE US.

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25 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** THERE'S A LOT OF LOVE.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THOSE ARE MY MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
3 SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN THE MEMORY OF  
6 RETIRED LOS ANGELES COUNTY PROBATION OFFICER MARCO OTERO.  
7 OFFICER OTERO WAS A DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVANT WHOSE MANY YEARS  
8 OF SERVICE INCLUDED FIGHTING GANG ACTIVITY IN THE POMONA AREA.  
9 WE WANT TO EXTEND OUR DEEPEST CONDOLENCES TO HIS FAMILY, AS  
10 WELL. AND I'D LIKE TO ASK ALL MEMBERS, AS WELL, TO JOIN WITH  
11 ME, AS MIKE ANTONOVICH DID, IN ADJOURNING IN THE MEMORY OF  
12 FORMER ASSEMBLYWOMAN AND SENATOR NELL SOTO. I'D LIKE TO  
13 REMEMBER HER AS A LONG-TIME LATINA ACTIVIST. I REMEMBER WHEN I  
14 FIRST MET HER WHEN I WAS A 22-YEAR-OLD, WHEN SHE PASSED AWAY,  
15 SHE'S THE SAME AGE AS MY MOTHER. I NEVER SAW HER AS SOMEONE  
16 OLDER. I ALWAYS SAW HER AS SOMEONE AS MY CONTEMPORARY. BUT AT  
17 THAT TIME SHE WAS JUST A GREAT MENTOR TO MANY OF US. HER  
18 HUSBAND HAD SERVED IN THE LEGISLATURE AT THAT TIME. SHE REALLY  
19 WAS THE SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR HIM. HE WAS THE FIRST LATINO TO  
20 EVER SERVE IN THE CALIFORNIA STATE LEGISLATURE IN OUR  
21 CONTEMPORARY TIME AND SET IT UP FOR THE REST OF US TO GET  
22 THROUGH. VERY, VERY POLITICAL FAMILY. IF YOU KNOW TOM SOTO AND  
23 MANY OF THE OTHER CHILDREN, THEY'RE VERY INVOLVED. MORE  
24 RECENTLY, THE GRANDDAUGHTER, I THINK DANIELLE SOTO, IS NOW OUR  
25 NEW COUNCILWOMAN IN POMONA. I THINK SHE'S 21 YEARS OLD, IF



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1 THAT. SO NELL WAS THE SIXTH GENERATION POMONA RESIDENT.  
2 YESTERDAY AT HER EULOGY, EVERYBODY TALKED ABOUT HER FIGHTING  
3 SPIRIT. SHE WAS AMAZING, THOUGH, OF THE WORK THAT SHE DID ON  
4 ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES. HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS INCLUDE CLEANING UP  
5 THE GROUND WATER IN THE CHINO AND RIALTO BASINS AND CREATING  
6 SAFE SCHOOL ROUTES FOR CHILDREN AS WELL AS ESTABLISHING  
7 VARIOUS PARENT INVOLVEMENT INITIATIVES LEGISLATIVELY. I WAS  
8 ALWAYS IMPRESSED WITH HER AND LOVED HER DEARLY. I SAW HER  
9 EVERY SINGLE YEAR FOR SURE BESIDES IN THE LEGISLATURE. SHE  
10 ENJOYED ATTENDING THE MARIACHI CONCERT AT THE POMONA FAIR, SHE  
11 WAS A REGULAR THERE. EVEN THIS LAST TIME IT WAS HER DAUGHTER  
12 WHO TOOK HER IN A WHEELCHAIR. AND SHE COULDN'T GET UP AND  
13 DANCE AS SHE NORMALLY WAS DOING ALL THE OTHER TIMES, BUT SHE  
14 WAS STILL MOVING IN THAT WHEELCHAIR. SO SHE WAS A WONDERFUL,  
15 WONDERFUL WOMAN WITH A GREAT, GREAT FAMILY. I HOPE WE CAN ALL  
16 ADJOURN IN HER MEMORY.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** SO ORDERED. NO, SIR ANYTHING ELSE,  
19 SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

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21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND I THINK IT'S  
22 FITTING THAT I ATTACH MY REMARKS TO THOSE ALREADY OFFERED IN  
23 HONOR OF NELL SOTO. IT IS MY RECOLLECTION THAT AT THE SOUND OF  
24 THE MARIACHIS, SHE WOULD STAND AND DELIVER. THAT IS TO SAY,  
25 SHE ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION IN THE STATE LEGISLATURE WHERE



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1 WE SERVED TOGETHER, WOULD BEGIN THE DANCE THERE, AN FULL  
2 CELEBRATION, WHICH IS, TO A LARGE EXTENT, A METAPHOR FOR HER  
3 LIFE-AFFIRMING SPIRIT, A LEADER IN HER OWN RIGHT, AND ONE WHO  
4 ENCOURAGED A NEW GENERATION OF LEADERSHIP. AND SO TO TOM,  
5 MICHAEL, PATRICK, PHILLIP AND ANNA, WE EXTEND OUR DEEPEST  
6 SYMPATHIES. AND YET CELEBRATE A LIFE WELL-LIVED. ADDITIONALLY,  
7 MR. CHAIRMAN AND COLLEAGUES, OLGA LILIANA FIELD, A LONGTIME  
8 RESIDENT OF THE SECOND DISTRICT, SISTER OF SECOND DISTRICT  
9 POLICY ROUND TABLE CHILDCARE COMMISSIONER, MARIA, WHO PASSED  
10 ON FEBRUARY 23RD. AND SHE LEAVES TO CHERISH HER MEMORIES,  
11 DAUGHTERS, YVETTE, LEXUS, ASHLEY; HER SISTERS, MARIA, EVELYN;  
12 AND HER BROTHERS, JOSE, RAUL; AND A HOST OF FAMILY AND  
13 FRIENDS. IT'S MY SAD OCCASION TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE DEATH OF  
14 DEPUTY CHIEF KENNETH GARNER, COMMANDER OF LOS ANGELES POLICE  
15 DEPARTMENT SOUTH BUREAU AND ONE OF THE DEPARTMENT'S HIGHEST  
16 RANKING MEMBERS FROM THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. HE PASSED  
17 UNEXPECTEDLY AT THE AGE OF 53 ON THIS PAST SUNDAY. HE WAS  
18 FIRST APPOINTED TO THE L.A.P.D. IN 1977. AND DREW NUMEROUS  
19 ASSIGNMENTS AND PROMOTIONS, INCLUDING SERVING AS A COMMANDING  
20 OFFICER FOR THE TRANSIT BUS DIVISION AS WELL AS THE PERSONNEL  
21 DIVISION OF THE DEPARTMENT BEFORE BECOMING A DEPUTY CHIEF IN  
22 THE YEAR 2007. HE SERVED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR SOME 31  
23 YEARS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS PARENTS, HIS  
24 DAUGHTER, ALONG WITH A BEREAVED DEPARTMENT AND A SET OF  
25 ELECTED OFFICIALS, CONSTITUENTS, AND MANY, MANY MORE WHO TOOK





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1 PRIDE IN KNOWING HIM AND APPRECIATED HOW HE DISTINGUISHED  
2 HIMSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT AND  
3 AS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. KENNETH O. GARNER.

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5 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL MEMBERS.

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7 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. AND FINALLY, THE  
8 PASSING OF ANTHONY EARL BLY-ROBERSON, LONGTIME RESIDENT OF  
9 SECOND DISTRICT AND MEMBER OF THE GREATER NEW UNITY BAPTIST  
10 CHURCH, WHO PASSED ON FEBRUARY 13TH AT THE AGE OF 50. HE  
11 LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS FATHER, TYRONE NELSON;  
12 STEPFATHER WILLIS ROBERSON; HIS SISTERS, CHERYL, TERRY, RENEE,  
13 LOUISE, GOLDIA, JOSIE, ELIZABETH, AND MARY; AND HIS BROTHERS,  
14 KENNETH, REGGIE, ARVIN, LEE, RANDY AND TIME; ALONG WITH MANY  
15 OTHERS WHO APPRECIATED HIS LIFE. WALLACE R. BAILEY, LONGTIME  
16 SECOND DISTRICT RESIDENT AND PAST PRESIDENT OF CONSOLIDATED  
17 BOARD OF REALISTS. A MEMBER OF MORE THAN 50 YEARS WHO WAS  
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PURCHASE OF THE CONSOLIDATED BOARD OF  
19 REALTORS COMPLEX AT 375 DON FELIPE DRIVE. HE LEFT A LARGE  
20 FOOTPRINT AND HE LEAVES FOR US TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY MANY  
21 FRIENDS, FAMILY WHO IS GRATEFUL FOR HIS LIFE. AND THAT  
22 CONCLUDES MY ADJOURNING MOTIONS, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

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1 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I DON'T HAVE ANY ADJOURNING MOTIONS BUT I DO  
2 WANT TO RAISE AN ISSUE. TO THE COUNTY COUNSEL. I DISCUSSED  
3 THIS WITH YOU YESTERDAY. BUT THE MORE I THOUGHT ABOUT IT, THE  
4 MORE IRRITATED I BECAME. I BELIEVE THAT THE PROBATION  
5 DEPARTMENT HAS TEMPORARILY ISSUED A MORATORIUM ON THE  
6 COLLECTION FOR REIMBURSING JUVENILES WHO ARE IN OUR SYSTEM, IN  
7 OUR HALLS. I RECEIVED A CALL LATE LAST WEEK FROM AN ATTORNEY  
8 FOR A GRANDMOTHER WHO IS ON SOCIAL SECURITY, THAT'S HER ONLY  
9 ATTACHABLE INCOME, WHO WAS BEING TAKEN TO TRIAL ON WEDNESDAY,  
10 TOMORROW, TO FORCE HER TO PAY \$25 A MONTH FOR 40 MONTHS. THEY  
11 WERE TRYING TO RECOVER \$1,000 IN WHAT WERE DEEMED TO BE  
12 REIMBURSABLE EXPENSES TO THE COUNTY. THE THING THAT CAUGHT MY  
13 ATTENTION, THE REASON I WAS CALLED WAS BECAUSE THEY WERE UNDER  
14 THE IMPRESSION THE COUNSEL FOR THE GRANDMOTHER WAS UNDER THE  
15 IMPRESSION THAT WE HAD A MORATORIUM. SO WE HAD TO SORT THAT  
16 OUT FOR HER. BUT THEN I INQUIRED AS TO HOW MUCH MONEY WE HAD  
17 SPENT ON THE OUTSIDE COUNSEL, WHICH APPARENTLY WE HAD, TO  
18 COLLECT THE \$1,000 FROM GRANDMA. AND I LEARNED IT WAS \$12,800  
19 THAT HAD BEEN SPENT TO DATE AND WE WEREN'T DONE SPENDING IT.  
20 \$12,800 TO COLLECT \$1,000. SO REGARDLESS OF ONE'S  
21 PHILOSOPHICAL VIEW ON THE ISSUE, AND I KNOW THAT DIFFERENT  
22 PEOPLE HAVE DIFFERENT POINTS OF VIEW, THIS IS ABSURD. SO I'D  
23 LIKE TO ASK YOU, BECAUSE I KNOW YOU'RE COMING BACK WITH A  
24 REPORT I THINK NEXT WEEK OR EITHER THE WEEK AFTER ON THE  
25 BROADER ISSUE, TO LOOK AT THIS PIECE OF IT, BOTH THE COST-



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1 EFFECTIVENESS PIECE OF IT AND ALSO TO MAKE SURE THAT PEOPLE  
2 ARE NOT SLIPPING THROUGH THIS MORATORIUM WHO ARE UNDER THE  
3 IMPRESSION THERE IS A MORATORIUM AND COULD HAVE EASILY BEEN IF  
4 SHE HAD A GOOD LAWYER, AND WOULD HAVE BEEN NAILED. EITHER WE  
5 HAVE A MORATORIUM OR WE DON'T HAVE A MORATORIUM. SO I'D LIKE  
6 YOU TO REPORT BACK ON THAT. AND EVEN BEFORE YOU REPORT BACK,  
7 TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COUNTY FAMILY IS ACTING CONSISTENTLY  
8 WITH THE DIRECTIVES THAT HAVE BEEN ISSUED BY THE COUNTY FAMILY  
9 LAST WEEK.

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11 **RAY FORTNER, COUNSEL:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. YAROSLAVSKY, WE WILL  
12 INCLUDE THOSE MATTERS IN THE REPORT. AND I BELIEVE THAT THE  
13 FEES ARE NOT JUST DIRECTLY ATTRIBUTABLE TO A SINGLE CASE BUT  
14 THE BROADER ISSUE OF THE PROGRAM ITSELF, THE MORATORIUM ITSELF  
15 AND OTHER LEGAL ISSUES THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED. SO IT IS NOT, I  
16 DON'T BELIEVE, THAT WE HAVE INCURRED THOSE KIND OF FEES IN A  
17 CASE OF THAT MAGNITUDE. SO I WILL REPORT BACK.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. FORTNER, IF THAT'S THE CASE, THEN YOU  
20 SHOULD CORRECT THE INFORMATION THAT I WAS GIVEN BY YOUR  
21 OFFICE. AND I'M LOOKING FOR IT RIGHT NOW. I'M NOT GOING TO  
22 READ IT BECAUSE IT'S AN ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE. BUT I  
23 WANTED TO MAKE SURE I WASN'T MISTAKEN. JUST GIVE ME ONE  
24 SECOND, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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1 **RAY FORTNER:** IT MAY HAVE BEEN BILLED TO A SINGLE FILE, BUT  
2 THAT PROBABLY WAS NOT THE BEST WAY TO ACCOUNT FOR IT WITHIN  
3 THE OFFICE. BUT WE'LL REPORT BACK.

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5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MY QUESTION WAS TO YOUR OFFICE. HOW MUCH  
6 COUNTY FUNDS, NOT THE GREATEST GRAMMAR IN THE WORLD. HOW MUCH  
7 COUNTY FUNDS HAVE BEEN EXPENDED ON THIS CASE BY OUR LAWYERS  
8 THUS FAR? THE RESPONSE I GOT WAS \$12,800.

9

10 **RAY FORTNER:** WE'LL PROVIDE A FULL EXPLANATION IN THE REPORT.

11

12 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ANYTHING ELSE?

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14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S IT. SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU HAD  
15 SOME READ-IN MOTIONS THAT YOU OVERLOOKED?

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17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. JUST TWO. AND  
18 WE'LL BE AS BRIEF AS REQUIRED. THE REOPENING OF MARTIN LUTHER  
19 KING HOSPITAL IS ONE OF THE HIGHEST PRIORITIES OF THE COUNTY  
20 AS HAS BEEN ARTICULATED BY YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN, AND OTHERS. FOR  
21 THE PAST NUMBER OF MONTHS, COUNTY STAFF HAVE BEEN IN  
22 DISCUSSION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA EXPLORING WAYS TO  
23 ESTABLISH HOSPITAL SERVICES AT THE M.L.K. SITE. FURTHER, ON  
24 DECEMBER 2ND, OUR BOARD INSTRUCTED THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
25 OFFICERS TO DEVELOP A PLAN, INCLUDING COST ESTIMATES AND



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1 SCHEDULES TO CONFORM THE EXISTING CAMPUS FACILITIES OR  
2 CONSTRUCT NEW FACILITIES TO INCLUDE AN INITIAL PHASE TO  
3 PROVIDE A 120-LICENSED BED INPATIENT HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ROOM  
4 MULTISERVICE AMBULATORY CARE CENTER AND ANY NECESSARY HOSPITAL  
5 SUPPORT SERVICES. THAT REPORT IS DUE BACK TO US SHORTLY. I  
6 THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD INSTRUCT THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
7 OFFICER TO REPORT TO THIS BOARD AT ITS MARCH 17TH MEETING ON  
8 THE STATUS OF THE DISCUSSIONS WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF  
9 CALIFORNIA AND THE CAPITAL PROJECT NEEDS IN ORDER TO PROCEED  
10 WITH THE REOPENING OF THE M.L.K. MEDICAL CENTER. THAT WILL  
11 SUFFICE AS THE FIRST MOTION I WANT TO READ IN, MR. CHAIRMAN.  
12 AND SECONDLY, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER ISSUED HIS REPORT ON  
13 THE FEASIBILITY OF OFFSITE BOARD MEETINGS ON FEBRUARY 26TH.  
14 THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, IN MY VIEW, SHOULD HOLD ITS  
15 MEETINGS IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES AND THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY  
16 WHERE OUR RESIDENTS AND STAKEHOLDERS CAN BECOME ENGAGED IN THE  
17 ISSUES WHICH DIRECTLY AFFECT THE QUALITY OF THEIR LIVES. BOTH  
18 MR. ANTONOVICH AND MYSELF HAVE INTRODUCED MOTIONS. HIS IN  
19 '04/'05, AND MINE MORE RECENTLY. THEREFORE I WISH TO DIRECT  
20 THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, THE BOARD WOULD DO SO, TO SEEK  
21 STATE LEGISLATION IMMEDIATELY TO REMOVE THE RESTRICTION THAT  
22 REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE BOARD MUST BE HELD IN THE COUNTY SEAT,  
23 WHICH IS EXCLUSIVELY THEN THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES. ALL OF US  
24 HAVE OTHER CITIES IN OUR RESPECTIVE DISTRICTS. AND, SECONDLY,  
25 TO PREPARE A REPORT BACK TO THE BOARD IN TWO WEEKS TO INCLUDE,



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1 A, POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES TO HOLD THE BOARD MEETINGS ON A  
2 QUARTERLY BASIS OUTSIDE LOS ANGELES'S CIVIC CENTER. B, AN  
3 ANALYSIS OF HOLDING THE BOARD MEETINGS IN THE LATE AFTERNOON  
4 AND THE EVENING HOURS TO MAXIMIZE PUBLIC PARTICIPATION. AND,  
5 C, THE FEASIBILITY AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOLDING THE '09/10  
6 BUDGET HEARINGS IN THE VARIOUS COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE  
7 COUNTY. THANK YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN.

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9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** CAN THE TELEVISION FUND BE USED FOR THIS?

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** STIMULUS?

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13 **C.E.O. FUJIOKA:** WE'LL LOOK AT EVERYTHING.

14

15 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YEAH. STIMULATING.

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17 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. ANYTHING ELSE? IF NOT, THEN WE  
18 WILL GO TO PUBLIC COMMENTS. LET ME INVITE UP SHIRLEY CARNEY,  
19 ARNOLD SACHS, ALICE JOYCE. IF YOU WILL COME FORWARD, PLEASE?  
20 HAS SHIRLEY CARNEY LEFT? OKAY. THEN LET ME INVITE UP ALEX  
21 COMISAR. WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO BEGIN, GO AHEAD, ALICE?

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23 **ALICE JOYCE:** OKAY. THIS IS A MESSAGE TO MR. THOMAS. I HAVE  
24 BEEN -- I CAME HERE. I'M HOME ON DISABILITY. I'VE BEEN CRYING.  
25 I'VE BEEN IN NUMEROUS ATTEMPTS TRYING TO CALL YOU. I HAVE



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1 FAMILY MEMBERS HELPING ME EMAIL YOU. I GOT AN EMAIL BACK, IT  
2 LOOKS LIKE NOT FROM YOU, JUST TELLING ME THAT THEY WILL SHOOT  
3 IT TO YOUR DEPUTIES. YOUR DEPUTIES ARE VERY RESPECTFUL AND  
4 POLITE, BUT THEY AIN'T DOING NOTHING. AND I'M GOING AROUND IN  
5 CIRCLES. NOT ONLY DO-- I'M HELPING FAMILY MEMBERS. YOU GOT  
6 EIGHT VOTES OUT OF MY HOUSEHOLD. WHEN IT GOT AROUND THAT YOU  
7 WERE IN YOUR RUNOFF, I CALLED PEOPLE AND TOLD THEM "DON'T VOTE  
8 FOR PARKS. VOTE FOR MR. THOMAS." BECAUSE MY GIRLFRIEND LIVED  
9 IN YOUR DISTRICT. SHE STAYED IN WATTS, AND SHE WAS TELLING ME  
10 WHAT A GOOD PERSON YOU WERE. SO I GOT AROUND. I DIDN'T GET OUT  
11 AND MARCH. I CALLED PEOPLE. AND I TOLD THE INDIVIDUALS THAT'S  
12 IN MY HOUSE TO VOTE FOR YOU BECAUSE THEY'RE LIVING WITH ME AND  
13 YOU'RE MY GUY. AND I'M JUST VERY DISAPPOINTED. I DON'T KNOW  
14 HOW TO GET IN CONTACT WITH YOU. I CAME THIS MORNING. I TALKED  
15 TO MR. OMAR LAST WEEK AND HE TOLD ME YOU WOULD BE HERE ON  
16 TUESDAYS. SO THIS MORNING I WENT TO TRY TO TALK TO MR. OMAR TO  
17 MAKE SURE, TO SEE WHAT HE COULD DO THAT I COULD MEET WITH YOU.  
18 AND HE HAD A POLICE OFFICER THERE IN THE WINDOW, WOULDN'T EVEN  
19 COME OUT. JUST TALKED TO ME ON THE PHONE AND TRANSFERRED ME  
20 BACK TO MR. RON FISHER, WHO UP UNTIL NOW THAT HE SEES I'M NOT  
21 GOING AWAY, NOW HE'S WORKING ON THE MATTER. I'VE BEEN PULLED  
22 OFF MY JOB SICK. I WORKED UNDER GLORIA MOLINA'S THING AT  
23 U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER. AND MY COWORKERS HAVE ACCESS TO WHERE  
24 THEY PULLED UP MY MEDICAL RECORD NUMBER AND TALK ABOUT WHAT MY  
25 DIAGNOSIS IS AS IF IT'S LAST NIGHT'S TV SHOW, CSI. IT'S



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1 INAPPROPRIATE. THEY HAVE ACCESS WHERE WE ALL CAN WALK DOWN TO  
2 THE RECORD DEPARTMENT AT THE U.S.C. MEDICAL CENTER, BIG G.  
3 THEY HAVE READ MY RECORDS AND HAVE TALKED ABOUT ME. COWORKERS  
4 HAVE CALLED AND LET ME KNOW. I WANT TO KNOW HOW COME HIPAA  
5 DON'T APPLY TO ME? I ALSO WANT TO KNOW HOW IS IT THAT WHEN I  
6 COME HOME SOMETIMES, MY PHONE IS RINGING AND IT'S YOUR VOICE  
7 ON THE OTHER SIDE, JUST A RECORDING. IF YOU CAN DISTURB MY  
8 LIFE LIKE THAT AND I CAN HAVE ALL MY FRIENDS AND FAMILY VOTE  
9 FOR YOU, WHY IS IT SO HARD FOR ME TO SEE YOU? I'M GOING TO  
10 HAVE TO SPEND \$20 TO SEE YOU? MY IAS HAS BEEN DENIED. I'VE GOT  
11 A DAUGHTER IN COLLEGE EDUCATION AND SEE MY TIME IS EXPIRED.  
12 AND I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND. I WOULD NOT BE HERE IF I COULD  
13 HAVE HAD -- BUT I GUESS I'M TOO LITTLE FOR YOU TO HAVE A ONE-  
14 ON-ONE WITH ME.

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16 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** DO YOU WANT TO HAVE SOMEONE WITH YOUR  
17 STAFF VISIT WITH HER, MARK?

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19 **ALICE JOYCE:** I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S WRONG.

20

21 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** OKAY. WOULD YOU STEP OVER HERE? SOMEONE  
22 FROM HIS OFFICE WILL VISIT WILL YOU. MR. SACHS?

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24 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS.

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1 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** AND THEN I INVITE WALTER BECKTEL TO JOIN  
2 US UP HERE, PLEASE.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** I'D JUST LIKE TO DO A QUICK UPDATE AMONGST ONE  
5 OF THE THINGS, THE METRO PAST BOARD MEETING TO ALERT THE  
6 PUBLIC TO WHAT RIDICULOUS PLAN IS BEING PUT FORTH. THE PLAN IS  
7 TO LEVERAGE STIMULUS FUNDS THAT ARE GOING TO COME OUT FROM THE  
8 FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AGAINST PROP R FUNDS. JUST TO GIVE YOU AN  
9 EXAMPLE, YOU'RE GOING TO TAKE STIMULUS FUNDS THAT GO TO THE  
10 FIFTH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT -- I KNOW IT'S THE CITY'S -- AND  
11 THEY'RE GOING TO SAY IN THE SECOND SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT GIVE  
12 US YOUR STIMULUS FUNDS. WE'LL GIVE YOU OUR PROP R FUNDS. WE'VE  
13 SEEN A LEVERAGE PLAN BY THE M.T.A. 20 YEARS AGO, THEY  
14 LEVERAGED PROJECTS BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE MONEY. THEY DIDN'T  
15 COMPLETE THE BLUE LINE, NOW KNOWN AS THE DOWNTOWN CONNECTOR,  
16 THE RED LINE, OR THE PURPLE LINE EXTENSION TO FAIRFAX AVENUE,  
17 OR THE GREEN LINE. BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T HAVE -- THEY HAD  
18 PROJECTS BUT NO FUNDING. NOW THEY HAVE FUNDING WITH PROJECTS  
19 BUT THEY DON'T HAVE ENOUGH FUNDING. THERE'S NO PAYBACK DATE  
20 FOR THE PROP R FUNDS. THERE'S NO MEDIAN THAT YOU COULD LOOK AT  
21 AND SAY THIS IS THE PROJECTED INCOME BECAUSE THE ECONOMY IS  
22 GOING IN THE TANK OR IS IN THE TANK. SO THERE'S NO MEDIAN  
23 INCOME TO LOOK AT AND SAY WE'RE EXPECTING TO GET THIS MUCH  
24 REVENUE GENERATED BY PROP R FUNDS. THERE'S A FAMOUS CARTOON  
25 CHARACTER NAMED WIMPY, WHO WOULD GLADLY TAKE A HAMBURGER TODAY



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1 AND PAY YOU ON TUESDAY. ONLY PROBLEM IS, SEE, WEDNESDAY? SEE?  
2 NOW WE KNOW WHERE THEY GET THEIR FINANCIAL IDEAS FROM. ONLY  
3 PROBLEM IS HE NEVER SAID WHAT WEDNESDAY. I'D ALSO LIKE TO ASK  
4 SINCE THE COUNTY FELT SO WONDERFUL IN AWARDING THE OVERSIGHT  
5 COMMITTEE FOR THE FAILURES AT COUNTY U.S.C. FROM THE BLUEPRINT  
6 DEBACLE, WILL THEY BE BRINGING IN THE HARBOR-U.C.L.A. STAFF  
7 THAT MISREAD THE BLUEPRINTS? THEY DIDN'T ACTUALLY MISREAD THE  
8 BLUEPRINTS, THEY ACTUALLY, THE BLUEPRINTS WERE LACKING IN  
9 PHONE LINES AND COMPUTER OUTLETS, SO THE NEW STAFFING OFFICERS  
10 FOR THE NURSES AT HARBOR-U.C.L.A. CONTAIN NO PHONE LINES AND  
11 NO COMPUTER OUTLETS IN A BRAND NEW BUILDING. WILL THEY BE  
12 BRINGING THOSE PEOPLE IN FOR AN AWARD SOME TIME IN THE NEW  
13 FUTURE? AND FINALLY, THERE WAS SOME MENTION REGARDING  
14 LEAPFROGGING OF PROJECTS AT METRO. PLEASE EXPLAIN THE USAGE OF  
15 THE FOOTHILL CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WHEN THERE'S NO MONEY,  
16 THERE'S NO PROJECT, AND YET THERE'S MONEY AND FUNDING FOR THE  
17 EXPO LINE.

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19 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** TIME'S UP.

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21 **ARNOLD SACHS:** HOW EXACTLY DID THE MID-CITY EXPO LINE BECOME  
22 WHAT IT IS?

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24 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YOUR TIME IS UP.

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1    **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, SIR.

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3    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** YES, ALEX?

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5    **ALEX COMISAR:** YES, THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALEX COMISAR. I AM A  
6    JOURNALIST.

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8    **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** I APOLOGIZE FOR MISPRONOUNCING YOUR LAST  
9    NAME.

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11   **ALEX COMISAR:** OH NO, THAT'S FINE. MY HANDWRITING'S BAD. MY  
12   NAME IS ALEX COMISAR, I'M A JOURNALIST WORKING FOR A RECENTLY  
13   LAUNCHED NEWS WEBSITE CALLED NEON TOMMY. AND I'M ALSO A  
14   STUDENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. SUPERVISOR  
15   YAROSLAVSKY, IT'S SORT OF HARD FOR ME TO SEE YOU BEHIND THAT  
16   FLAG THERE, BUT I'M HERE TO PUBLICLY ASK YOU TO RECONSIDER  
17   YOUR REFUSAL TO GRANT ME ACCESS TO YOUR OFFICE SO THAT I CAN  
18   WRITE A STORY ABOUT HOW YOU CARRY OUT THE PUBLIC'S BUSINESS ON  
19   A TYPICAL DAY. ABOUT A MONTH AGO, I APPROACHED YOUR OFFICE, AS  
20   ANY JOURNALIST WOULD, AND I PLACED A CALL TO YOUR PRESS DEPUTY  
21   TO ASK IF I COULD SHADOW YOU FOR A DAY FOR A STORY ABOUT HOW A  
22   VETERAN COUNTY SUPERVISOR SPENDS HIS TIME. WHERE DOES HE GO?  
23   WHO DOES HE MEET WITH? THESE WERE QUESTIONS THAT I AND MY  
24   EDITORS WANTED TO ANSWER. YOUR COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MOLINA,  
25   FULFILLED THE SAME REQUEST FOR ONE OF MY COLLEAGUES THREE



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1 WEEKS AGO. YOU DENIED ME FLAT OUT. YOU DISMISSED ME. NOT DUE  
2 TO YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE OR AN UNREASONABLE DEADLINE, BUT SIMPLY  
3 BECAUSE OF MY STATUS AS A STUDENT IN THIS COMMUNITY. YOUR  
4 PRESS DEPUTY TOLD ME THAT AS A POINT OF POLICY, YOU DON'T DO  
5 INTERVIEWS WITH STUDENTS BECAUSE IT ISN'T YOUR RESPONSIBILITY  
6 TO HELP US WITH OUR HOMEWORK. OF COURSE, YOUR OBLIGATION TO  
7 THE STUDENTS OF THIS COMMUNITY IS NO LESS THAN TO YOUR OTHER  
8 CONSTITUENTS, BUT WE CAN TALK ABOUT THAT MORE PRIVATELY. RIGHT  
9 NOW I'D LIKE TO REMIND YOU OF A DISAPPOINTING REALITY THAT  
10 GREATLY AFFECTS US BOTH. JOURNALISM'S AGE OLD INSTITUTIONS ARE  
11 DYING. ALL OVER THE COUNTRY, NEWSPAPERS THAT ONCE PROSPERED  
12 ARE COLLAPSING INTO NOTHING. TODAY THE LOS ANGELES TIMES CUT  
13 ITS ENTIRE LOCAL NEWS SECTION. BUT I DON'T NEED TO TELL YOU  
14 THAT. YOU RECENTLY SENT A LETTER TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES  
15 PUBLISHER URGING HIM TO RECONSIDER HIS DECISION TO CUT THE  
16 SECTION. IN YOUR LETTER, WHICH MANY OF US SAW ON KEVIN  
17 RODERICK'S L.A. OBSERVED, YOU RIGHTLY CITED THE CRUCIAL  
18 IMPORTANCE OF LOCAL COVERAGE TO THE CITY. BY THE WAY, DID YOU  
19 SEE THAT MR. RODERICK LINKED TO ONE OF MY STORIES ON SUNDAY? I  
20 GUESS HE DIDN'T REALIZE I WAS A STUDENT. THE COLLAPSE OF THE  
21 CALIFORNIA SECTION DOES NOT SIGNIFY THE DEATH OF LOS ANGELES'S  
22 LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE. JOURNALISTS OF ALL BACKGROUNDS, AND, YES,  
23 EVEN SOME STUDENTS ARE QUICKLY FILLING THE VOID LEFT BY THE  
24 TIMES. THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN A STUDENT JOURNALIST AND A PRO  
25 JOURNALIST IS NOT SMALL THESE DAYS. AND IN THE NAME OF LOCAL



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1 NEWS AND THE DRIVING PRINCIPLE OF ALL JOURNALISTS TO MAKE THE  
2 PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS ACCOUNTABLE, I URGE YOU TO RECONSIDER YOUR  
3 DECISION, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. ACT LIKE THE TRUE CHAMPION  
4 OF A FREE PRESS AND LOCAL NEWS COVERAGE THAT WE ALL KNOW YOU  
5 ARE. I'LL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOUR PRESS DEPUTY, JOEL BELLMAN,  
6 AFTER THE MEETING TO SET UP A DAY WHEN I CAN OBSERVE YOU IN  
7 ACTION. THANK YOU.

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9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, YOU'RE WITH U.S.C., CORRECT,  
10 WITH THE NEW ONLINE PAPER, WHICH IS ACTUALLY QUITE GOOD. IN  
11 FACT, I HAVE BEEN -- I HAVE INTERVIEWED WITH YOUR COLLEAGUES.  
12 AND I THINK IT'S AN UNFAIR -- I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT MY PRESS  
13 DEPUTY SAID THAT I WOULDN'T INTERVIEW WITH STUDENTS BECAUSE HE  
14 KNOWS THAT I INTERVIEW WITH STUDENTS ALL THE TIME. AND  
15 ESPECIALLY ONES WHO KNOW HOW TO WRITE LIKE YOU GUYS DO. SO I  
16 DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU PICKED THAT UP. (CELL PHONE).

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** THAT'S THE DAILY BRUIN CALLING.

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20 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THAT'S THE DAILY BRUIN CALLING. [LAUGHTER.]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SECONDLY, I THOUGHT IF YOU REALLY WANTED TO  
23 MAKE A CREDIBLE ARGUMENT YOU WOULD SAY THAT I'M DISCRIMINATING  
24 AGAINST YOU BECAUSE YOU WENT TO U.S.C. BUT I WOULDN'T DO THAT  
25 BECAUSE I TALKED TO THE DAILY TROJANS AS READILY AS I'LL TALK



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1 TO THE DAILY BRUIN. SO WE'D BE HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU ABOUT  
2 SCHEDULING A TIME. BUT I THINK AS A JOURNALIST, YOU SHOULD --  
3 (CELL PHONE) -- EVEN IN MR. BELLMAN'S CASE, CONSIDER THE  
4 SOURCE. [LAUGHTER.] SORRY, JOEL. I DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU TOLD  
5 THIS FINE YOUNG JOURNALIST, BUT WE'LL BE HAPPY TO TALK TO YOU.

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7 **ALEX COMISAR:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR.

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9 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND GO BRUINS.

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11 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** FIGHT ON! YES, SIR.

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13 **WALTER BECKTEL:** I WANTED TO COME BACK IN HERE BECAUSE THEY  
14 SAID ON THE RADIO THAT TODAY IS GOING TO BE SOME -- THIS WEEK  
15 IS STARTING TODAY SOMETHING ABOUT NO CUSS WORD WEEK? I WANTED  
16 TO SAY SOMETHING. I DON'T KNOW IT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE DECLARED.

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18 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** IT ALREADY PASSED. SO BE CAREFUL WHAT  
19 YOU SAY.

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21 **WALTER BECKTEL:** YEAH, WELL I ALREADY BLEW IT TODAY ABOUT FOUR  
22 OR FIVE TIMES. I DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT'S LIKE. I MEAN, I'VE  
23 BEEN DOING STUFF FOR YEARS BUT NOBODY EVER SAID ANYTHING TO  
24 ME. BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY SOMETHING BECAUSE A LOT OF PEOPLE  
25 I NOTICE ARE STARTING TO BLAME ME, THEY ARE TRYING TO SAY



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1 THINGS ABOUT QUOTING FROM THE BIBLE OR SOMETHING. IT SAYS  
2 THERE WOE TO YOU TO TEACH ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES WHO LOVE ME  
3 TO SIN. IT WOULD BE BETTER FOR YOU THAT A GREAT MILLSTONE WERE  
4 TIED AROUND YOUR NECK AND YOU THROWN INTO THE OCEAN. I CAN'T  
5 BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR PEOPLE EAVESDROPPING OR WIRE TAPPING  
6 WHAT I'M SAYING. I MEAN, THERE'S NO WRITTEN CONTRACT ON ANY OF  
7 THE VERBAL CONTRACTS THAT I HAD ARE WITH A CAVEAT. YOU WILL  
8 COMPLY WITH F.C.C. REGULATIONS. YOU'RE NOT GOING TO PUT THINGS  
9 OVER THE RADIO THAT YOU'RE NOT SUPPOSED TO, THAT AREN'T GOING  
10 TO PASS F.C.C., EVEN THOUGH DURING THE -- WHAT WAS IT -- THE  
11 1990S, A LOT OF THEM, A LOT OF THE SONGS EVEN NOW ARE STILL  
12 COMING UP OVER THE RADIO THAT NOT ONLY THAT YOU DIDN'T PAY ME  
13 FOR THIS STUFF, I MEAN NOW YOU'RE TRYING TO, WITH COGNITIVE  
14 DISSONANCE, YOU'RE TRYING TO BLAME ME AND SAY THAT THIS GUY  
15 HAD A BAD MOUTH. LOOK, YOU CAN'T INVADE SOMEBODY'S PRIVACY AND  
16 THEN BLAME THE PERSON FOR WHAT HE SAYS IN THE PRIVACY OF HIS  
17 ROOM OR SOME OTHER PLACE. THAT'S NOT MY FAULT. I WOULD NOT  
18 HAVE APPROVED OF THESE SONGS AS THEY WERE WRITTEN AS THEY DID  
19 NOT APPROVE, PASS F.C.C. REGULATIONS. AND I ALSO WANT TO SAY  
20 THERE'S A SONG UP THERE ON THE RADIO CALLED 88 LINES ABOUT 44  
21 WOMEN. I HAD NOTHING TO DO WITH THAT SONG WHATSOEVER. OKAY?  
22 AND I DON'T LIKE THAT SONG AT ALL AND A LOT OF THESE OTHER  
23 SONGS. OKAY? SO THESE PEOPLE WANT TO COME TO YOU AND SAY MR.  
24 BECKTEL, HE WAS JUST TALKING LIKE THIS, THE REASON WHY WE ARE  
25 ENTITLED TO COPYRIGHT BECAUSE WE WERE THIS WAS AN EXPOSE OF



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1 MR. BECKTEL'S BAD MOUTH. IT'S AN EXPOSE OF YOUR ILLEGAL  
2 INVASION OF MY PRIVACY. SIMPLE AS THAT. AND THESE PEOPLE,  
3 ESPECIALLY MR. MATHERS, IS VERY MUCH STILL CULPABLE AND TO  
4 BLAME. THANK YOU.

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6 **SUP. KNABE, CHAIRMAN:** ALL RIGHT. IF YOU COULD READ US INTO  
7 EXECUTIVE SESSION, I'D APPRECIATE IT.

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9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
10 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
11 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEMS NOS. CS-1, CS-2 AND  
12 CS-4, CONFERENCES WITH LEGAL COUNSEL REGARDING EXISTING  
13 LITIGATION, AND ITEM NO. CS-3, CONSIDERATION OF CANDIDATES FOR  
14 APPOINTMENT TO THE POSITION OF COUNTY COUNSEL AS INDICATED ON  
15 THE POSTED AND SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDAS. THANK YOU.

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