



THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

BOARD MEETING TRANSCRIPT

EXECUTIVE OFFICE



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES



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1 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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5 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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

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9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AYE. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, AYE. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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

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17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, AYE. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

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19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AYE.

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21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 5-

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24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE WILL NOW MOVE ON TO ITEM 6,

25 RESOLUTION CALLING AND GIVING NOTICE OF A SPECIAL ELECTION



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1 WHICH WAS HELD FOR DISCUSSION AND ITEM 7, COUNTY CODE CHARTER
2 AMENDMENT WHICH WAS HELD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL. FOR MEMBERS
3 OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE PRESS 1 THEN 0 NOW TO
4 COMMENT ON THESE ITEMS. I'LL FIRST TURN IT TO SUPERVISOR
5 MITCHELL.

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7 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MADAM CHAIR. YOU
8 HELD 6 AND 7 TOGETHER. OKAY, SO 7, I UNDERSTAND, JUST IS
9 PROCEDURE. IT IS WHAT WE HAD TO DO, WHAT YOU HAD TO DO. THANK
10 YOU VERY MUCH. I JUST WANTED TO JUST MAKE A FEW ADDITIONAL
11 COMMENTS. WE'VE HAD LOTS OF CONVERSATION ON THE ISSUE OF THE
12 ORDINANCE, AS YOU SAID EARLIER TODAY, WE JUST HAVE TO AGREE TO
13 DISAGREE ON THE CONTENTS. BUT I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT, AGAIN,
14 FOR ME TO ELEVATE CONCERNS FROM COMMUNITY GROUPS. THERE WAS A,
15 WHAT DO THEY CALL IT, IN SACRAMENTO WE WOULD CALL IT A NASCAR
16 LETTER WHERE ALL THE DIFFERENT ORGANIZATIONS' LOGOS ARE ON THE
17 LETTER, A NUMBER OF COMMUNITY GROUPS, AND THEIR CONCERNS
18 CENTER ON PROCESS, THAT THERE'S NOT BEEN A CO-CREATED SOLUTION
19 IN MEANINGFUL COLLABORATION WITH COMMUNITY, AND 2, THE ELECTED
20 CEO, THERE'S CONCERN THAT THIS ACTUALLY CONSOLIDATES POWER AND
21 DIMINISHES THE VOICES OF THE ELECTED SUPERVISORS TO SERVE
22 MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES MOST EFFECTIVELY. I JUST WANTED TO
23 MAKE SURE THAT ALL THE MEMBERS GOT THIS LETTER, I THINK IT
24 CAME IN RATHER LATE, AND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF
25 CONVERSATION AND ASSUMPTIONS, AND LET ME SAY FOR THE RECORD



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1 PUBLICLY, I DID NOT SOLICIT THESE ORGANIZATIONS. THESE ARE
2 ORGANIZATIONS WHO WORK IN THIS AREA AND HAVE THE CAPACITY TO
3 READ LANGUAGE AND FORM THEIR OWN OPINION, AND THEY DID SO AND
4 WROTE THE LETTER DATED JULY 30TH, AND I JUST THOUGHT IT WAS
5 IMPORTANT TO ELEVATE IT AND BRING THEIR CONCERNS TO EVERYONE'S
6 ATTENTION. AGAIN, FROM MY PERSPECTIVE, AS I WILL RESTATE, YOU
7 KNOW, IT WAS MY CONCERNS WERE FIRST ELEVATED AS QUESTIONS, AND
8 IN THE ABSENCE OF SOME CLEAR CONCRETE ANSWERS, MY CONCERN
9 REMAINS, AND IT ALSO GOES BACK TO PROCESS. I AM CLEAR THAT
10 UNLIKE THE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MODEL THAT THIS BOARD AND
11 PREVIOUS BOARDS HAVE USED IN THE PAST TO DO MEANINGFUL POLICY
12 CHANGE, THAT WAS NOT USED IN THIS CASE. AND I THINK ALMOST
13 SIMILAR TO THE CONVERSATION WE HAD EARLIER TODAY ABOUT SB43 IN
14 TERMS OF THE NOTE OF GOING FAST, NOT BEING REAL CLEAR, AT
15 LEAST PUBLICLY IN TERMS OF RESOURCES IT WILL TAKE TO DO THIS
16 REALLY COMPREHENSIVE WORK. I APPRECIATE THE FACT THAT THE
17 ORDINANCE SAYS THAT THERE WILL BE NO ADDITIONAL TAXES, BUT I
18 CONTINUE TO STRUGGLE WITH THIS NOTION THAT IT WON'T RESULT IN
19 COSTS, EVEN INDIRECTLY, TO OUR CONSTITUENTS. IF WE'RE NOT
20 RAISING NEW REVENUES TO FUND THE INCREASED BOARD FRAMEWORK AND
21 INTEND TO ABSORB THE COSTS WITHIN EXISTING RESOURCES, I DON'T
22 SEE HOW WE DO THAT, GIVEN THE BREADTH AND SPAN OF THE REFORMS
23 PROPOSED AND NOT HAVE IT HIT OUR NET COUNTY COSTS AND PERHAPS
24 SHIFT EXISTING PRIORITIES TO FUND THIS WORK. THAT IS IN AND OF
25 ITSELF A COST. AND IT'S LIKELY TO REDUCE THE LEVEL OF SERVICES



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1 WE PROVIDE SOMEWHERE ACROSS THE SPAN OF WHAT NCC ACTUALLY
2 FUNDS BECAUSE WE'LL BE REDIRECTING REALLY PRECIOUS DOLLARS. I
3 THINK THAT'S IMPORTANT. THE TAKEAWAY FROM THIS PROCESS, I
4 THINK, AND IT'S IMPORTANT, AND I'M GOING TO LOOK TOO, I THINK
5 GOING THROUGH THIS PROCESS, WE WERE ABLE TO CLARIFY BROWN ACT
6 FOR ALL OF US. WHEN AND HOW STAFF CAN ENGAGE ON A STAFF TO
7 STAFF LEVEL, I THINK THAT WAS IMPORTANT TO CLARIFY. I THINK
8 THAT IT WAS CLARIFIED FOR SOME THAT WE CAN UNDER BROWN ACT
9 HAVE A COMMITTEE STRUCTURE AND POLICY CAN BE VETTED THERE. AND
10 I THINK AGAIN BASED ON OUR CONVERSATION EARLIER TODAY, THAT
11 MIGHT BE SOMETHING WE WANNA CONSIDER AS A BOARD BECAUSE WE CAN
12 DO THAT WITHIN OUR EXISTING AUTHORITY, BECAUSE THERE ARE SOME
13 MEANINGFUL POLICY ISSUES THAT CAN'T AFFORD TO WAIT FOR IF THIS
14 WERE TO PASS BASED ON NOVEMBER BY THE VOTERS. THERE ARE SOME
15 ISSUES THAT WE CAN TACKLE NOW, SOME PROCESSES THAT WE CAN
16 TACKLE NOW BECAUSE THEY ARE ISSUES THAT REALLY SHOULD NOT HAVE
17 TO WAIT. I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK ALL OF THOSE,
18 PARTICULARLY THOSE ORGANIZATIONS LIKE CONTRACT CITIES WHO WERE
19 HERE EARLIER, WHO ENGAGED WITH US OVER A YEAR AGO ON THIS
20 ISSUE. EVEN WHEN IT WASN'T A PARTICULAR POPULAR ISSUE FOR SOME
21 ON THE BOARD TO DO SO. I WANNA THANK THOSE ORGANIZATIONS THAT
22 PAID ATTENTION. GOVERNANCE ISN'T A PARTICULAR SEXY ISSUE, BUT
23 THERE WERE ORGANIZATIONS WHO STEPPED UP, UNDERSTOOD THE
24 MEANINGFUL RAMIFICATIONS OF IMPROVING OUR PROCESSES AS A BODY,
25 AND I WANNA THANK THEM. I'D LIKE TO REITERATE, WE'VE TALKED



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1 ABOUT REPORT BACKS AND MOTIONS EARLIER TODAY, THAT I'M NOT
2 BRINGING FORWARD A MOTION, BUT I AM ASKING THAT THE EXECUTIVE
3 OFFICE GIVE US A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF WHAT HAPPENED WITH
4 REGARD TO THE CONSULTANT PROCESS. IT'S MY EXPECTATION THAT
5 THAT WORK CONTINUES BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHER GOVERNANCE IDEAS
6 THAT THAT RESEARCH CAN ELEVATE. BUT BECAUSE IT BECAME SUCH AN
7 ISSUE IN TERMS OF THE DELAY, I THINK THE ENTIRE BOARD IS OWED
8 A REAL CLEAR EXPLANATION ABOUT HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE WERE IN
9 TERMS OF NO REPORT. AND SO, WE CAN MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE NEVER
10 IN THAT POSITION AGAIN. IF THERE ARE BOARD MEMBERS WHO HAVE
11 EXPECTATIONS AROUND TIMING OF ACTIONS, WE WANNA MAKE SURE THAT
12 WE UNDERSTAND HOW TO IMPROVE. I WOULD ALSO ASK, BECAUSE THIS
13 HAS COME UP, WHEN COMMENTS WERE MADE IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
14 DISCUSSION THE ORDINANCE AROUND CORRUPTION WHICH TRIGGERED FOR
15 ME THE MEMORY ABOUT THE WORK BEING DONE IN RESEARCHING THE
16 COUNTY'S CONTRACTING PROCESS AND SO I'M GOING TO ASK THE
17 COUNTY COUNSEL COMMUNICATE TO THE BOARD AN EXPECTATION OF
18 TIMING OF WHEN THAT REPORT WILL BE DUE. THAT WAS AN ISSUE THAT
19 THIS BOARD MADE CLEAR WAS A PRIORITY THAT WE WERE DEEPLY
20 CONCERNED ABOUT AND SO IT REMAINS CONCERNING THAT 3½ YEARS
21 LATER WE STILL DON'T HAVE A FULL UNDERSTANDING OF AREAS OF
22 WHERE WE CAN IMPROVE AND STREAMLINE AND CLOSE GAPS IN TERMS OF
23 THE COUNTY CONTRACTING PROCESS. SO, I HOPE THE COUNTY COUNSEL
24 WILL, IN SHORT ORDER, GIVE US AN IDEA ABOUT WHEN THAT REPORT
25 WILL BE AVAILABLE TO THE BOARD AS A WHOLE. SO, I WANTED TO



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1 MAKE SURE THAT I REITERATED THOSE 2 EXPECTATIONS. AGAIN,
2 CONTINUE TO EXPRESS MY CONCERN FOR BOTH THE PROCESS AND AS I
3 WON'T REPEAT ALL THE ISSUES I'VE RAISED IN THE PAST WITH
4 REGARD TO THE CONTENT I JUST THINK IT COULD HAVE BEEN DONE
5 DIFFERENTLY IT COULD HAVE BEEN A DIFFERENT APPROACH THAT COULD
6 HAVE BEEN MORE INCLUSIVE BECAUSE I WOULD HAVE LIKED NOTHING
7 MORE TO BE ABLE TO BE IN A POSITION TO HAVE BEEN A
8 COLLABORATOR AND BE ABLE TO COME TO A YES ON TALKING ABOUT OUR
9 PRIORITIES AROUND GOVERNANCE GOING FORWARD, BUT BASED ON THE
10 EXPERIENCE THE LAST 3 WEEKS, I'M NOT ABLE TO DO SO. THANK YOU,
11 MADAM CHAIR. SUPERVISOR HAHN.

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13 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** THANK YOU, AND I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS,
14 SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND I APPRECIATE, YOU KNOW, SUPERVISOR
15 BARGER, WHAT WE DID LAST TIME, SAYING THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS
16 WE CAN DO NOW, WE DON'T HAVE TO WAIT. AND AN ETHICS COMMISSION
17 WAS ONE OF THOSE. BUT JUST TO REMIND EVERYBODY WHO'S MAYBE
18 LISTENING, THIS IS THE THIRD TIME THAT THIS REFORM PACKAGE HAS
19 BEEN IN FRONT OF OUR BOARD. AND I THINK THE DEBATE THAT WE'VE
20 BEEN HAVING, YOU KNOW, IS IMPORTANT. AND I KNOW THERE'S BEEN
21 SOME CONCERNS ABOUT HOW DECIDING THE FRAMEWORK OF THESE
22 REFORMS DIDN'T INCLUDE A PARTICULAR PUBLIC PROCESS. WE DIDN'T
23 REALLY HAVE, YOU KNOW, A TOWN HALL OR A FORUM TO GET THERE,
24 BUT THERE WERE CLOSE TO ALMOST 900 RESIDENTS THAT WERE TALKED
25 TO ACROSS L.A. COUNTY, AND THEY WERE ASKED WHAT THEY THOUGHT



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1 OF L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT. AND AN OVERWHELMING 88% SAID THAT
2 L.A. COUNTY GOVERNMENT IS IN NEED OF REFORM. AND WHEN THEY
3 WERE ASKED IF THEY WANT AN INDEPENDENT ETHICS COMMISSION TO
4 KEEP L.A. COUNTY OFFICIALS IN LINE AND ELECTED COUNTY
5 EXECUTIVE AND EXPANDED BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF 9 MEMBERS, 74%
6 OF THEM SAID YES. SO, I THINK OUR RESIDENTS WANT SMALLER, MORE
7 REPRESENTATIVE DISTRICTS. I THINK THEY WANT CHECKS AND
8 BALANCES IN THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK THEY WANT
9 COMMON SENSE ETHICS REFORM THAT HOLD OFFICIALS ACCOUNTABLE.
10 AND THE REFORMS IN THIS CHARTER AMENDMENT ARE WHAT I BELIEVE
11 ARE IN LINE WITH WHAT THE PUBLIC WANTS. WE COULD BE WRONG. I
12 KNOW THERE'S DISAGREEMENT ON THIS BOARD ABOUT THAT. BUT I
13 THINK WE SHOULD LET THE VOTERS DECIDE. AND APPROVING THIS
14 SECOND READING TODAY DOESN'T END THE DEBATE. IT JUST MOVES THE
15 DEBATE FROM INSIDE THIS BOARD ROOM TO THE PUBLIC SQUARE. THERE
16 WILL BE PLENTY OF DISCUSSION ABOUT THESE ISSUES BETWEEN NOW
17 AND NOVEMBER. AND AT THE END OF THE DAY, THIS ISN'T OUR
18 GOVERNMENT, THIS IS THE PEOPLE'S GOVERNMENT. AND I THINK WE
19 SHOULD LET THEM DECIDE HOW THEY WANT IT TO WORK. THANK YOU,
20 MADAM CHAIR.

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

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24 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** YES, THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. AND I ALSO
25 WANNA THANK YOU AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR BRINGING THIS ITEM



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1 BEFORE US AGAIN. I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. IF WE'RE GONNA
2 REALLY LOOK AT DEMOCRATIC VALUES AND TRYING TO SET FORTH A
3 ROAD AHEAD FOR THE COUNTY. I THINK THAT THIS IS SOMETHING THAT
4 WE ALL HAVE BEEN THINKING ABOUT FOR THE LAST, I KNOW FOR ME AT
5 LEAST A DECADE. AND BEFORE THAT I KNOW THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL
6 ATTEMPTS TO TRY TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND REFORM THE COUNTY. SO
7 I KNOW THAT THIS IS A TOUGH, TOUGH THING FOR SOME OF US, BUT I
8 KNOW THAT IN THE END, IF WE DO OUR JOB AND EDUCATE THE PUBLIC
9 AND MAKE CLEAR THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS, WE HOPE IN THE BEST
10 INTEREST OF 10,000,000 PEOPLE, THAT THEY'LL HAVE A BROADER
11 ACCESS TO MORE LOCAL VOICES, INCREASING THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9,
12 AND ALSO CREATING A PATH FOR STRONG ETHICS REFORM, AS WELL AS
13 MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY, SOMETHING THAT HAS
14 BEEN TALKED ABOUT HERE FOR A LONG TIME. I DON'T HAVE ANY
15 DISAGREEMENT WITH THAT. I DO WANNA SAY THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
16 OBTAIN A PETITION OF 150 SIGNATURES JUST FROM ONE
17 UNINCORPORATED AREA OF MY DISTRICT. SO, PEOPLE TOOK IT UPON
18 THEMSELVES TO SAY, WE SUPPORT THE EXPANSION, WE SUPPORT THIS
19 ORDINANCE. SO, I WANNA PUT THAT FORWARD FOR THE RECORD AND
20 JUST SAY THAT EVERY TIME WE HAVE AN INITIATIVE HERE IN THE
21 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, WE ALWAYS COME UP AGAINST, YOU KNOW,
22 FOLKS THAT ARE OPPOSED TO THINGS THAT WE WANT TO DO. AND I'LL
23 NEVER FORGET WHEN I FIRST ARRIVED HERE AFTER A COUPLE YEARS,
24 WE WORKED ON TRYING TO GET AN INITIATIVE PASSED TO INCREASE
25 FUNDING FOR OUR PARKS. THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO LOVE



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1 PARKS, BUT THERE ARE A LOT OF PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE PARKS AND
2 DON'T LIKE BEING CHARGED A FEE. BUT NONETHELESS, IT WAS VERY
3 POPULAR, WE FOUND OUT AFTER TALKING TO PEOPLE. AND ALL I HAVE
4 TO SAY IS SOMETIMES A DEMOCRACY IS HARD, BUT IN THESE CASES, I
5 THINK GOING TO THE VOTERS, WHETHER THEY SUPPORT IT OR NOT, LET
6 THEM DECIDE. AND I THINK THAT'S THE BEST WAY TO GO. SO, THANK
7 YOU, MADAM CHAIR, AND APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK.

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9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR BARGER.
10 THANK YOU. AND I WANNA THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NOT
11 ONLY FOR CONTINUING TO RAISE IMPORTANT AND PRESSING UNANSWERED
12 QUESTIONS, BUT ALSO FOR HAVING THE VISION ORIGINALLY TO BRING
13 THIS FORWARD. AND AS I RECALL, WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT FORWARD,
14 THIS BOARD WANTED TO STUDY IT. AND SO I DON'T KNOW WHAT
15 CHANGED BETWEEN WHEN YOU BROUGHT IT FORWARD AND WHEN OTHERS
16 WANTED IT STUDIED TO NOW, WE DON'T NEED TO STUDY IT ANYMORE.
17 WE NEED TO MAKE IT MOVE FORWARD AND OH, BY THE WAY, WE'RE
18 GOING TO ADD ELECTED GOVERNMENT, ELECTED TO CEO. SO I JUST
19 FEEL I JUST AM TRYING TO, I'M TRYING TO PUT THAT TOGETHER,
20 SUPERVISOR HAHN, BECAUSE I THINK YOU ACTUALLY ORIGINALLY DID
21 WANT IT STUDIED. AND YOU MADE COMPELLING ARGUMENTS AS TO WHY,
22 WHEN IT WAS BROUGHT FORWARD BY SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, THAT IT
23 SHOULD BE STUDIED. AT ANOTHER TIME, NOW IS NOT BECAUSE IT'S
24 GOING TO BE VOTED ON TODAY, THE VOTES ARE THERE. BUT I JUST
25 CAN'T RECONCILE WHAT CHANGED BETWEEN THEN AND NOW. I MEAN, I



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1 KNOW THAT YOU ARE DOING THIS, AND I REMEMBER WHEN SUPERVISOR
2 HAHN, YOUR FATHER, BROUGHT THIS FORWARD. AND, YOU KNOW, FOR
3 ME, THE QUESTION HAS ALWAYS BEEN 7, 9, 15. I DON'T KNOW WHAT
4 THE NUMBER IS. THAT WAS WHAT I THOUGHT WE WERE HOPING TO GET
5 OUT OF THE STUDY. SO, YOU KNOW, I BELIEVE THAT THE
6 UNINCORPORATED AREAS, IF YOU WERE TO POLL THEM AND IT WAS
7 CONFIRMED, I THINK I'M GONNA GET FROM FERNANDO THE STATS, THE
8 UNINCORPORATED FEEL DISENFRANCHISED FROM THIS COUNTY. THEY
9 FEEL LIKE THEY ARE THE STEPCHILD OF L.A. COUNTY. AND YET WE
10 ARE, THAT IS OUR ROLE AS SUPERVISORS IS TO BE THE ELECTED
11 OFFICIAL OVER THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS. AND SO, I TAKE THAT TO
12 HEART. AND THAT'S WHY IN MY UNINCORPORATED AREAS, THEY DO
13 SUPPORT EXPANDING THE BOARD BECAUSE THEY FEEL THAT THE
14 REPRESENTATION WILL GET BETTER. NOT UNDERSTANDING HOW IT'S
15 GONNA BE BROKEN UP. I THINK THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES TO
16 THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT THROUGH AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE AND
17 EXPANDED BOARD WILL NOT AFFECT, GO INTO EFFECT UNTIL 4 TO 8
18 YEARS RESPECTIVELY. SO, I DON'T HAVE A CLEAR ANSWER AS TO WHY
19 WE WOULD RUSH FORWARD THIS PROPOSAL AT THE 11TH HOUR WITHOUT
20 CONDUCTING THE THOROUGH STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT THAT A REFORM
21 INITIATIVE OF THIS MAGNITUDE SHOULD ENTAIL. SO, WHEN I HEAR
22 900 PEOPLE WERE ENGAGED, 900 OUT OF 10,000,000, AND YOU'RE NOT
23 GONNA GET ALL 10,000,000, BUT STILL, I MEAN, I HAVE TO WONDER
24 HOW THAT ALL CAME TO BE. I MEAN, I THINK WHEN YOU DO A POLL,
25 YOU USUALLY, UNLESS IT'S A SCIENTIFIC POLL, YOU POLL WITH



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1 QUESTIONS BASED ON WHAT YOU HOPE TO GET OUT OF THAT POLL. AND
2 SO I STILL, I'M NOT HEARING IN MY DISTRICT OVERWHELMING
3 SUPPORT FOR THE ELECTED. I AM FOR THE EXPANDED BOARD. SO, I
4 WILL MAKE SURE I PUSH OUT TO MY CONSTITUENCY THAT, THAT, THAT
5 THIS WAS NOT SOMETHING THAT WAS ORIGINALLY ANTICIPATED WHEN
6 THE MOTION THAT YOU BROUGHT FORWARD, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, AND
7 I THINK IT WAS WITH SUPERVISOR, DID YOU CO-AUTHOR A MOTION? I
8 CAN'T REMEMBER WHO IT WAS WITH THE CHAIR WITH SUPERVISOR OR
9 WITH CHAIR HORVATH I ALSO REMAIN CONCERNED ABOUT UTILIZING
10 COST SAVINGS TO PAY FOR THE EXPANDED GOVERNMENT STRUCTURE AND
11 THE FACT THAT IT WILL IMPACT VACANT POSITIONS AND LIMIT A
12 DEPARTMENT'S ABILITY FOR THE FUTURE TO FULFILL VACANCIES. AND
13 I KIND OF CHUCKLED LAST WEEK WHEN I ASKED FESIA ABOUT THAT AND
14 THE COMMENT WAS THE BOARD WILL MAKE THAT DETERMINATION UNDER
15 THE NEW CEO STRUCTURE, THE BOARD WON'T MAKE THAT
16 DETERMINATION. THAT IS POWER BEING GIVEN TO THE CEO AND THE
17 ELECTED. UNLESS YOU CAN GET TWO-THIRDS OF A VOTE, AS I RECALL,
18 TO OVERTURN OR VETO WHATEVER THE ELECTED CEO WANTS TO DO. AND
19 GIVEN THAT WE CAN'T EVEN GET 3 VOTES TO CLOSE OUR JAIL, I
20 DON'T KNOW HOW YOU'RE GOING TO GET TWO-THIRDS TO AGREE ON
21 SOMETHING LIKE THAT. I'M SORRY? NO, I MEAN TO READ, TO, TO,
22 WELL, IT'S STILL, THE JAIL IS STILL STANDING. WELL, WE GOT THE
23 VOTES TO CLOSE IT, BUT WE HAVEN'T EXECUTED WHAT CLOSURE MEANS.
24 IT'S TRUE. IT'S TRUE. I DON'T, I DON'T, UNLESS I'M MISSING
25 SOMETHING, THE JAIL IS STILL STANDING. AND WE JUST HAD A



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1 DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. SO, I'M SAYING IT'S STILL STANDING. WE
2 HAVEN'T DONE ANYTHING TO TEAR IT DOWN. I DON'T SEE ANY PLAN AS
3 TO WHEN IT'S GONNA BE TORN DOWN. I REALLY WANT TO EMPHASIZE
4 PROCESS. I AGREE WITH SUPERVISOR MITCHELL THAT THE PROCESS AND
5 HOW THIS PLAYED OUT TO ME IS ASTOUNDING. AND THE FACT THAT
6 DEALS WERE CUT AND THAT PROMISES WERE MADE OR WHATEVER I'M
7 HEARING IS SAD FOR ME BECAUSE THIS IS A COUNTY THAT THIS
8 BOARD. IN THE PAST COULD AGREE TO DISAGREE, BUT IT WAS NEVER
9 DONE IN A WAY THAT WAS SO. TO BE DISHONEST QUITE FRANKLY.
10 HAVING SAID THAT, I WILL AGGRESSIVELY BE VOCAL ABOUT MY
11 CONCERNS ABOUT WHY THIS IS A STEP IN THE WRONG DIRECTION. I
12 THINK IT'S GONNA UNDERMINE OTHER MEASURES THAT ARE GONNA BE ON
13 THE BALLOT THAT HAVE FAR MORE SIGNIFICANT IMPACT ON THIS
14 COUNTY WHETHER IT BE THE HOMELESS OR WHETHER IT BE
15 FIREFIGHTING AND I THINK THAT'S UNFORTUNATE BUT OBVIOUSLY IT'S
16 YOU KNOW IT'S 3 TO 2 AGAIN WHICH BY THE WAY IT'S GREAT TO HAVE
17 2 INSTEAD OF 4 TO 1. SO, THANK YOU FOR THAT SUPERVISOR
18 MITCHELL. SO HAVING SAID THAT, LET'S CALL FOR THE VOTE, I
19 GUESS.

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21 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE DO HAVE MORE DISCUSSION, BUT I
22 WANT TO ASK, YOU RAISED THE QUESTION OF DEALS CUT AND PROMISES
23 MADE. AND I JUST WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN BY THAT.

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25 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** JUST WHAT I HEARD, SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, I



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1 HEARD OR SUPERVISOR HORVATH, I HEARD THAT YOU AND SUPERVISOR
2 SOLIS WERE WORKING ON THIS AND THAT SUPERVISOR SOLIS DECIDED
3 SHE DIDN'T WANT HER NAME ON IT. I'M JUST TELLING YOU WHAT I'VE
4 HEARD AND THAT IN RETURN YOU WENT TO SUPERVISOR HAHN AND ASKED
5 SUPERVISOR HAN TO CO-AUTHOR IT NOW WHETHER IT'S TRUE OR NOT
6 I'M JUST I'M HONEST I'M TELLING YOU WHAT I'VE HEARD AND IF
7 I'VE HEARD IT I WILL GUARANTEE YOU THAT IT'S BEEN TALKED ABOUT
8 AMONGST OTHER PEOPLE, BECAUSE I'M USUALLY THE LAST ON THE FOOD
9 CHAIN TO HEAR THIS KIND OF STUFF.

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11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** I APPRECIATE THE HONESTY. AND YOU
12 KNOW THAT WHEN I FIRST CAME ONTO THE BOARD, YOU ALSO SHARED
13 WITH ME THINGS THAT YOU HEARD THROUGH THE GRAPEVINE ABOUT ME
14 AS A CANDIDATE AND AS A POTENTIAL COLLEAGUE THAT WERE NOT
15 TRUE. SO, I JUST WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE WHAT YOUR, I, IT'S
16 SOMETHING THAT YOU HEARD AND I THINK THAT IT'S FAIR TO SHARE,
17 BUT IT'S NOT HONEST. AND SO, I JUST- SO YOU'RE SAYING IT'S NOT
18 TRUE THAT YOU.. IT'S NOT TRUE. IT'S NOT TRUE AT ALL. AND SO, I
19 APPRECIATE RAISING QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE ACTUALLY QUESTIONS.
20 BUT WHEN THERE'S AN INFERENCE THAT SOMETHING ON TOWARD IS
21 HAPPENING, I WANNA MAKE SURE I ADDRESS THAT DIRECTLY, BECAUSE
22 THAT'S NOT WHAT HAPPENED. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL.

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24 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I DIDN'T WANT
25 TO GIVE THE ORGANIZATIONS THE IMPRESSION THAT I WAS BELITTILING



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1 THE SIGNIFICANCE WHEN I SAID NASCAR. THAT'S JUST KIND OF A WAY
2 IN WHICH WE'VE TALKED ABOUT. LETTERHEAD, I DIDN'T WANT TO, SO
3 LET ME JUST ACKNOWLEDGE SINCE WE'VE TALKED ABOUT A PETITION OF
4 150 AND 900 PEOPLE, THE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENTED HERE ON THE
5 LETTER TODAY REPRESENT 5,000. IT'S NOT MY IMPRESSION THAT OF
6 THE 900 FOLKS WERE TAPPED IN THE SECOND DISTRICT. THAT'S JUST
7 NOT MY IMPRESSION. WHILE, AGAIN, THERE'S BEEN LOTS OF
8 CONVERSATION ABOUT EXPANDING THE BOARD. THE PARTICULARS IN
9 THIS PROPOSAL, I DON'T KNOW, ELEVATE TO THE TOP OF THE NEEDS
10 IN MY DISTRICT. WE TALKED ABOUT THE NEEDS IN MY DISTRICT
11 TODAY. STREET RACING, THE UNHOUSED, CRITICAL ISSUES THAT
12 PEOPLE LOOK TO THE COUNTY TO SOLVE FOR THEM. AND SO, WHILE I
13 KNOW THAT GOVERNANCE WILL IMPROVE OUR ABILITY TO BE RESPONSIVE
14 TO THOSE NEEDS, I CAN'T IN GOOD CONSCIENCE ACKNOWLEDGE THAT
15 THIS PROCESS, THAT THE CONTENTS OF THIS ORDINANCE WILL GET US
16 ANY CLOSER THERE. PEOPLE HAVE GREAT NEED IN THE SECOND
17 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AND I BELIEVE COUNTYWIDE. AND IT REALLY
18 CAUSES ME GREAT CONCERN WHEN WE LOOK AT EMPOWERING A SINGLE
19 COUNTYWIDE ELECTED WHO WILL HAVE GREATER POWER OVER 579,
20 HOWEVER MANY OF US. THE CONVERSATIONS WE HAD TODAY WHERE WE
21 WERE TALKING ABOUT THE UNIQUENESS OF OUR DISTRICTS, I DON'T
22 KNOW HOW A SINGLE COUNTYWIDE ELECTED WILL BE ABLE TO MAKE
23 PRIORITIES THAT SIT WELL WITH THE 5 OR 9 OF US IN TERMS OF
24 MAKING INVESTMENT AND BUDGET PRIORITIES FOR THIS COUNTY. I
25 THINK THAT WITH THE CURRENT STRUCTURE, THE WAY IT'S PROPOSED



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1 AND THE ORDINANCE, THE SUPERVISOR'S ABILITY TO TRULY FIGHT AND
2 ADVOCATE FOR THE UNIQUE NEEDS OF OUR DISTRICT WILL BE DEEPLY
3 COMPROMISED AND I'M CONCERNED. THANK YOU, BUT I JUST WANTED TO
4 ACKNOWLEDGE THE 5,000 PEOPLE THOSE ORGANIZATIONS REPRESENT.
5 THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

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7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH AND I WANT TO
8 THANK MY COLLEAGUES FOR THE ONGOING DISCUSSION ABOUT
9 GOVERNANCE REFORM. AND I WANT TO THANK EVERYONE WHO'S WEIGHED
10 IN SO FAR ON THIS IMPORTANT GOING FORWARD PROCESS. WE ALL, WE
11 NEED ALL OF OUR VOICES TO BE PART OF THIS NOW AND IN THE YEARS
12 TO COME IF THE VOTERS CHOOSE TO PASS THIS IN NOVEMBER. DEBATE
13 AND DISCOURSE ARE WHAT MAKE A HEALTHY DEMOCRACY AND SINCE I
14 JOINED THE BOARD I HAVE HEARD A RESOUNDING CALL FOR CHANGE.
15 CHANGE FOR A FUTURE WHERE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MORE URGENTLY AND
16 EFFECTIVELY MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES, ESPECIALLY OUR
17 MOST VULNERABLE RESIDENTS WHO DEPEND ON COUNTY SERVICES AND
18 CARE. AFTER MORE THAN 100 YEARS OF THE STATUS QUO, THIS IS A
19 PROPOSAL THAT GIVES ANGELENOS THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE A
20 COUNTY GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE FIT FOR THE 21ST CENTURY. TODAY,
21 AS WE CONSIDER WHETHER TO PLACE THE AMENDMENT ON THE COUNTY
22 CHARTER TO THE COUNTY CHARTER ON THE BALLOT, I WANT TO GET
23 BACK TO WHY THIS PROPOSAL SOLVES FOR THE PROBLEMS WE'RE
24 FACING. WHY DO WE NEED AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE?
25 ACCOUNTABILITY. HAVING AN ELECTED EXECUTIVE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 PEOPLE IS NOT A FOREIGN CONCEPT. THE SEPARATION OF POWERS,
2 CREATING A DISTINCT EXECUTIVE BRANCH SEPARATE FROM THE
3 LEGISLATIVE BRANCH BUT EQUALLY EMPOWERED, LEADS TO A SYSTEM OF
4 CHECKS AND BALANCES TO ENSURE THAT NO ONE BRANCH OF GOVERNMENT
5 WOULD BECOME TOO POWERFUL, AND THAT POWER DOESN'T GO
6 UNCHECKED. THIS IS FOUNDATIONAL TO OUR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNMENT,
7 AND BECAUSE L.A. COUNTY HAS AN IMPLEMENTATION PROBLEM, TODAY'S
8 JAIL DISCUSSION COULD NOT MORE PERFECTLY EMBODY EXACTLY WHAT I
9 MEAN BY THAT. WE ARE VERY GOOD AT PASSING POLICY IN THIS ROOM
10 AND STUDYING A VERY CLEAR VISION OF WHAT OUR EXPECTATIONS ARE.
11 BUT WHAT COMES NEXT IS OFTEN TOO SLOW AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS
12 DIFFUSE. WE NEED SOMEONE WHO IS EMPOWERED TO TAKE ACTION AND
13 IS ACCOUNTABLE FOR IMPLEMENTING THE LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY OF
14 THIS BOARD. ACCOUNTABILITY TO CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL, TO
15 ACTUALIZE YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED, TO MOVE WITH GREATER
16 URGENCY ON OUR HOMELESSNESS CRISIS AND IMPLEMENTING CARE
17 COURT, SB43 AND OTHER STATE DIRECTIVES WHICH WE'VE DISCUSSED
18 TODAY, AND CLARITY AND AUTHORITY FOR OUR 38 DEPARTMENTS. THIS
19 IS THE CHANGE WE NEED FOR THE NATION'S LARGEST AND MOST
20 COMPLEX COUNTY. CREATING AN ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE
21 ACCOUNTABLE TO THE PEOPLE OFFERS THE CHECKS AND BALANCES
22 NECESSARY AS WE ALSO EXPAND THE BOARD FROM 5 TO 9, WHICH IS
23 ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO ENSURE THIS BOARD REFLECTS THE
24 DIVERSITY THAT IS LOS ANGELES COUNTY. EXPANDING REPRESENTATION
25 IS LONG OVERDUE, AND IT'S THE RIGHT THING TO DO. 9 IS



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SUPERVISORS

1 MEASURED, 9 IS NOT NEW. L.A. COUNTY DESERVES THE OPPORTUNITY
2 TO SEE THEMSELVES REFLECTED IN THEIR BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,
3 WHETHER THAT'S GEOGRAPHY, RACE, GENDER, OR ORIENTATION. WE'VE
4 SEEN LOTS OF EXCITEMENT ON THE EXPANSION PROPOSAL FROM
5 COMMUNITIES WHO WOULD LIKE A SEAT AT THE TABLE, AND I DON'T
6 BUY INTO A SCARCITY MINDSET. I BELIEVE THAT INSTEAD OF
7 FIGHTING FOR SEATS AT THE TABLE, WE SHOULD BUILD A BIGGER
8 TABLE AND PULL UP MORE SEATS. THIRDLY, WE NEED AN INDEPENDENT
9 ETHICS COMMISSION BECAUSE IT'S A BASIC PRINCIPLE OF GOOD
10 GOVERNANCE. IT'S ALSO OUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENGENDER THE TRUST
11 OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS. THIS BODY WOULD HOLD ELECTED LEADERS
12 ACCOUNTABLE AND THE COMMISSION WOULD ALSO BE A SPACE TO
13 CENTRALIZE WHAT IS NOW SILOED PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EDUCATION
14 ON IMPORTANT CHANGES TO LAW. THERE ARE SOME DETAILS ON THE HOW
15 TO BE WORKED OUT, AND THAT IS INTENTIONAL. IT IS NOT THE
16 ABSENCE OF STRATEGY OR THOUGHT. IT IS TO CREATE ROOM FOR YOUR
17 INPUT, THE PUBLIC AT LARGE, WHO WE SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF.
18 OUR BOARD DISCUSSED GOVERNANCE AND UNANIMOUSLY GAVE DIRECTION
19 OVER A 1½ AGO, WITH NO PATH OR TIMELINE ESTABLISHED TO DATE
20 FOR THAT PROCESS. SUCH A PACE DOES NOT MEET THE MOMENT. THIS
21 ORDINANCE IS A STARTING POINT, WHICH IS WHY INTENTIONAL SPACES
22 FOR DIVERSE VOICES WERE CREATED IN THE HOW. TO THAT END,
23 THERE'S A STAKEHOLDER PROCESS FOR IMPLEMENTATION THROUGH THE
24 GOVERNANCE REFORM TASK FORCE. IF APPROVED TODAY, VOTERS WILL
25 DETERMINE IF IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE. I FEEL THE URGENCY OF NOW



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SUPERVISORS

1 BECAUSE THE PUBLIC DEMANDS CHANGE AND BECAUSE I ALSO FEEL A
2 DEEP RESPONSIBILITY TO THE PEOPLE THAT I LISTEN TO. YOUNG
3 PEOPLE HAVE LOST THEIR FAITH IN GOVERNMENT. THIS IS AN
4 INVITATION TO DELIVER A GOVERNMENT THAT IS MORE
5 REPRESENTATIVE, TRANSPARENT, AND ACCOUNTABLE, A GOVERNMENT
6 BETTER EQUIPPED TO DELIVER ON THE PROMISES WE'VE MADE TO THEM.
7 CHANGE IS UNCOMFORTABLE. IT IS HARD, AND IT IS MESSY. BUT THIS
8 IS A ONCE IN A GENERATION OPPORTUNITY TO MODERNIZE OUR CHARTER
9 IN A WAY THAT HASN'T BEEN SEEN IN MORE THAN 100 YEARS. AN
10 OPPORTUNITY TO SHAPE SOMETHING THAT WORKS BETTER AND DELIVERS
11 RESULTS WITH MORE DIVERSE VOICES SHAPING THE CHANGE. THIS IS
12 THE BEGINNING AND IT OPENS THE DOOR TO ONGOING REFLECTION AND
13 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW WE GOVERN THROUGH THE CHARTER REVIEW
14 COMMISSION. THERE ARE ALSO MANY PEOPLE WHO AREN'T ABLE TO BE
15 HERE TODAY TO SHARE THEIR THOUGHTS AND OPINIONS AND THESE ARE
16 PEOPLE WHO MAY NOT HAVE THE ABILITY TO TAKE OFF TIME TO
17 PETITION THEIR GOVERNMENT BUT INSTEAD ARE BARELY ABLE TO
18 SUBSIST. THEY'RE LIKELY RECIPIENTS OF COUNTY SERVICES AND THEY
19 DESERVE BETTER. WE ALL DO. PLACING THIS MEASURE ON THE BALLOT
20 GIVES THEM THE CHANCE TO MAKE THEIR VOICE HEARD, TO DECIDE
21 WHETHER THEY BELIEVE THESE REFORMS SHOULD BE ENACTED. WE HAVE
22 NO TIME TO WASTE. I ASK FOR YOUR SUPPORT TO PUT THE POWER BACK
23 WHERE IT BELONGS WITH THE PEOPLE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS.

24

25 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR. I JUST WANT TO ENTER



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 INTO THE RECORD A LIST OF 91 NAMES OF PEOPLE WHO WERE HERE OR
2 WERE GOING TO CALL IN OR SUBMITTED LETTERS IN SUPPORT OF THIS
3 AND THEY REPRESENT KIND OF A BROAD STROKE OF MY DISTRICT FROM
4 CITIES TO CBOS TO THE AFRICAN AMERICAN MUSEUM IN POMONA TO
5 LGBTQ GROUPS AS WELL AS MANY, MANY CITIES AND UNINCORPORATED
6 AREAS IN THE FIRST DISTRICT. THANK YOU, MADAM CHAIR.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WITH THAT, EXECUTIVE
9 OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED
10 UP TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

11

12 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
13 FORWARD? ANDREA MACK, FARAH SUE, ROGER PUGLISI, RAINA SCHMITZ,
14 DAPHNE BRADFORD, MARTIN HERRERA, ANTHONY AYALA, LUPITA
15 MARTINEZ, AND LARRY ORTEGA. PLEASE COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL
16 ASSIST YOU. AS A FINAL REMINDER FOR PARTICIPANTS ON THE
17 TELEPHONE, IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS ITEM NUMBER 6 RELATED
18 TO ITEM 7, IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY DONE SO, PLEASE PRESS 1 AND
19 0 NOW TO BE PLACED IN THE SPEAKING QUEUE. MODERATOR, WHEN WE
20 HAVE THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER, PLEASE.

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS DANDY DEPAULA. PLEASE
23 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE YOU MAY
24 BEGIN.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS DANDY DEPAULA FROM THE CITY OF
2 HAWAIIAN GARDENS. THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN, FOR
3 BRINGING THIS MOTION FOR CHARTER REFORM EXPANDING THE
4 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT FROM 5 TO 9 WILL DEFINITELY ALLOW FOR
5 MORE DIVERSE REPRESENTATION, INCREASED ACCOUNTABILITY AND
6 IMPROVED SERVICES FOR OUR COMMUNITY. WITH A LARGER BOARD EACH
7 SUPERVISOR WOULD HAVE A SMALLER CONSTITUENCY, YOU KNOW,
8 ENABLING THEM TO FOCUS ON LOCAL ISSUES AND CONCERNS AND THIS
9 EXPANSION I BELIEVE WILL ALSO PROVIDE A GREATER OPPORTUNITY TO
10 REBALANCE DISTRICT BOUNDARIES AND ENSURING FAIR REPRESENTATION
11 FOR ALL AREAS. WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE A FRUITFUL PARTNERSHIP
12 WITH THE OFFICE OF SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN AND WE ARE LOOKING
13 FORWARD TO GREATER EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF
14 OUR SHARED COMMUNITY. THANK YOU.

15

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

17

18 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HECTOR DEL TORRE. PLEASE
19 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
20 BEGIN.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I'M A FORMER LEGISLATOR AND CURRENT
23 DIRECTOR OF THE GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOVERNMENTS. I AM
24 SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF EXPANSION OF THE BOARD SPECIFICALLY. I
25 TELL PEOPLE THAT THE GATEWAY CITIES HAS OVER 2,000,000



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SUPERVISORS

1 RESIDENTS, WHICH IS ABOUT WHAT EACH OF YOU BOARD MEMBERS
2 REPRESENT. IF WE WERE ONE CITY, WE WOULD BE THE FIFTH LARGEST
3 CITY IN AMERICA. IF WE WERE ONE STATE, WE WOULD BE THE 38TH
4 LARGEST STATE IN AMERICA. EACH OF YOU REPRESENTS THAT. THAT IS
5 ENTIRELY TOO BIG, TOO COMPLEX FOR COMPARISON. THE COUNTY OF
6 SAN FRANCISCO HAS 808,000 PEOPLE AND 11 SUPERVISORS. SO, THIS
7 MOVING TO A BIGGER NUMBER SO THAT EACH OF YOU CAN REPRESENT A
8 SMALLER POPULATION AND SERVE THEM BETTER IS MUCH NEEDED. THANK
9 YOU.

10

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS HELEN EGANBERG. PLEASE
14 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
15 BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS HELEN EGANBERG. I'M PART OF HANGOUT DO
18 GOOD BUT I'M SPEAKING AS A PRIVATE CITIZEN. I LIVE IN DISTRICT
19 3. I WANT TO THANK BOTH YOU, SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR
20 HAHN, FOR YOUR COURAGE AND COMMITMENT TO BRINGING A GOVERNANCE
21 REFORM PACKAGE TO THE PEOPLE. I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR SOLIS
22 FOR JOINING THEM IN THIS. I DO BELIEVE THEIR INTENTION IS TO
23 MOVE OUR COUNTY TO ITS FULLEST POTENTIAL. I WANT TO THANK ALL
24 5 OF YOU FOR THESE REALLY HARD CONVERSATIONS. I HAVE SAT
25 THROUGH ALL OF THEM. THIS IS WHAT DEMOCRACY LOOKS LIKE. IT'S



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SUPERVISORS

1 BEEN OVER A HUNDRED YEARS. IT'S LONG OVERDUE. IT'S TIME FOR
2 CHANGE. A GOVERNANCE REFORM PACKAGE THAT BRINGS US INTO THE
3 21ST CENTURY AND MEETS THE NEEDS OF OUR ENORMOUS, DIVERSE, AND
4 BEAUTIFUL COUNTY. IT'S, YOU KNOW, IT'S EASY TO SAY NO. IT'S
5 EASY TO SAY IT'S TOO COMPLICATED THAT THERE'S THIS PROBLEM, OR
6 WE NEED ANOTHER STUDY. IT'S HARDER AND BRAVER TO SAY YES. WHEN
7 PEOPLE ARE RUNNING FOR ELECTED OFFICE, EVERYONE USUALLY IS ALL
8 FOR EXPANDING, CITY COUNCIL OR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. CITY
9 COUNCIL HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT DISAPPOINTING. WE HAVE A CHANCE
10 NOW TO DO THIS. YOU ALL ARE 5 SMART, BRAVE WOMEN. I TRUST YOU
11 CAN DO THIS --

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS CARRIE CHEN. PLEASE UNMUTE
16 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

17

18 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS CARRIE CHEN. I'M
19 WITH THE ROLAND HEIGHTS CHINESE ASSOCIATION, WHICH LEADS
20 ASSOCIATIONS SERVING CHINESE-AMERICAN COMMUNITIES IN ROLAND
21 HEIGHTS. I SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF
22 SUPERVISORS ELECT COUNTY EXECUTIVES. LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS THE
23 NATION'S LARGEST COUNTY WITH 4,084 SQUARE MILES AND NEARLY
24 10,000,000 RESIDENTS. AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY'S POPULATION GROWS
25 AND DIVERSIFIES, WE MUST INNOVATE AND RE-EVALUATE HOW WE CAN



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SUPERVISORS

1 BEST MEET RESIDENTS' NEEDS TO ENSURE WE DELIVER THE SUPPORT
2 THEY NEED AS INCLUSIVE, TRANSPARENTLY, AND EQUITABLY AS
3 POSSIBLE. AS OF THE 2020 CENSUS COUNT, THERE ARE OVER
4 4,800,000 LATINOS AND 1,500,000 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC
5 ISLANDERS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, WHICH COMBINED MAKES OVER 60%
6 OF THE COUNTIES. --

7

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

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS PHIL BROWN. PLEASE UNMUTE
11 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE, YOU MAY BEGIN.

12

13 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** PHIL, ARE YOU THERE?

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MR. BROWN, YOUR LINE IS OPEN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

18

19 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** YES, WE CAN. PLEASE GO AHEAD.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS PHIL BROWN. ORIGINALLY, I WAS GONNA
22 QUESTION WHY WE NEED TO SPEND MONEY TO INCREASE FROM 9 WHEN
23 YOU CAN JUST ADD STAFF TO THE CURRENT 5 BUT AS I'M READING
24 ONLINE THIS REFORM IT SAYS THAT YOU WANT A GOVERNANCE REFORM
25 TASK FORCE AND A CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION DON'T YOU THINK



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SUPERVISORS

1 THAT THE CHARTER REVIEW COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE
2 BEFORE YOU HAD THIS CHANGING OF THE CHARTER? MORE PEOPLE COULD
3 HAVE BEEN INVOLVED. THIS SEEMS TO ME LIKE A POWER PLAY AND NOT
4 DEMOCRACY. THANK YOU, HAVE A GREAT DAY.

5

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

7

8 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROB KWON. PLEASE UNMUTE
9 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HI ROB KWON. I'M FROM L.A. I LIVE IN DISTRICT 1 AND
12 ALL THE TALK ABOUT THE MISSING REPORT. I THINK IT'S WORTH
13 EMPHASIZING THAT THEY COMPLETED POLLING ON THIS ISSUE BACK IN
14 MAY. YOU KNOW WAITED UNTIL JULY TO INTRODUCE THE MOTION WE
15 COULD HAVE HAD TWICE AS MUCH TIME TO TALK ABOUT THIS ALSO WANT
16 TO NOTE ON REALLY IN THE CALIFORNIA CLEAN MONEY CAMPAIGN
17 SUBMITTED A MEMO ON THIS ITEM YESTERDAY EVENING. WE SUGGESTED
18 SOME CHANGES THAT IT WOULD ENSURE SOME BARE ESSENTIALS FOR
19 INDEPENDENCE. BUT I KNOW YOU WANT TO WRAP THIS UP TODAY. SO,
20 WE ASK THAT AT A MINIMUM, SUPERVISORS HORVATH, HAHN AND SOLIS
21 COMMIT THEMSELVES TO RETURNING TO THE BALLOT IN 2026 TO ENSURE
22 SUBSTANTIVE ETHICS REFORMS ARE PROPERLY PLACED IN OUR CHARTER.
23 FAILURE TO DO SO IS GOING TO NEEDLESSLY HARM THIS ISSUE AND
24 POTENTIALLY OTHERS ON THE BALLOT. IF THIS THING FAILS IN
25 NOVEMBER BECAUSE OF YOUR HANDLING OF IT AND IT COULD SET THE



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SUPERVISORS

1 EXPANSION MOVE BACK IN A REALLY DEVASTATING WAY THAT COULD
2 SCREW OVER WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO DO AT A CITY LEVEL. SO PLEASE,
3 SHOW SOME LEADERSHIP, SHOW SOME REAL FOLLOW THROUGH. THIS IS
4 ALL JUST A REALLY ANNOYING PROCESS TO SEE AT A CITY-COUNTY
5 LEVEL. --

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
8 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANTHONY ARENAS. PLEASE
11 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY
12 BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** HI. MY NAME IS ANTHONY ARENAS WITH THE JUSTICE OF THE
15 LAKE COALITION AND MY FORMER RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3. AND I
16 WANT TO SUPPORT THAT DIFFUSION OF CENTRALIZED POWER AND MAYBE
17 EXPANDING THE BOARD AND REFORM THAT ENHANCES TRANSPARENCY AND
18 PUBLIC INPUT. AND THE APPROACH MATTERS SIGNIFICANTLY. AND WHAT
19 OUR COMMUNITIES DESERVE, THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY, NOT JUST THE
20 ONES WHO ARE POLLED, DESERVE IS A DELIBERATE CHARTER AMENDMENT
21 CREATED NOT BY PERSONAL PREFERENCES, BUT BY A COMPREHENSIVE
22 UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT SERVES THE PUBLIC'S GREATER GOOD. THIS
23 AMENDMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT OUR GOVERNOR, OUR GOVERNING
24 STRUCTURE EVOLVES IN A WAY THAT PROMOTES OPENNESS AND
25 INCLUSIVITY, REFLECTING THE DIVERSE NEEDS OF OUR POPULATION.



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SUPERVISORS

1 THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE BARRERA. PLEASE UNMUTE
6 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, AND THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS, FOR BRINGING
9 THIS FORWARD. MY NAME IS JOSE BARRERA. I REPRESENT LULAC, THE
10 NATION'S LARGEST LATINO CIVIL RIGHTS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION.
11 HERE SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD.
12 AS YOU ALL HAVE HEARD, L.A. COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN
13 THE NATION WITH A VERY DIVERSE POPULATION OF LATINOS AND OTHER
14 DEMOGRAPHICS. AND THIS MEASURE WOULD ENSURE THAT OUR
15 POPULATION IS HAVING THE CHANCE OF BEING BETTER REPRESENTED
16 AND HAVING A MORE EQUITABLE PROCESS, INCLUDING TRANSPARENCY.
17 SO, I APPRECIATE AND URGE YOU TO VOTE IN FAVOR OF THIS AND
18 BRING IT TO THE VOTERS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU.

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. I DON'T WANNA USE MYSELF, BUT I JUST FEEL



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SUPERVISORS

1 LIKE, YOU KNOW, HORVATH GETS A LITTLE CREDIT FOR BEING BRAVE,
2 BUT THE PROCESS HAS BEEN, HAS BEEN BAD. AND TO LOOK AT THE
3 COUNTY CEO AS AN ELECTED POSITION, IT REALLY DOES NOT POP INTO
4 FOCUS AS THE RESOLUTION TO LIKE SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS. WHAT?
5 I MEAN, DAVENPORT IS COMPETENT. SHE CAN WRITE UP A PLAN. I
6 DON'T UNDERSTAND. THE VOTERS WOULD HAVE TOLD HER THAT WHAT
7 KIND OF A PLAN TO WRITE UP. NO, THE LEGISLATIVE BODY THAT THE
8 5 SUPERVISORS PUT. AND FRANKLY, I THINK THAT IN THE OLD DAYS,
9 5 SUPERVISORS WAS SMART. BUT CONSIDER THIS, THE CITY ETHICS
10 COMMISSION IS ALREADY, IT DOESN'T WORK, BUT IT'S FUNCTIONAL.
11 WHY NOT JUST HAVE ONE ETHICS COMMISSION FOR LOS ANGELES AND
12 HAVE THEM ABSORB THE 5, OR WOULD YOU BRING IT TO 9
13 SUPERVISORS? SO, THEY'RE JUST ONE PLACE TO GET THE INFORMATION
14 WE NEED, LIKE WHO'S BEEN PAYING OVER \$250. AND WHY DON'T WE DO
15 THAT AT THE CITY, FOR THE GREAT CITY AT THE EXCUSES? WHY DON'T
16 THEY ANNOUNCE WHEN THEY'RE GETTING DONATIONS OVER \$250? I
17 WOULD RECOMMEND TABLING THIS WHOLE THING AND GETTING OVER TO
18 FRIENDS AND FINDING OUT HOW MANY ARE WRONG --

19

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

21

22 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS DAVID TORRES. PLEASE UNMUTE
23 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** HI, THIS IS COUNCILMAN DAVID TORRES REPRESENTING



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 DISTRICT 4 IN THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO
2 VOTE TO APPROVE THE ITEM. THERE'S LONG BEEN THE OBSERVATION
3 THAT VARIOUS LEGISLATIVE BODIES FROM LOCAL TO FEDERAL
4 GOVERNMENT AND EVERYTHING IN BETWEEN, HAVING GROWN TO
5 ACCOMMODATE THE GROWTH IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. I FIRST WANT TO
6 THANK YOU ALL FOR TAKING YOUR POSITIONS AND BEING EXAMPLES ON
7 HOW TO DISAGREE WITHOUT BEING DISAGREEABLE. AND I WANT TO SAY
8 THANK YOU TO SUPERVISORS HORVATH, HAHN AND SOLIS FOR
9 RECOGNIZING AND ADDRESSING THIS NEED AND MOVING TO EFFECT
10 CHANGE TOWARDS A MORE PERFECT LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

11

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

13

14 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'RE GONNA GO TO SPEAKERS IN
15 PERSON ACTUALLY, SO WE'LL GO RIGHT AHEAD PLEASE, THANKS.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS ANDREA MACK AND I'M
18 HERE ON BEHALF OF CAHLS AND ALSO A DISTRICT 1 RESIDENT. I'M
19 HERE AGAIN TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT FOR THE CHARTER REFORM THAT
20 WILL EXPAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SEAT. THE MERE CHANGE IN
21 THE NUMBER OF SUPERVISORS WOULD DEEPLY IMPACT THE RESIDENTS IN
22 L.A. COUNTY. THERE'LL BE MORE OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT THE
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BETTER SERVICES FOR RESIDENTS, AND MORE
24 OPPORTUNITIES FOR REPRESENTATION AND RESIDENTS TO MAKE THEIR
25 VOICES HEARD. AS SOMEONE WHO IS YOUNG AND CARES ABOUT CIVIC



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SUPERVISORS

1 ENGAGEMENT, I'M EXCITED ABOUT THE CONVERSATIONS AROUND
2 CREATING TASK FORCE AND ETHICS REFORM COMMISSIONS AND
3 INCREASING TRANSPARENCY ACROSS THE BOARD. TODAY I'M HERE AS AN
4 ASIAN AMERICAN, AS A YOUTH, AND AS SOMEONE WHO HAS LIVED IN
5 LOS ANGELES FOR THE LAST 22 YEARS, AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT
6 I'M EXCITED AND WOULD LIKE TO BE INCLUDED IN ALL PARTS OF THE
7 CONVERSATION OF THIS EXPANSION AND REFORM JOURNEY. THAT SAID,
8 I AM IN SUPPORT OF THIS ITEM TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF
9 SUPERVISORS' SEAT. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING AND THANK YOU SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS
14 FARAH AND I'M ALSO SPEAKING ON BEHALF OF CAUSE AND AS A
15 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 1. I'M IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 7, SPECIFICALLY
16 TO EXPAND THE BOARD AND I HAVE ALSO ATTENDED ALL THE READINGS
17 OF THIS ORDINANCE AND REALLY JUST REALLY APPRECIATE ALL THE
18 CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN HAD IN THESE MEETINGS. THE
19 EXPANSION OF THE BOARD WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT STEP TOWARDS
20 BETTER REPRESENTATION AND OFFERING ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES TO
21 BRING MORE DIVERSE VOICES TO THE TABLE AND SHAPE THE FUTURE OF
22 L.A. COUNTY. IT HAS BEEN A PERSONALLY VERY VALUABLE LEARNING
23 EXPERIENCE TO ATTEND THESE MEETINGS, SO I REALLY APPRECIATE
24 THE HONEST CONVERSATION. AND I DO ASK THAT AS WE CONTINUE TO
25 BUILD A GOVERNMENT THAT BETTER SERVES US, THAT ALL FUTURE



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SUPERVISORS

1 ELECTED LEADERS OF L.A. COUNTY SHOULD ACTIVELY INCLUDE
2 COMMUNITY VOICES IN ALL STEPS OF THE IMPLEMENTATION PROCESS. I
3 KNOW THERE WERE SOME REFLECTIONS MADE BY THE BOARD TODAY AND I
4 REALLY APPRECIATE THAT. AND I ALSO WISH THAT THERE WERE MORE
5 OPPORTUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY INPUT AND CONVERSATION. I DO
6 BELIEVE THAT'S AN IMPORTANT PART OF CREATING A BETTER SHARED
7 GOVERNMENT. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON AND THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR THE
10 MOTION. MY NAME IS ANTHONY AYALA AND I AM WITH THE WELLNESS
11 CENTER AT L.A. GENERAL MEDICAL CENTER IN BOYLE HEIGHTS. I'M
12 HERE TODAY TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEM 7 TO EXPAND THE
13 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND TO ELECT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. WE MUST
14 REEVALUATE HOW TO BEST MEET THE NEEDS OF DIVERSE L.A. COUNTY
15 RESIDENTS TO ENSURE THAT SUPPORT IS DELIVERED EQUITABLY AND
16 WITH AN ACUTE UNDERSTANDING OF THEIR MATERIAL NEEDS. THIS IS
17 ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE
18 BEEN HISTORICALLY EXCLUDED FROM CONVERSATIONS THAT HAVE DIRECT
19 IMPACTS ON THEIR DAILY LIVES AND LONG-TERM FUTURES AS
20 RESIDENTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. OFTEN POLITICAL
21 REPRESENTATION DOESN'T RESONATE WITH ME OR MY LIVED
22 EXPERIENCES, AND THIS IS SOMETHING I KNOW TO BE TRUE FOR
23 VARIOUS MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES WITHIN L.A. COUNTY. THIS IS
24 WHY EXPANDING THE BOARD IS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT THE
25 REPRESENTATION OF OUR LOCAL GOVERNANCE IS ABLE TO SPEAK



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1 DIRECTLY TO THE NEEDS AND PERSPECTIVES OF OUR LOCAL COMMUNITY
2 MEMBERS. WE MUST EXPAND THE BOARD TO ENSURE THAT OUR VOICES
3 ARE NOT ONLY HEARD, BUT HAVE THE POWER TO INFLUENCE DECISIONS
4 THAT ARE MADE FOR OUR COMMUNITY BY PEOPLE FROM OUR COMMUNITY.
5 THIS IS HOW WE ADVANCE EQUITY AND JUSTICE FOR LOCAL RESIDENTS
6 AND REPAIR A TRUST AND GOVERNANCE IN THE PROCESS. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MADAM AND BOARD MEMBERS. MY NAME IS
11 REYNA SCHMITZ, AND I AM A COMMISSIONER WITH OLDER ADULTS FOR
12 THE FIRST DISTRICT. I SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD
13 AND SUPPORT ELECTED A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
14 BEING THE LARGEST COUNTY IN THE NATION NEEDS TO ADAPT TO THE
15 GROWTH AND NEEDS RESIDENTS TO BETTER SERVE THEM. THE DIVERSITY
16 OF L.A. COUNTY RESIDENTS DEMANDS THE REEVALUATION NEEDS OF OUR
17 DIVERSE POPULATION TO SERVE THE COMMUNITY RESIDENTS NEEDS. THE
18 EXPANSION IS GOING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. SINCE THE CENSUS OF
19 2020, SHOW THAT THE LATINO, ASIAN AMERICAN, AND THE PACIFIC
20 ISLANDERS COMPOSED 60%, IT IS JUST THE RIGHT THING THAT YOU,
21 THE BOARD, PLEASE SUPPORT THESE ISSUES, AND THAT WAY WE WILL
22 HAVE FULL REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

23

24 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

25



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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS MARTINO HERRERA
2 AND I'M A COUNCIL MEMBER FOR THE CITY OF EL MONTE. AND I'M
3 HERE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF AGENDA ITEM 6 AND 7. IT'S A BOLD
4 STEP THAT ANY TIME A GOVERNMENTAL ENTITY COMES FORTH TO
5 RECONSIDER ITS GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND MODEL OF SERVICE
6 DELIVERY. SO, I'M HERE TO URGE YOU TO TAKE THAT STEP. IN MY
7 OWN CITY AS A COUNCIL MEMBER, WHEN I CAME ON, I LED AN EFFORT
8 TO CHANGE OUR OWN GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND THAT IS TO GO FROM
9 AT LARGE TO DISTRICT ELECTIONS. WE EXPANDED OUR BOARD FROM 5
10 TO 7, ALL IN AN EFFORT TO CREATE BETTER REPRESENTATION THAT
11 WAS EQUITABLE GEOGRAPHICALLY AND DEMOGRAPHICALLY. AND IN A
12 COUNTY THAT IS THIS SIZE, IT IS IN FACT THE LARGEST OF THE
13 NATION, 10,000,000 RESIDENTS, IT'S JUST, I JUST CAN'T IMAGINE
14 HOW 5 REPRESENTATIVES CAN ADEQUATELY REPRESENT THE DIVERSITY
15 OF THIS COUNTY. SO, I URGE YOU TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF YOUR
16 DECISION TODAY WITH THE VOTERS BY PUTTING IT ON THE BALLOT ON
17 NOVEMBER 5TH. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR
18 EFFORTS.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
21 SPEAKER, PLEASE. MY NAME IS ROGER PUGLIESE. I'M THE VICE
22 PRESIDENT OF LAS VIRGINAS HORMONES FEDERATION AND THE
23 PRESIDENT OF THE TOPANGA ASSOCIATION FOR A SCENIC COMMUNITY.
24 OUR MOUNTAIN COMMUNITIES CONTINUE TO BE IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE
25 REVISED MOTION. AND WE ALL KNOW AND HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THIS HAS



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1 BEEN A LONG, LONG OVERDUE. BY ADOPTING THIS MOTION AND
2 ENACTING IT, IT WILL INCREASE FAIRNESS AND ACCOUNTABILITY IN
3 EACH OF THE MODIFIED DISTRICTS. GIVE IT TO THE VOTERS TO
4 DECIDE. WE'RE 100% SUPPORTIVE.

5

6 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. NEXT
7 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME'S LARRY ORTEGA, AND MY FAMILY'S LIVED IN
10 POMONA FOR 120 YEARS. IT'S THE EAST SIDE OF L.A. COUNTY. I'M A
11 NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED DIGITAL DIVIDE EXPERT AND I STRONGLY
12 ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON ITEMS NUMBER 6 AND 7. THE
13 CHARTER AMENDMENTS REPRESENT A GOVERNANCE MODEL THAT IS MORE
14 EFFECTIVE, REPRESENTATIVE, AND ACCOUNTABLE TO ANGELENOS
15 GENERALLY, BUT SPECIFICALLY TO COMMUNITIES ON THE EDGES OF THE
16 COUNTY LIKE POMONA AT NO ADDITIONAL COST. I COME TO YOU TODAY
17 WITH FIRSTHAND EXPERIENCE ON HOW THE COUNTY OF L.A. WITH THE
18 PROPOSED GOVERNANCE AMENDMENTS WILL BE BETTER PREPARED TO TAKE
19 ADVANTAGE OF GRANTS LIKE THE \$1,830,000,000 THAT CALIFORNIA
20 HAD. STRONGLY ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO VOTE YES ON SUPERVISORS
21 HORVATH AND HAHN'S REFORM PACKAGE FOR THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.

22

23 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING SUPERVISORS, MY NAME IS LUPITA MARTINEZ,



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1 I AM HERE ON BEHALF OF CHIRLA COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT
2 RIGHTS. CHIRLA IS A MEMBER-LED ORGANIZATION AND OUR MISSION IS
3 TO CREATE A JUST SOCIETY, FULLY INCLUSIVE OF IMMIGRANTS. AS I
4 MENTIONED BEFORE, CHIRLA'S CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IS FUNDAMENTAL IN
5 OUR MISSION TO ORGANIZE AND MOBILIZE COMMUNITIES TO HARNESS
6 OUR IMMIGRANT POLITICAL POWER. FOR YEARS, CHIRLA AND PARTNER
7 ORGANIZATIONS HAVE FOUGHT AND WORKED REALLY, REALLY HARD TO
8 ENSURE IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES AND UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES
9 ARE HEARD, INCLUDED, AND REPRESENTED INTENTIONALLY COUNTY
10 POLICIES, INITIATIVES, AND PROGRAMS. ALTHOUGH CHIRLA SUPPORTS
11 A CHARTER REFORM, IT IS CRUCIAL THAT IMMIGRANT AND VULNERABLE
12 COMMUNITIES TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DECISION-MAKING PROCESS DUE
13 TO OUR INVALUABLE CONTRIBUTIONS AND LIVED EXPERIENCES HERE IN
14 THE COUNTY OF L.A. WE REQUEST FOR IMMIGRANTS AND
15 UNDERREPRESENTED COMMUNITIES TO PLAY A PIVOTAL ROLE IN
16 INFORMING THE INTRICACIES OF EVERY STEP OF THE CHARTER REFORM
17 TO ENSURE A FAIR, TRANSPARENT, AND REFLECTS THE VOICES AND
18 EXPERIENCES OF OUR IMMIGRANT COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

21

22 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. GOOD EVENING, I'M DAPHNE BRACK, A
23 RESIDENT OF UNINCORPORATED LADERA HEIGHTS IN DISTRICT 2. I'M
24 HERE TODAY TO SPECIFICALLY ASK SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR A MEETING
25 TO DISCUSS USING ME AS A CASE STUDY FOR YOUR GOVERNANCE REFORM



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1 MOTION. I HAVE LETTERS WITH ME TO SUPPORT THIS FROM DISTRICT 2
2 RESIDENTS WHO BELIEVE THAT MORE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SHOULD
3 HAVE HAPPENED BEFORE THIS PROCESS. BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY, AS A
4 SURVIVOR OF WHAT I AND MY SUPPORTERS CONSIDER POLITICAL ABUSE
5 OF THE POWER BY MARK RIDLEY THOMAS, I'M ASKING YOU TO MEET
6 WITH ME AND USE MY CASE AS A CASE STUDY, MY EXPERIENCE AS A
7 CASE STUDY TO MAKE SURE YOU GET IT RIGHT. IF THIS MOTION
8 PASSES AND YOU HAVE AN ELECTED CEO AND WHAT THAT PROCESS IS IF
9 THE CEO IS DOING A BAD JOB.

10

11 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
12 WE'LL NOW GO BACK TO SPEAKERS ON THE PHONE. MODERATOR, PLEASE
13 GO AHEAD.

14

15 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS SUZETTE SHAW.
16 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU
17 MAY BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** RESIDENTS, I'VE BEEN ON WITH YOU ALL SINCE THIS
20 MORNING, AND I'M GLAD I STAYED ON. I WILL SAY THAT I BELIEVE
21 EXPANDING THE BOARD AND BRINGING MORE EQUITABLE GRASSROOTS
22 REPRESENTATION IS IMPERATIVE. BLACK FOLKS ARE NOT ONE OF THE
23 MAJOR POPULATIONS IN L.A. COUNTY, EXCEPT AS IT RELATES TO
24 POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I BELIEVE, I STRONGLY FEEL THAT
25 THIS IS ONE OF THE ISSUES AS IT RELATES TO CITY AND COUNTY



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1 GOVERNMENTS AND THE LACK OF EQUITY AND INCLUSION AND DIVERSITY
2 AS IT RELATES TO BLACK PEOPLE. AND BLACK PEOPLE LIVING IN
3 POVERTY, THE HOMELESSNESS. WHEN YOU DECIDE ON REPRESENTING OR
4 EXPANDING YOUR COMMITTEE, I HOPE THAT THERE IS A VOICE AND A
5 SEAT AT THE TABLE FOR SKID ROW AND I WOULD LIKE TO BE THAT
6 REPRESENTATION. WE COULD NO LONGER TALK ABOUT EQUALITY AND
7 EMPOWERMENT WHILE CONTINUING TO ENFORCE INEQUITY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.
10 MODERATOR.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MEL BAILEY. PLEASE UNMUTE
13 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

14

15 **SPEAKER:** YES, THANK YOU. I KNOW WE TALK A LOT ABOUT DIVERSITY,
16 AND WHILE I DO AGREE WITH THAT IN PART, I DO RECOGNIZE THAT
17 OVER THE PAST 3 MEETINGS, THERE HAS BEEN A LARGE
18 REPRESENTATION OF DIVERSITY THAT HAS COME OUT AND SPOKEN. I
19 THINK FOR THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS, THAT IS A GOOD THING. I
20 DON'T UNDERSTAND HOW IT'S NOT A CONFLICT OF INTEREST OF
21 ELECTING THIS NEW POSITION OF THE CEO. THAT'S SOMETHING THAT
22 I'M STILL HAVING REALLY CAUGHT UP WITH THE RATIONALIZATION
23 BEHIND IT. AND THEN MY LAST THING, WELL THE STUDY. I NEVER SAW
24 THE STUDY AND THE DISTRICT TEAM MEMBER, I'M NOT SURE IF IT'S
25 SKIPPED US, BUT I DIDN'T REMEMBER SEEING IT. AND THEN THE LAST



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SUPERVISORS

1 THING IS WE OFTEN SAY THAT WHEN PEOPLE TRY TO FORCE YOU IN
2 SOMETHING REALLY QUICK, IT'S PROBABLY A SCAM. AND I'M NOT
3 SAYING THAT YOU ALL ARE SCAMMING US, BUT I AM SAYING IF IT'S
4 NOT URGENT, IF IT'S NOT AN EMERGENCY, WHY DON'T WE JUST TAKE A
5 STEP BACK AND AT LEAST MAYBE YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO CONVINCING THE
6 OTHER 2 SUPERVISORS WHY IT SHOULD BE CHANGED. THANK YOU.

7

8 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK
9 YOU. NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE.

10

11 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TIM LEMAURIE.
12 YOU MAY UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.
13 PLEASE BEGIN.

14

15 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** KIM?

16

17 **MODERATOR:** THAT PARTY DID DISCONNECT. I APOLOGIZE. OUR NEXT
18 LINE IS XOCHITL COVARRUBIAS. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK
19 DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. BUENAS TARDES.
22 MY NAME IS SOCHIL COVARRUBIAS, PRESIDENT OF THE LABOR COUNCIL
23 FOR LATIN AMERICAN ADVANCEMENT, AN ORGANIZATION FOR LATINO
24 WORKERS AND THEIR FAMILIES. I'M SPEAKING AS A CITIZEN. I WANT
25 TO THANK SUPERVISOR HILDA SOLIS FOR THE MOTION. I SUPPORT ITEM



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1 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY
2 EXECUTIVE. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS IN
3 COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF THIS
4 CONVERSATION, WHO DESERVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND CAN HAVE
5 CONFIDENCE IN OUR COMMITMENT TO DELIVER IT AND I'M VERY
6 CONFIDENT WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS THEY'RE VERY
7 INTELLIGENT WOMAN POWERFUL WOMAN AND I KNOW THAT THEY WILL DO
8 THE RIGHT THING IN BOTH IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6 AND 7. THANK YOU.

9

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

12

13 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LOURDES
14 CARACOVA. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
15 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS LOURDES CARACOZA. I
18 WAS BORN AND RAISED IN EAST LOS ANGELES, AND I'M BLESSED TO BE
19 LEADING AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS ALMO FAMILY SERVICES THAT
20 SERVES THE DIVERSE COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT L.A. COUNTY. AS
21 SOMEONE WHO GREW UP IN THE 70S AND 80'S IN EAST L.A., I ONLY
22 KNOW TOO WELL THE IMPORTANCE OF REPRESENTATION. A
23 REPRESENTATION THAT LOOKS LIKE THE COMMUNITIES THEY SERVE.
24 THAT IS WHY I AM IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6 AND 7. I HAVE NO DOUBT
25 THAT THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS OUR COMMUNITY'S BEST



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1 INTEREST IN MIND, AND HAVE A PROVEN RECORD OF BEING INNOVATIVE
2 IN YOUR APPROACH AND HOW YOU REEVALUATE HOW TO BEST MEET THE
3 CHANGING NEEDS OF OUR COMMUNITIES AND OUR RESIDENTS. I AM SURE
4 THIS IS NOT AN EASY DECISION OR PROCESS, BUT THE FACT THAT YOU
5 ARE A BODY WILLING TO LOOK INTO THE REALITY THAT THE LATEST
6 2020 CENSUS DATA SHOWS US REGARDING THE GROWTH OF DIVERSE
7 COMMUNITIES AMONG US GIVES ME HOPE, MEANING YOU AREN'T JUST
8 LOOKING AT THESE NUMBERS, BUT YOU'RE WILLING TO TAKE ACTION TO
9 ENSURE.

10

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

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13 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ROBERT LANCET. YOU MAY
14 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, PLEASE
15 BEGIN.

16

17 **SPEAKER:** I AM ROBERT LANCET, A FORMER PRESIDENT AND CURRENT
18 MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPRESENTING THE
19 UNINCORPORATED COMMUNITY OF WEST HILLS. WE SUPPORT THE
20 PROPOSED GOVERNMENT REFORM PACKAGE AS DEFINED IN ITEMS 6 AND
21 7, AND RECOMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS APPROVE PLACING IT
22 ON THE DELIVER BALLOT FOR VOTERS TO APPROVE. WE BELIEVE THAT
23 THE VOTERS WILL WELCOME AND APPROVE THIS LONG OVERDUE
24 IMPROVEMENT TO COMMUNITY ACCESSIBILITY AND REPRESENTATION AS
25 WELL AS BOARD EFFICIENCY, EFFECTIVENESS AND TRANSPARENCY.



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1 THANK YOU.

2

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

4

5 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ESTHER ADIM. PLEASE UNMUTE
6 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. HI, THIS IS ESTHER. MAKING GOVERNMENT MORE
9 EFFECTIVE AND ETHICAL IS COMMENDABLE. WHOEVER THINKS THIS PLAN
10 FULLY ACHIEVES THAT IS CONFUSED. AT THE BASELINE, A PROPER
11 FISCAL REVIEW WAS NOT DONE, PARTICULARLY FOR THE MOST
12 VULNERABLE. ADDING MORE MEMBERS AND A NEW ELECTED POSITION
13 REQUIRES THE VOTERS' APPROVAL, BUT NOTHING ELSE. ADDING THE
14 ETHICS REFORM TO BOARD EXTENSION AT A TIME WHEN VOTERS ARE
15 DISGUSTED WITH POLITICIANS IS A MANIPULATOR OF VOTERS' DESIRE
16 FOR REAL REFORM. MANY OF THE ETHICS REFORMS THIS BODY CAN
17 CREATE WITHOUT GOING TO THE BALLOT. SO, START FIXING THE
18 CORRUPTION TODAY IF IT EXISTS. I ALSO WONDER WHAT DOES THIS
19 MEAN FOR TERM LIMITS FOR THE CURRENT BOARD. WILL THOSE NEW
20 SEATS BE FAIR GAME FOR THEM? WILL THEY BE ALLOWED TO RUN FOR
21 THE NEW ELECTED EXECUTIVE POSITION? THIS SEEMS RUSHED. WHY NOT
22 TAKE THE TIME TO DO THIS RIGHT IF IT'S FOR THE PEOPLE? THE
23 COUNTY HAS CONSISTENTLY BEEN FISCALLY SOLVENT UNLIKE OTHER
24 GOVERNMENTS WHO CURRENTLY HAVE THE SYSTEM YOU WANT TO SHIFT
25 INTO. SO WHY THE CHANGE? WANT TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT,



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1 EFFECTIVE, AND ETHICAL FOR THE PEOPLE? THEN JUST DO IT TODAY.
2 STOP LOOKING FOR THE HEADLINES. THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR EFFORTS
3 AND YOUR SERVICE.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT.

8

9 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** MODERATOR. MODERATOR? MODERATOR,
10 NEXT SPEAKER, PLEASE. MODERATOR, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

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12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT QUESTION IS FROM SCARLETT PERALTA, PLEASE
13 GO AHEAD.

14 **SPEAKER:** YES, HELLO MY NAME IS SCARLETT PERALTA I AM A
15 RESIDENT AND THE MAYOR FOR THE CITY OF MONTEBELLO. I AM
16 SPEAKING TO EXPRESS MY STRONG SUPPORT FOR ITEMS 6 AND 7. I
17 WOULD LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR HORVATH AND HAHN FOR THEIR
18 COURAGE TO BRING THIS MOTION FORWARD AS WELL AS SUPERVISOR
19 SOLIS FOR HER SUPPORT AND ALL SUPERVISORS FOR ENGAGING IN THIS
20 IMPORTANT AND VERY DIFFICULT DISCUSSION. AS WE KNOW LOS
21 ANGELES COUNTY IS THE LARGEST COUNTY IN OUR NATION. AS OUR
22 POPULATION CONTINUES TO GROW AND DIVERSIFY IT IS EXTREMELY
23 CRUCIAL THAT WE ADAPT AND REALIGN OUR APPROACH TO A MORE
24 EQUITABLE GOVERNANCE. HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED COMMUNITIES
25 DESERVE TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD AND THEIR NEEDS ADDRESSED.



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1 THIS REFORM WILL HELP BETTER SERVE ALL RESIDENTS BY PROVIDING
2 MORE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION AND FOSTERING CONFIDENCE WITHIN
3 OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU.

4

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

6

7 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT QUESTION IS FROM JUAN CARDENAS.
8 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU
9 MAY BEGIN.

10

11 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JUAN GARVINAS I'M IN THE THIRD
12 DISTRICT IN THE CITY OF SAN FERNANDO. I'M AN ASSOCIATE
13 DIRECTOR FROM NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION CALLED L.A. FOURTH
14 SOCIETY AND WE ARE IN SUPPORT OF ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE
15 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. WE BELIEVE THAT L.A. COUNTY AND THE
16 COMMUNITY SERVE MORE REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

17

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

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT QUESTION AND PARTICIPANT IS FROM DEBORAH
21 MENDEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
22 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. MY NAME IS DEBORAH MENDEZ AND I'M WITH POMONA
25 ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY CENTER. WE ARE AN ORGANIZATION THAT



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1 SUPPORTS IMMIGRANTS IN THE POMONA VALLEY AND THE INLAND EMPIRE
2 AND I'M CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE
3 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVES. IT IS
4 ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR RESIDENTS AND COMMUNITIES WHO HAVE
5 HISTORICALLY BEEN LEFT OUT OF THESE CONVERSATIONS AND WHO
6 DESERVE EQUAL REPRESENTATION AND HAVE AND I HAVE CONFIDENCE IN
7 THE COMMITMENT TO DELIVER IT. THIS IS ESPECIALLY CRITICAL FOR
8 SUCH A LARGE AREA. WE HAVE OVER 4,800,000 LATINOS AND
9 1,500,000 ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS IN THE COUNTY
10 OF LOS ANGELES. AND COMBINED, IT MAKES UP 60% OF THE COUNTY'S
11 TOTAL POPULATION. WE NEED TO HAVE EQUITY AND TRANSPARENCY AND
12 INCLUSION --

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
15 SPEAKER PLEASE.

16

17 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FROM GABRIELA
18 GOMEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
19 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HELLO. GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD. AND ESPECIALLY I WANT
22 TO THANK SUPERVISORS HAHN AND HORVATH FOR LEADING THIS EFFORT.
23 I APPRECIATE ALL THE ENTIRE BOARD FOR LEADING THE DISCUSSION
24 AS WELL FOR PARTICIPATING IN THE DISCUSSION. I AM IN SUPPORT
25 OF ITEM 6 AND 7. I AM HERE AS THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF BELL



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1 GARDEN AND ALSO AS A 30-YEAR EMPLOYEE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF
2 PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES SERVING THE ENTIRE COUNTY. WE SERVE
3 ABOUT 4,000,000 PEOPLE, YOU KNOW, FULLY NEARLY HALF OF THE
4 ENTIRE COUNTY POPULATION AND WE DEFINITELY NEED MORE
5 REPRESENTATION. I THINK IT'S UNFAIR TO EXPECT THAT EACH
6 SUPERVISOR WILL BE ABLE TO HANDLE THE LARGE NUMBERS OF PEOPLE
7 THAT ARE IN YOUR DISTRICT. YOU NEED HELP AND WE NEED HELP. SO,
8 I AM ON BOARD WITH THIS AND THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LAURA SANTOS.
13 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. PLEASE
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS LAURA SANTOS. I'M A COLLEGE BOARD
17 MEMBER AT MOUNT SAN ANTONIO COLLEGE AND A RESIDENT OF
18 UNINCORPORATED BASSETT. I SUPPORT ITEMS 6 AND 7 AND I COMMEND
19 THE SUPERVISORS FOR BEING WILLING TO SHARE POWER. MANY ELECTED
20 OFFICIALS WOULD NOT SUPPORT AN ITEM THAT WAS GOOD FOR THE
21 RESIDENTS, GOOD FOR THE COUNTY, BUT DID NOT BENEFIT THEM
22 PERSONALLY OR DIMINISHED THEIR POWER. THANK YOU.

23

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

25



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1 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU, OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS TEOCORA REYES.
2 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR LINE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

3

4 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS TEODORA REYES AND I'M COMMENTING IN
5 BEHALF OF MY CAPACITY AS THE COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR WITH THE
6 SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YOUNG DEMOCRATS AND I'M A LIFELONG
7 RESIDENT OF DISTRICT 3 IN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AS A UNITED
8 FRONT THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY YOUNG DEMOCRATS STRONGLY SUPPORT
9 THE ALLEY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PREVENTANCE REFORM
10 PROPOSAL AND WE URGE ALL BOARD SUPERVISORS TO VOTE YES ON
11 MOTION ITEM 6 AND 7. SAN FERNANDO VALLEY IS HOME TO 2,000,000
12 ANGELENOS, WHICH OVER HALF ARE LATINAS. AND MANY LATINOS HAVE
13 NEVER HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO ELECT A CANDIDATE OF CHOICE IN A
14 SINGLE DISTRICT. WITH THIS REFORM, WE'D BE ABLE TO REALLY HAVE
15 A REPRESENTATIVE THAT CAN SERVE THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY. AND
16 AS YOUNG DEMOCRATS, WE ALSO BELIEVE IN THE FULLEST POSSIBLE
17 PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG DEMOCRATIC VOTERS. THIS REFORM GIVES
18 VOTERS THE OPPORTUNITY TO REMOVE BARRIERS AND CREATE EQUITABLE
19 OUTCOMES, BUILD THE PATH FOR DIVERSE YOUNG DEMOCRATIC
20 CANDIDATES TO RUN FOR OFFICE, AND ADDRESS THE DESPERATE NEEDS
21 FOR REPRESENTATION WITHIN THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND ALLEY
22 COUNTY. WE THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD EFFORTS FOR MAKING THIS
23 HAPPEN AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING --

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT



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1 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

2

3 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BYRON JOSE.

4 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU
5 MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON BOARD. THIS IS BYRON JOSE SPEAKING AS
8 AN SB2 CONSTITUENT AND COUNTY RESIDENT FOR THE LAST 25 YEARS.
9 IN KEEPING UP THE DIFFERENT BUDGET HEARINGS ON THIS MATTER,
10 SOME OF MY CONCERNS AND STUFF THAT HAVE BEEN RAISED BY OTHER
11 BOARD OFFICES. BUT ONE THING THAT HAS BEEN CLEAR IS THAT
12 CERTAIN OFFICES ARE BEING ENGAGED AND SOME COMMUNITY MEMBERS
13 MAINLY ELECTED. NOT ONLY WAS THIS ITEM BURIED INTO THE DAY, SO
14 9 HOURS LATER, ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE, ALL THE COMMUNITY MEMBERS
15 WERE PUSHED OUT. WE COULD NOT STICK AROUND THAT LONG. SO
16 AGAIN, HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO UPLIFT THOSE COMMUNITIES AND ALSO
17 CENTERING THE WAY THAT THE COUNTY THROUGH REDLINING, THROUGH
18 OTHER INITIATIVES, THE WAY THAT THEY HAVE ACTIVELY DISPLACED
19 THE BLACK COMMUNITIES AND OTHER TRADITIONAL MARGINALIZED
20 COMMUNITIES, HOW WE CENTER THEM IN THIS PROCESS. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS FROM ANNE, NO
25 LAST NAME GIVEN. PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY



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1 INTO IT. YOU MAY BEGIN.

2

3 **SPEAKER:** I WOULD LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR THAT MADE THE
4 COMMENT OF ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT. COMMUNITY
5 ENGAGEMENT IS IMPORTANT IN THIS AND ANY PROCESS. COMMUNITY
6 ENGAGEMENT NEEDS TO BE PART OF ANY PROCESS EARLY BECAUSE ONCE
7 A PLAN HAS BEEN PREPARED AND FINALIZED TO VOTE, COMMUNITY
8 ENGAGEMENT IS NO LONGER ABLE TO BE INCORPORATED OR
9 RECOMMENDATIONS THAT ARE MADE TO BE INCORPORATED IN THE PLAN.
10 SO AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR ACKNOWLEDGING COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT.
11 NOW DO IT. GOOD LUCK. THANK YOU.

12

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

14

15 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHELLE FRITCH.
16 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY
17 NOW BEGIN.

18

19 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, DIRECTOR, WITH THE ASIAN YOUTH CENTER.
20 WE'RE A NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION SERVING ALMOST HALF OF L.A.
21 COUNTY, BUT PREDOMINANTLY SERVING THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY AREA.
22 AND I WANT TO EXPRESS MY SUPPORT FOR ITEMS 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND
23 THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND ELECTED COUNTY EXECUTIVE. THE
24 LOW-INCOME IMMIGRANTS AND AT-RISK YOUTH AND FAMILIES THAT WE
25 SERVE ARE PREDOMINANTLY ASIAN-AMERICAN AND LATINO AND WE THINK



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 THAT THIS THIS PLAN WILL GIVE THEM MORE ACCESS IT WILL GIVE
2 THEM MORE VOICE IT WILL ALLOW THEIR NEEDS TO BE BETTER MET AND
3 THE REPRESENTATION THEY DESERVE IN DECISIONS TO HELP DIRECT
4 RESOURCES THAT WILL POSITIVELY IMPACT OUR RESIDENTS. SO, THANK
5 YOU, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

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

8

9 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ALVIA TORRES. PLEASE UNMUTE
10 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** MY NAME IS ALVIA TORRES. I'M THE CEO FOR SPIRIT
13 FAMILY SERVICES, WHICH SERVES CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILIES IN
14 SUPERVISORY DISTRICT 1, 4, AND 5. SPIRIT'S MISSION IS TO
15 EMPOWER FAMILIES, IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING, AND
16 STRENGTHEN COMMUNITIES. OUR CONTINUUM OF FAMILY-CENTERED
17 PROGRAMS OFFER COMPREHENSIVE PREVENTION, EARLY INTERVENTION,
18 TREATMENT, AND RECOVERY SERVICES TO OVER 13,000 INDIVIDUALS
19 ANNUALLY IN THE SOCIAL SECTORS OF CHILD WELFARE, PUBLIC
20 HEALTH, MENTAL HEALTH. BEARD HAS 3 FAMILY CENTERS LOCATED IN
21 THE CITY OF BELL GARDENS, SOUTH EL MONTE, AND WHITTIER. EACH
22 FAMILY CENTER IS DIFFERENT AS IT REFLECTS THE UNIQUE NEEDS AND
23 CHARACTERISTICS OF THE COMMUNITIES IT SERVES. NOT ALL
24 COMMUNITY NEEDS ARE THE SAME. WE NEED MORE EQUITABLE
25 REPRESENTATION. I SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7 TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF



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SUPERVISORS

1 SUPERVISORS AND ELECT A COUNTY EXECUTIVE. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE
2 THAT DIVERSE VOICES ARE NOT ONLY GIVEN A WIDER PLATFORM BUT
3 BETTER AMPLIFIED SO THAT THEY CAN GIVE REPRESENTATION THEY
4 DESERVE IN THE DECISION WE MAKE TO ENSURE WE DIRECT RESOURCES.
5 THANK YOU.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
8 SPEAKER PLEASE.

9

10 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS GABRIEL
11 QUINONES. PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR
12 PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

13

14 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON SUPERVISORS AND STAFF. THIS IS GABRIEL
15 QUINONES, THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF L.A. PUENTE HERE. WE
16 APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT FROM OUR COUNTY SUPERVISORS AND
17 ESPECIALLY SUPERVISOR SOLIS BUT I WANT TO SHARE IN THE
18 SURROUNDING AREAS AROUND THE CITY OF L.A. PUENTE THERE'S A LOT
19 OF UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND THE SUPERVISORS' REGIONS ARE SO
20 VAST THEY DON'T ALWAYS HAVE THE ABILITY TO GIVE ENOUGH
21 ATTENTION. SO OF COURSE, WE'RE GONNA CHIP IN WHEN WE CAN FOR
22 OUR SURROUNDING AREAS. BUT I'M HERE TO SHARE SUPPORT FOR THIS
23 CONSIDERATION OF EXPANDING THE NUMBER OF L.A. COUNTY BOARD
24 SUPERVISORS. IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE MORE REPRESENTATION FOR
25 OUR COMMUNITIES. THANK YOU AND GOOD NIGHT



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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

3

4 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MIKE FEINSTEIN, PLEASE
5 UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW
6 BEGIN.

7

8 **SPEAKER:** HI, MIKE FEINSTEIN, FORMER SENATE, SANTA MONICA
9 MAYOR, SPEAKING FOR THE GREEN PARTY. THERE'S MUCH HOPE FOR
10 BROADER AND DEEPER REPRESENTATION WITH AN INCREASE IN BOARD
11 MEMBERS, BUT YOUR OUTDATED CONTINGENT TWO-ROUND RUNOFF SYSTEM
12 CAN WORK AGAINST THIS COMPARED TO SINGLE-RANKED-CHOICE VOTING
13 GENERAL ELECTIONS, WHICH WOULD ALLOW ALL VIEWS AND CANDIDATES
14 TO BE HEARD BY THE MOST VOTERS, AND VOTERS WOULD HAVE THE
15 GREATEST ABILITY TO EXPRESS THEIR PREFERENCES OVER THE ENTIRE
16 FIELD. YOUR CURRENT SYSTEM PUTS IMPORTANT CHOICES BEFORE A
17 LOWER TURNOUT AND LESS DIVERSE PRIMARY ELECTION ELECTORATE.
18 VOTE SPLITTING AMONG MULTIPLE STRONG PRIMARY CANDIDATES CAN
19 LEAD TO RANDOM RESULTS OF WHO MAKES IT TO A RUN-UP WITH A
20 SMALL PERCENTAGE OF THE VOTE. THIS CREATES PRESSURE FOR SOME
21 NOT TO RUN WHICH SHORTCHANGES PUBLIC DEBATE. IT ALSO COSTS
22 MORE MONEY TO RUN IN 2 ELECTIONS INSTEAD OF ONE WHICH CAN ALSO
23 LIMIT WHO CAN RUN AND THEREFORE PUBLIC DEBATE. FOR THESE
24 REASONS, PLEASE GIVE PLEASE GIVE DIRECTION TO THE COUNTY
25 REGISTRAR OR VOTERS TO RETURN WITH RANK CHOICE VOTING



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 IMPLEMENTATION OPTIONS TO INFORM THE NEXT STEP IN THE CHARTER
2 REFORM PROCESS. THANK YOU.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ANIKO GOLD. PLEASE UNMUTE
7 YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS ANIKO GOLD, MAYOR OF HIDDEN HILLS.
10 THANK YOU FOR THANK YOU SUPERVISORS HAHN AND HORVATH FOR THE
11 COURAGE TO BRING THIS REFORM PACKAGE FORWARD. AS AN ELECTED
12 OFFICIAL, AS AN IMMIGRANT, AND AS A VOTER, I STRONGLY SUPPORT
13 YES ON NUMBER 6 AND NUMBER 7. THANK YOU.

14

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

16

17 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LORRAINE QUINONES. PLEASE
18 UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW
19 BEGIN.

20

21 **SPEAKER:** HI, ON OCTOBER 18TH, 2022, A MOTION WAS PASSED TO
22 DEVELOP A 90-DAY PLAN THAT WOULD BEGIN A PROCESS THAT WOULD
23 HONOR THE CULTURE OF CRUISING ON WHITTIER BOULEVARD IN EAST
24 L.A. BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. UNFORTUNATELY, THAT PLAN HAS BECOME
25 SILENT WHILE FAILING TO COMPLETE THE GOALS AND HONOR THE



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 TIMELINE. SUPERVISOR SOLIS, YOUR SILENCE SEEKS VOLUME IN
2 RESPECT TO THE PLAN REACHING ITS OBLIGATION AND IN RESPECT TO
3 THE STATEWIDE SUCCESS OF REPEALING THE BAN ON CRUISING IN AN
4 AREA THAT YOU REPRESENT THAT IS ICONIC AND HISTORIC TO
5 CRUISING IN CHICANO HISTORY AND THE HEART OF EAST L.A. I'M
6 DISAPPOINTED TO SAY THE LEAST THAT YOUR NEGLIGENCE AND
7 PUBLICLY RECOGNIZING THE HISTORIC WIN BY SOME OF YOUR VERY OWN
8 CONSTITUENTS SUCH AS MYSELF AND MANY OTHERS WHO FOUGHT FOR
9 8436 AND DID OUR PART FOR CIVIC ENGAGEMENT. WHITTIER BOULEVARD
10 DESERVES BETTER. THE 90-DAY PLAN IS LONG OVERDUE, SUPERVISOR
11 SOLIS. SO ARE YOU WHEN IT COMES TO CELEBRATING THE LOWRIDER
12 CULTURE OF DISTRICT 1. RECOGNIZE AND HONOR THE WING. EQUAL
13 REPRESENTATION MATTERS. WE ARE UNDERREPRESENTED. WE BETTER THE
14 ART AND CULTURE OF LOW-RIDING MATTERS LOW RIDERS MATTERS
15 CRUISING IS NOT A CRIME.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
18 SPEAKER PLEASE.

19

20 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ADELLE ANDRADE STADLER.
21 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY
22 NOW BEGIN.

23

24 **SPEAKER:** GOOD AFTERNOON OR GOOD EVENING ALREADY CHAIR HORVATH,
25 HONORABLE SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS ADELE ANDRADE, STADLER



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 COUNCILWOMAN FOR THE DIVERSE CITY OF ALHAMBRA, WELL
2 REPRESENTED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS. I WHOLEHEARTEDLY SUPPORT ITEM
3 6 AND 7 WITH THE EXPANSION OF THE BOARD, HERE WE ARE AGAIN,
4 AND ACTUAL GOVERNMENT REFORM. WE NEED THIS IN TERMS OF
5 10,000,000 RESIDENTS. AND IF THAT DOESN'T SPEAK VOLUMES, I
6 DON'T KNOW WHAT DOES. AND IN TERMS OF ENGAGEMENT, WHAT GREATER
7 ENGAGEMENT THAN TAKING IT TO THE VOTERS? THANK YOU VERY MUCH
8 AND HAVE A GREAT EVENING.

9

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

11

12 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS RENE JIMENEZ.
13 PLEASE UNMUTE YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY
14 NOW BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS RENE JIMENEZ AND I AM WITH
17 THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY CONSERVATION CORPS. SGVCC IS DEDICATED
18 TO YOUTH DEVELOPMENT, ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION, AND COMMUNITY
19 BEAUTIFICATION. I AM CALLING IN TODAY TO SUPPORT ITEMS 6 AND 7
20 ON THE AGENDA. AS WE ALL KNOW L.A. COUNTY'S POPULATION OF
21 NEARLY 10,000,000 PEOPLE GROWS AND IT DIVERSIFIES. WE HAVE TO
22 INNOVATE AND REEVALUATE HOW WE CAN BEST MEET THE RESIDENTS
23 NEEDS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THEIR DIVERSE VOICES ARE NOT ONLY
24 HEARD BUT RATHER AMPLIFIED SO THEY ARE GIVEN THE
25 REPRESENTATION THEY DESERVE. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT ITEM 6 AND 7.



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SUPERVISORS

1 IT'S NOT JUST BETTER REPRESENTATION. IT'S EQUITABLE
2 REPRESENTATION. THANK YOU ALL. HAVE A GOOD NIGHT.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS THOMAS WONG. PLEASE UNMUTE
7 YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS THOMAS WONG. I'M THE MAYOR OF
10 THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK. HERE CALLING IN SUPPORT OF ITEMS 6
11 AND 7 FOR GOVERNANCE REFORM. I REALLY WANT TO APPRECIATE CHAIR
12 HORVATH AND SUPERVISOR HAHN FOR CHAMPIONING THIS. THIS HAS
13 BEEN A DISCUSSION IN THE COMMUNITY AND AMONG MANY COMMUNITIES
14 IN L.A. COUNTY FOR MANY, MANY DECADES. I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT
15 OF THOSE SUPERVISORS IN PUSHING THIS CONVERSATION AND MAKE
16 SURE WE ACTUALLY TAKE ACTION ON THIS FINALLY. I LOOK FORWARD
17 TO HAVING THIS ON THE BALLOT AND ASK AND URGE THE 4
18 SUPERVISORS TO PLACE THEM ON THE BALLOT SO THE COMMUNITY CAN
19 CONTINUE TO HAVE THIS CONVERSATION AND HAVE A VOTE ON THIS
20 AMENDMENT. THANK YOU.

21

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

23

24 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JOSE SANCHEZ. PLEASE UNMUTE
25 YOUR PHONE AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO IT. YOU MAY NOW BEGIN.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SPEAKER:** GOOD EVENING. MY NAME IS JOSE SANCHEZ AND I'M A
3 CIVICS TEACHER AND A COUNCIL MEMBER FROM THE CITY OF MONTEREY
4 PARK AND I WANT TO THANK THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR HAVING
5 THE COURAGE TO BRING THIS MEASURE FORWARD. FINALLY, I'M HERE
6 TO ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOTE FAVORABLY ON ITEM 6 AND 7. IF THERE'S
7 EVER BEEN A TIME TO INCREASE REPRESENTATION AND
8 ACCOUNTABILITY, IT IS NOW. OUR COUNTY IS FACING SOME SERIOUS
9 ISSUES THAT INCLUDE CLIMATE CHANGE, HOMELESSNESS, MENTAL
10 HEALTH, AND GUN VIOLENCE, JUST TO NAME A FEW. HAVING MORE
11 REPRESENTATION IN L.A. COUNTY WILL ONLY ENSURE THAT OUR
12 SUPERVISORS CAN ADDRESS THE NEEDS OF OUR COUNTY. L.A. COUNTY
13 IS ALSO ONE OF THE MOST DIVERSE COUNTIES IN THE COUNTRY, BUT
14 IT ALSO HAS DIVERSE NEEDS. I'M A GOVERNMENT AND CIVICS TEACHER
15 AND I KNOW THAT ANY GOVERNMENT THAT INCREASES REPRESENTATIONS
16 LIKE YOU'RE TRYING TO DO HERE TODAY HELPS FOSTER MORE
17 UNDERSTANDING, IT HELPS ENSURE MORE VOICES ARE HEARD AND THE
18 GOVERNMENT IS MORE EMPATHETIC TO THE NEEDS OF ITS RESIDENTS. I
19 HOPE THAT MY COMMUNITY IN MONTEREY PARK AND MY STUDENTS WILL
20 HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS MEASURE ON THE NOVEMBER
21 BALLOT AND THAT WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOWARDS ACCOUNTABILITY AND
22 INCREASED REPRESENTATION --

23

24 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU AGAIN FOR KEEPING YOUR CONSTITUENTS IN
2 MIND.

3

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

5

6 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS ESTHER ADIM. YOUR LINE IS
7 OPEN. PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE, AND YOU MAY NOW
8 BEGIN.

9

10 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** SHE'S ALREADY SPOKEN ON THIS
11 ITEM. WE'LL GO TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

12

13 **MODERATOR:** THANK YOU. OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS BARRY STEELE.
14 YOUR LINE IS OPEN. PLEASE SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HOW CAN YOU HAVE FOLKS FINDING ON TO SOMETHING
17 KNOWING THEY DIDN'T REACH THE FINAL PLAN? YOU KNOW THEY DON'T
18 KNOW HOW WE GOT TO 9 SEATS. YOU ALSO KNOW THAT THERE ARE 13
19 ELEMENTS TO THIS CHARTER, NOT JUST 2, BUT YOU HAVE PEOPLE
20 BELIEVING THAT THIS IS JUST A THING ABOUT EXPANDED SEATS.
21 LOOK, WE ARE ALL ABOUT THE EXPANSION OF THE NUMBER OF
22 SUPERVISOR DISTRICTS, INCREASED TRANSPARENCY, LESS POLITICAL
23 BUDGETING PROCESSES. THOSE ARE ALL APPEALING, BUT THESE ARE
24 RHETORICAL ADVANCES BUILT ON EMPTY PROMISES AND WHIMSICAL
25 ESTIMATES THAT ARE NOT BACKED BY EMPIRICAL DATA, ARE NOT BASED



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SUPERVISORS

1 ON A PROMISE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BE ABLE TO REWARD IT
2 EVEN THEIR SUPPORT TODAY. I'LL SAY THIS, LOOK, WE NEED TO HAVE
3 CHANGE, YES, BUT THIS IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT. WE SHOULD BE
4 INCLUDED FROM THE VERY BEGINNING. AND SO, I'M ASKING THAT WE
5 SAY NO TO THIS. YOU KNOW, WE FULLY AGREE THAT THERE NEEDS TO
6 BE GOVERNMENT'S REFORM, BUT WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THIS
7 TOGETHER. LET'S TRY AGAIN. LET'S DO IT RIGHT.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
10 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

11

12 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS MICHAEL FLOWERS. PLEASE
13 UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY
14 BEGIN.

15

16 **SPEAKER:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHAEL FLOWERS. I'M A COMMISSIONER
17 FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES AND I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF
18 ITEM 6 AND 7. I DON'T SEE HOW 5 SUPERVISORS CAN COVER OVER
19 4,000 SQUARE MILES OF TERRITORY. THIS WOULD BE SO GREAT FOR
20 THE CITIZENS OF EACH COMMUNITY. THEY PUT ON EVENTS. THE
21 SUPERVISORS CANNOT GO TO ALL THESE EVENTS BECAUSE THEY'RE
22 SPREADING THEMSELVES THIN. I AM TOTALLY IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6 AND
23 7 AND I'D LIKE TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR SOLIS FOR BRINGING THIS
24 MOTION FORWARD. SO, LET'S GET IT, LET'S GO. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

25



THE BOARD OF
SUPERVISORS

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

2

3 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS JANETTE ROBINSON-FLINT.

4 PLEASE UNMUTE YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU
5 MAY BEGIN.

6

7 **SPEAKER:** HELLO, MY NAME IS JANETTE ROBINSON-FLINT AND I AM A
8 MEMBER OF BLACK WOMEN FOR WELLNESS AND LIVE IN LOS ANGELES. I
9 ABSOLUTELY AGREE THAT WE NEED TO EXPAND THE BOARD OF
10 SUPERVISORS. WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT SOMETHING DIFFERENT TO DO
11 TO BE INCLUSIVE. I DO NOT THINK THIS IS THE WAY TO DO IT. I AM
12 NOT IN FAVOR OF ITEM 6 OR 7. I THINK WE NEED TO PAUSE. I THINK
13 WE NEED TO BE MORE TRANSPARENT. I THINK WE NEED TO BE MORE
14 INCLUSIVE, AND WE ABSOLUTELY NEED TO REMEMBER A CONVERSATION
15 THAT WAS ON TAPE WITH KEVIN DELEON ON AND OTHERS ABOUT ERASING
16 BLACK POWER AND ERASING BLACK PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT AND
17 MAKE SURE THAT THIS IS SO TRANSPARENT THAT WE DO NOT HAVE TO
18 REMEMBER THAT AND THINK ABOUT THAT. WE ALSO KNOW THAT THE COST
19 OF UNDOING AND REPAIR AND THEN FIXING IS MORE EXPENSIVE THAN
20 THE COST OF DOING IT RIGHT THE FIRST TIME AND WE HAD NO IDEA
21 HOW MUCH THIS WOULD COST.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. NEXT
24 SPEAKER PLEASE.

25



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SUPERVISORS

1 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS LILY TRANCH. PLEASE UNMUTE
2 AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO YOUR PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

3

4 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** LILY, ARE YOU THERE? LILY? LILY,
5 ARE YOU THERE? OKAY, NEXT SPEAKER PLEASE.

6

7 **MODERATOR:** OUR NEXT PARTICIPANT IS KIM LAMAURIE. PLEASE UNMUTE
8 YOURSELF AND SPEAK DIRECTLY INTO THE PHONE. YOU MAY BEGIN.

9

10 **SPEAKER:** HONORABLE SUPERVISORS, KIM LAMAURIE, PRESIDENT, LAS
11 VIRGENAS HOMEOWNERS FEDERATION, WITH MORE THAN 10,000
12 STAKEHOLDERS IN THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS AND ENVIRONS, WE
13 OVERWHELMINGLY SUPPORT THESE BOLD CHARTER AMENDMENTS. SWEEPING
14 CHANGES THAT INCREASE THE FAIRNESS, EFFECTIVENESS,
15 RESPONSIVENESS, ACCOUNTABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF LOCAL
16 GOVERNMENT AS LONG-TIME ADVOCATES, THESE ARE PAST DUE BENEFITS
17 TO THE PUBLIC. IT EXEMPLIFIES WHAT GOVERNMENT CAN AND SHOULD
18 BE. IT IS A REAL REFORM PACKAGE, REFINED, CAREFUL, EQUITABLE,
19 AND FINANCIALLY PRUDENT THAT WILL POSITION THE BOARD TO TAKE
20 ON THE COMPLEX CHALLENGES OF THE FUTURE FOR ALL OF L.A. COUNTY
21 RESIDENTS. THE TIME IS NOW, THE OPPORTUNITY IS NOW, NOT
22 TOMORROW, NOT NEVER, NOW. IT'S HISTORIC, EXCITING, POWERFUL
23 BETTERMENT FOR THE PEOPLE. CREDIT TO OUR CHANGE-MAKING
24 SUPERVISOR. COUNT US IN, SUPPORT THE CHARTER AMENDMENT FOR
25 POSITIVE CHANGE FOR THE PEOPLE. THANK YOU.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. THAT WAS OUR LAST
3 SPEAKER. WITH THAT, ITEM 7 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY SUPERVISOR
4 HAHN, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR SOLIS TO APPROVE THE ITEM.
5 EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

6

7 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

8

9 **SUP. HILDA SOLIS:** AYE.

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11 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

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13 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

14

15 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

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17 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES.

18

19 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

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21 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO.

22

23 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?

24

25 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AYE.



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3
3 TO 2.

4

5 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** ITEM 6 IS BEFORE US. MOVED BY
6 SUPERVISOR SOLIS, SECONDED BY SUPERVISOR HAHN TO APPROVE THE
7 ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL.

8

9 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

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

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13 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS, AYE. SUPERVISOR MITCHELL?

14

15 **SUP. HOLLY J. MITCHELL:** NO.

16

17 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR MITCHELL, NO. SUPERVISOR HAHN?

18

19 **SUP. JANICE HAHN:** YES.

20

21 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HAHN, YES. SUPERVISOR BARGER?

22

23 **SUP. KATHRYN BARGER:** NO.

24

25 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR BARGER, NO. SUPERVISOR HORVATH?



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SUPERVISORS

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2 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** AYE.

3

4 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** SUPERVISOR HORVATH, AYE. MOTION CARRIES 3-
5 2.

6

7 **SUP. LINDSEY HORVATH, CHAIR:** WE'LL NOW HEAR FROM MEMBERS OF
8 THE PUBLIC WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC
9 COMMENT. FOR MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC ON THE TELEPHONE, PLEASE
10 PRESS 1 AND 0 NOW TO COMMENT ON THIS ITEM. EXECUTIVE OFFICER,
11 PLEASE READ THE CALL-IN INFORMATION AND CALL THE MEMBERS OF
12 THE PUBLIC WHO HAVE SIGNED UP TO SPEAK.

13

14 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC, YOU WILL HAVE 1
15 MINUTE TO ADDRESS THE BOARD ON GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT. PLEASE
16 STATE YOUR NAME. YOU MAY ONLY ADDRESS THE BOARD ON THIS ITEM.
17 WE WILL NOW CALL IN-PERSON SPEAKERS AND WHILE THEY ARE COMING
18 FORWARD, WE WILL TAKE TELEPHONIC SPEAKERS.

19

20 **EXECUTIVE OFFICER:** WILL THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS PLEASE COME
21 FORWARD? DAPHNE BRADFORD, NICK COLIV, AND ARTHUR MUNOZ, PLEASE
22 COME FORWARD AND STAFF WILL ASSIST YOU. MODERATOR, WE MAY HAVE
23 THE FIRST REMOTE SPEAKER PLEASE.

24

25 **MODERATOR:** OUR FIRST PARTICIPANT IS ERIC PREVIN. PLEASE UNMUTE