

THE MEETING TRANSCRIPT  
OF THE MEETING OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** TIME IS UP.

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4 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THAT'S WHAT I WAS WAITING FOR.

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6 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** MR. MAYOR, WE HAVE A NUMBER OF ITEMS  
7 BEFORE YOU. THE ITEMS BEFORE YOU ARE SD-1, 1-D, 1-P, 1, 3, 4,  
8 18, 19, 21, 24, 25, 26, 27, 31, 32, 34, 38, 39 AND 43-A. THOSE  
9 ITEMS ARE BEFORE YOU.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** MOTION BY SOLIS. I'LL SECOND. WITHOUT  
12 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. ITEM NO.?

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14 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** 2.

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** BECAUSE OF THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE  
17 WHO SIGNED UP, WE'RE GOING TO LIMIT TESTIMONY TO ONE MINUTE  
18 EACH. DO WE HAVE A PRESENTATION? SUPERVISOR MARK?

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20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR. I'D LIKE  
21 TO CALL, WITH YOUR CONSENT, ITEM NO. 2 FORWARD THAT PERTAINS  
22 TO THE INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE LOS ANGELES  
23 COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. AND I DO UNDERSTAND THAT THERE  
24 ARE PERSONS WHO WISH TO BE HEARD. SO LET ME JUST MAKE THE  
25 FOLLOWING COMMENTS ABOUT THIS. YOU WILL APPRECIATE THAT I

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1 FIRST BROUGHT THIS MOTION FORWARD APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO  
2 PURSUANT TO THE WORK OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL  
3 VIOLENCE. AND THE OBJECTIVE THEN WAS ESSENTIALLY TO MAKE IT  
4 CLEAR THAT IF WE WERE TO HAVE REAL REFORM IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
5 ANGELES, IT WOULD REQUIRE AT LEAST TWO ELEMENTS, ONE BEING THE  
6 OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND, TWO, AN OVERSIGHT ENTITY, AN  
7 INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, DETAILS AT THAT TIME TO BE WORKED OUT  
8 IN BOTH INSTANCES. SINCE THAT TIME, CIRCUMSTANCES HAVE NOT  
9 GOTTEN SUBSTANTIALLY BETTER WITH THE ONE EXCEPTION OF -- OR  
10 TWO EXCEPTIONS, LEADERSHIP OF INTERIM SHERIFF JOHN SCOTT WHO  
11 SOUGHT TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE REFORMS THAT HE COULD HANDLE  
12 UNDER HIS SUPERVISION AND JURISDICTION FOR THE 11 OR SO MONTHS  
13 THAT HE SERVED IN THAT CAPACITY AND NOW WITH THE ELECTION OF A  
14 NEW SHERIFF THAT IS JIM MCDONNELL WHO IS REFORM-MINDED IN THE  
15 SENSE THAT HE HAS MADE IT CLEAR THAT HE SUPPORTS THE IDEA OF  
16 IMPLEMENTING AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION. POSITIVE STEPS. IT  
17 SHOULD BE APPRECIATED OVER THE TWO YEARS THAT THE U.S.  
18 DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIALLY INVOLVED IN THE  
19 BUSINESS OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND HAVE LED TO  
20 SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY IN TERMS OF PROSECUTIONS SOME OF OUR  
21 DEPUTIES, NOTHING ABOUT WHICH WE ARE IN PROUD, BUT IN TERMS OF  
22 THE WORK OF JUSTICE BEING DONE, THAT WAS DEEMED NECESSARY.  
23 ACTIVE DISCUSSIONS CURRENTLY UNDERWAY WITH RESPECT TO A  
24 CONSENT DECREE THAT EFFECTIVELY DEALS WITH MENTAL HEALTH  
25 ISSUES IN OUR JAILS. ALL OF THIS OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS. A

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1 POSITIVE STEP ALSO IN THIS REGARD. THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S  
2 FOCUS ON THE ISSUE OF DIVERSION. DEVELOPING A POLICY IN  
3 COLLABORATION WITH THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. SIGNIFICANTLY  
4 ENOUGH TWO NEW MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, A  
5 DEVELOPMENT OVER THE LAST TWO YEARS THAT MAKE A DIFFERENCE OF  
6 CONSEQUENCE AND FINALLY IT SHOULD BE APPRECIATED THE ADOPTION  
7 BY THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, NO SMALL PART ON THE  
8 PART OF THE PEOPLE OF THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES WITH THE  
9 ADOPTION OF PROPOSITION 47. ALL OF THESE ARE VERY, VERY  
10 IMPORTANT MATTERS THAT DEAL WITH THE QUESTION OF REFORM,  
11 OVERSIGHT AND ACCOUNTABILITY. I THINK THE LARGER DISCUSSION ON  
12 A NATIONAL LEVEL IS MATERIAL. WHAT TIME IN THE HISTORY OF OUR  
13 NATION SHOULD THERE BE A CLEAR SIGNAL FROM THE LARGEST COUNTY  
14 IN THE NATION WITH RESPECT TO REFORM, OPENNESS, TRANSPARENCY  
15 AND ACCOUNTABILITY? CERTAINLY OUR NEW SHERIFF GETS THAT. AND  
16 IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT WE SHOULD GET IT, AS WELL. EVERY DAY  
17 OF THE WEEK WE HEAR OF SOMETHING INVOLVING LAW ENFORCEMENT  
18 THAT CAUSES US TO BE MOST CONCERNED, AND APPROPRIATELY SO. THE  
19 TERM 'FERGUSON' HAS TAKEN ON SIGNIFICANCE IN OUR MIND WITH  
20 RESPECT TO WHAT'S NEEDED IN A VERY FUNDAMENTAL WAY TO CORRECT.  
21 AND IT'S SYSTEMIC IN NATURE. THINK ABOUT IT. AND I CERTAINLY  
22 BELIEVE THAT IF LOS ANGELES SEEKS TO CONTINUE A PATH OF  
23 DISTINGUISHING ITSELF, THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MOVE  
24 FORWARD WITH THE MATTER OF AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION. I WANT TO  
25 EXPRESS MY APPRECIATION FOR ALL THOSE WHO HAVE MADE IT THEIR

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1 BUSINESS OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS SINCE THE REPORT OF THE  
2 CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE TO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT  
3 THE COMMISSION OUGHT TO BE THE ORDER OF THE DAY, THAT CIVILIAN  
4 INVOLVEMENT OVERSIGHT IS TO BE VALUED AND CAN BE A SIGNIFICANT  
5 HELP TO THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS ALL ABOUT  
6 ACCOUNTABILITY AND EQUALLY THAT OF SUPPORT FOR EFFECTIVE  
7 CONSTITUTIONAL POLICING IN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES. I  
8 BELIEVE THAT THE MOTION IS CLEAR. IT DOES NOT PRESCRIBE WHAT A  
9 COMMISSION OUGHT TO LOOK LIKE; RATHER, IT DECLARES THAT THERE  
10 WILL BE A COMMISSION AND IT DELEGATES THE TASK TO A WORKING  
11 GROUP TO FIGURE OUT IN SOME DETAIL WHAT THAT WILL BE, BRING IT  
12 BACK TO THE BOARD AND FOR OUR ULTIMATE DISPOSITION, MR. MAYOR  
13 AND COLLEAGUES. I CALL THAT PROGRESS. AND I WOULD SIMPLY SAY  
14 THE TIME HAS COME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU VERY  
15 KINDLY. [APPLAUSE]

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17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME RECOGNIZE SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND  
18 THEN I HAVE SOME COMMENTS. BUT LET ME CALL UP AFTER SHE SPEAKS  
19 RICHARD DROOYAN, MAX HUNTSMAN, AND NEAL TYLER. SUPERVISOR?

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21 **SUP. SOLIS:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I, TOO, WOULD LIKE TO JOIN  
22 IN AND ECHO THESE STATEMENTS BY MY COLLEAGUE, SUPERVISOR MARK  
23 RIDLEY-THOMAS. FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS, THE COUNTY CITIZENS  
24 HAVE CALLED FOR A CREATION OF THE CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT  
25 COMMISSION. AND WE CAN'T AFFORD TO DELAY ANY LONGER. ACROSS

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1 THIS COUNTRY, THE PUBLIC TRUST IN THE PEOPLE WHO ARE CHARGED  
2 WITH KEEPING US SAFE HAS FALLEN TO A LOW. THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
3 ANGELES HAVE DEMANDED A NEW DAY BY ELECTING A NEW SHERIFF WHO  
4 SUPPORTS AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BODY THAT HE HAS  
5 CALLED "BEST PRACTICE IN LAW ENFORCEMENT." UNDER THE NEW  
6 LEADERSHIP, WE HAVE A CHANCE TO RESTORE THE TRUST IN THE  
7 COUNTY. THIS IS NOT JUST A MORALLY RIGHT ANSWER, IT IS  
8 FISCALLY PRUDENT. TAXPAYER MONEY SPENT DEFENDING LAWSUITS IS  
9 MONEY THAT CAN'T GO TO IMPROVING THE LIVES OF OUR CONSTITUENTS  
10 WHETHER IT'S HEALTH CARE, HOUSING AND OTHER NEEDS THAT THEY  
11 HAVE. IT'S ALSO A SMART POLICY. IN THE POLICY, AT LEAST THREE  
12 BODIES OVERSAW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. YET, DO YOU KNOW HOW  
13 MANY OF THEM SYSTEMATICALLY REVIEWED USE OF FORCE STATISTICS?  
14 NONE. WE NEED A SINGLE CENTRALIZED BODY WITH A CLEAR MANDATE  
15 TO CUT THROUGH THIS CONFUSION AND INDEPENDENTLY MONITOR LAW  
16 ENFORCEMENT. SOME CRITICS SAY THAT THE BOARD IS POWERLESS TO  
17 DO THIS. THAT'S JUST NOT TRUE. JUST AS IT DID, THE BOARD CAN  
18 GIVE THE COMMISSION THE POWER TO REVIEW DOCUMENTS, CONDUCT  
19 INVESTIGATIONS AND REQUEST THAT THE SHERIFF APPEAR AND RESPOND  
20 TO CITIZENS' CONCERNS. BUT WE HAVE TO DO IT THE RIGHT WAY. WE  
21 NEED TO HEAR FROM EXPERTS AND FROM A WIDE RANGE OF COMMUNITY  
22 STAKEHOLDERS. THAT IS WHAT I HEARD IN THE LAST TWO YEARS WHILE  
23 I WAS OUT CAMPAIGNING. THAT'S WHY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
24 I HAVE PROPOSED A WORKING GROUP TO SEEK INPUT FROM THOSE  
25 STAKEHOLDERS AND REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD IN 90 DAYS. I HAVE

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1 THE UTMOST SUPPORT FOR THOSE THAT WEAR OUR UNIFORMS. I DO. AND  
2 I UNDERSTAND THEIR ROLE. AND WE WANT TO WORK TOGETHER AS A  
3 TEAM. AND I LOOK FORWARD TO WORKING WITH THIS BOARD AND WITH  
4 THE NEW SHERIFF TO SEE HOW WE CAN MOVE AHEAD AND BRING AND  
5 RESTORE THAT TRUST BACK TO THE COUNTY WHERE WE KNOW IT TRULY  
6 BELONGS. THANK YOU. THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR.

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8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL? WE DON'T ALLOW  
9 APPLAUSE. IF YOU WANT TO SHOW YOUR SUPPORT, PLEASE WAVE YOUR  
10 HANDS, PLEASE. SUPERVISOR?

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12 **SUP. KUEHL:** THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR. I WANT TO ADD THAT I ALSO  
13 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. I BELIEVE THAT THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF  
14 DISCUSSION ABOUT THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT  
15 COMMISSION. BUT THE QUESTION OF EFFECTIVENESS, I THINK, CAN BE  
16 DIVIDED INTO A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT CATEGORIES. THE FIRST  
17 REALLY RELATES TO PUBLIC TRUST. THE PUBLIC REALLY DOESN'T FEEL  
18 THAT THEY KNOW OR KNEW IN TIME WHAT WAS GOING ON AND WOULD  
19 HAVE LIKED TO KNOW. WOULD THEY DO A LOT ABOUT IT? ONE DOESN'T  
20 KNOW. BUT I THINK IN AMERICA THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR US  
21 IS NOT JUST THE ABILITY TO SPEAK BUT THE ABILITY TO HEAR  
22 OTHERS SPEAK AND THEREFORE KNOW WHAT WHAT'S GOING ON. IT'S A  
23 PROTECTION I BELIEVE FOR OUR SWORN OFFICERS. I BELIEVE IT'S A  
24 PROTECTION FOR OUR INMATES. AND I BELIEVE IT'S A PROTECTION  
25 FOR ALL THE FAMILIES OF BOTH AND MEMBERS WHO JUST RESIDE IN

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1 OUR COUNTY. I DON'T THINK THAT IT'S DUPLICATIVE TO HAVE A  
2 CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IT CERTAINLY HAS SHOWN TO BE  
3 EFFECTIVE IN OTHER COUNTIES AND IN OUR MUNICIPALITIES SIMPLY  
4 IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS TO THOSE WHO DO HAVE POWER TO MAKE  
5 CHANGE, WHICH COULD BE THE FIVE PEOPLE SITTING ON THIS DAIS.  
6 THE FACT THAT WE HAVE THE ABILITY TO GAIN THE INFORMATION,  
7 THAT WE WILL HAVE THE ABILITY, FIRST OF ALL, TO HEAR A REPORT  
8 BACK ABOUT THE STRUCTURE, THE POWERS AND THE PROPOSED  
9 MEMBERSHIP, I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. AND I'M HAPPY TO  
10 SUPPORT THIS MOTION. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE]

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12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WELL, YOU KNOW I HAVE OPPOSED THE  
13 COMMISSION. I HAVE NO PROBLEMS IN SUPPORTING THE WORKING  
14 COMMITTEE TO MOVE FORWARD, BUT WE DID HAVE SOME. DARKEST DAYS  
15 WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT RECENT EXPERIENCE AS A RESULT OF  
16 CONDUCT DURING A TIME WHEN IT HAD THE MOST AMOUNT OF EXTERNAL  
17 OVERSIGHT. AFTER THE 1992 KOLT'S REPORT FOCUSED ON EXCESSIVE  
18 FORCE, COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND CITIZENS COMPLAINTS, THE BOARD  
19 HIRED MERRICK BOBB AS A SPECIAL COUNSEL, TO TRACK THESE ISSUES  
20 AND PRODUCE ANNUAL REPORTS. THE OFFICE OF OMBUDSMAN WAS ALSO  
21 CREATED BY THE BOARD TO VET AND HEAR CITIZENS AND INMATE  
22 COMPLAINTS. LATER THE A.C.L.U. WAS ENGAGED TO CONDUCT  
23 INDEPENDENT MONITORING OF THE JAILS. IN FACT MUCH OF WHAT THEY  
24 SUED FOR WAS ON THE VERY CONDUCT OF WHICH THEY WERE MONITORING  
25 FOR THE COUNTY. SUBSEQUENTLY TO THAT, WE CREATED THE OFFICE OF

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1 AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW, O.I.R. WHICH WAS COMPRISED OF A GROUP  
2 OF ATTORNEYS TO PROVIDE A SECOND SET OF EYES TO THE  
3 DEPARTMENT'S ETERNAL INVESTIGATIONS OF ALLEGED POTENTIAL  
4 MISCONDUCT. ALL THE MONITORING, REPORTING AND OVERSIGHT DID  
5 NOT PREVENT THE ISSUES THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS PRESENTLY  
6 CONFRONTING. EVEN IN CASES WHERE THESE WATCHDOG AGENCIES MADE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REFORM, THE DEPARTMENT DID NOT ALWAYS  
8 FOLLOW THROUGH ON THOSE RECOMMENDATIONS. THE CITIZENS  
9 COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE STATED THE FOLLOWING ON THE  
10 MATTER, I'LL QUOTE, "TO ENSURE THAT THERE IS AN EFFECTIVE  
11 MECHANISM FOR OVERSEEING THE DEPARTMENT, THE COMMISSION  
12 RECOMMENDS THE FORMATION OF A SINGLE WATCHDOG ENTITY THAT  
13 WOULD STREAMLINE AND STRENGTHEN CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. THIS  
14 CENTRALIZED BODY WOULD ASSUME AND CONSOLIDATE ALL OF THE  
15 EXISTING IMPORTANT OVERSIGHT FUNCTIONS OF SPECIAL COUNSEL,  
16 O.I.R. AND THE OMBUDSMAN OFFICE AND UTILIZE THEIR EXISTING  
17 EXPERTISE AND KNOWLEDGE OF THE DEPARTMENT. IT WOULD ALSO  
18 MONITOR CONDITIONS IN COUNTY JAILS, REVIEW USE OF FORCE  
19 INVESTIGATIONS AND THE DISCIPLINARY PROCESS, CONDUCT ITS OWN  
20 INVESTIGATIONS AND PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE CASES AND BOTH  
21 REVIEW AND CONDUCT AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS. IT WOULD ENSURE  
22 THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND THE PUBLIC ARE KEPT INFORMED  
23 OF CONDITIONS IN THE JAILS, THAT PROBLEMS ARE IDENTIFIED  
24 PROMPTLY AND VISIBLY. AND THAT NECESSARY REFORMS ARE  
25 IMPLEMENTED IN A TIMELY AND TRANSPARENT MANNER. FINALLY, THE

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1 SHERIFF SHOULD BE REQUIRED TO RESPOND PUBLICLY BOTH IN PERSON  
2 AND IN WRITING THROUGH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THIS REPORT, AS  
3 WELL AS THE FUTURE RECOMMENDATIONS PROPOUNDED BY THE NEW  
4 OVERSIGHT ENTITY AND SUBMIT REGULAR REPORTS TO THE BOARD OF  
5 SUPERVISORS ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF ALL OF THESE  
6 RECOMMENDATIONS.' THAT WAS FROM THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION  
7 REPORT. IN AUGUST, SEVEN MONTHS AFTER WE HIRED THE INSPECTOR  
8 GENERAL, WE APPROVED AN ORDINANCE SETTING FORTH HIS  
9 ORGANIZATION STRUCTURE AND AUTHORITY CONSISTENT WITH THE  
10 C.C.J.V.'S RECOMMENDATIONS TO HAVE A SINGLE ENTITY SERVE AS  
11 THAT OVERSIGHT. THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS HIRED BY THE BOARD,  
12 REPORTS TO THE BOARD AND IS ACCOUNTABLE TO THE BOARD. TO  
13 CREATE A SEPARATE BODY WOULD BE A STEP BACKWARDS AND  
14 INCONSISTENT WITH THE C.C.J.V.'S RECOMMENDATION. ANOTHER  
15 CONCERN OF MINE IS THAT A CIVILIAN COMMISSION WAS NOT  
16 RECOMMENDED BY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON JAIL VIOLENCE. OF  
17 THE 66 RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION, 4 OF  
18 THEM PERTAIN TO THE ISSUE OF OVERSIGHT. NONE OF THEM INCLUDED  
19 THE CREATION OF A CITIZEN'S ADVISORY COMMISSION. IN FACT, THE  
20 COMMISSION STATED THE FOLLOWING, QUOTING, "THE EXISTING  
21 OVERSIGHT ENTITY, SPECIAL COUNSEL, O.I.R. AND THE OMBUDSMAN  
22 SHOULD BE ABSORBED AND CONSOLIDATED INTO A SINGLE OFFICE OF  
23 INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH  
24 RESPONSIBILITY FOR PROVIDING INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF THE  
25 DEPARTMENT INCLUDING ITS JAIL OPERATIONS AND DISCIPLINE

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1 SYSTEM, CONDUCTING ITS OWN INVESTIGATIONS AND A LIMITED MATTER  
2 OF PARTICULARLY SENSITIVE CASES, MONITORING JAIL CONDITIONS  
3 AND INMATE GRIEVANCES AND REVIEWING THE DEPARTMENT'S INTERNAL  
4 AUDITS AND INSPECTIONS." THE REPORT ALSO SAID, TO QUOTE, "THE  
5 COMMISSION CONSIDERED WHETHER THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL  
6 SHOULD BE UNDER AN INDEPENDENT CIVILIAN COMMISSION, BUT  
7 CONCLUDED THAT THIS WAS NOT NECESSARY AS LONG AS THE BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS REMAIN ENGAGED IN OVERSIGHT OF THE JAILS. THE  
9 COMMISSION BELIEVES THAT A FULLY EMPOWERED INTEGRATED OFFICE  
10 OF INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING TO AN ENGAGED BOARD OF  
11 SUPERVISORS CAN PROVIDE THE NECESSARY INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF  
12 THE DEPARTMENT TO ASSURE THAT IT IMPLEMENTS MEANINGFUL AND  
13 LASTING REFORMS.' ANOTHER REASON WHY IT DID NOT MAKE SENSE IN  
14 L.A. COUNTY, WHICH WAS ALSO DETAILED IN THE JAIL COMMISSION'S  
15 REPORT IS THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE POLICE  
16 COMMISSION AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES VERSUS THE COMMISSION  
17 FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. RICHARD DROOYAN SAID IN YOUR  
18 PREVIOUS STATEMENT YOU ARTICULATED THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES  
19 BETWEEN THE COUNTIES AND CITY AND HOW THOSE DIFFERENCES IMPACT  
20 THE FUNCTIONS, EFFECTIVENESS OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
21 COMMISSION. SO COULD YOU DESCRIBE WHAT ARE THOSE DIFFERENCES?  
22 AND WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT THE IDEA OF AN INSPECTOR  
23 GENERAL REPORTING TO THE COMMISSION? AND WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS  
24 WOULD YOU HAVE ABOUT EVALUATING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE  
25 COMMISSION NOT ONLY RESTORING THE PUBLIC TRUST BUT BRINGING

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1 ABOUT THE TRANSPARENCY BUT ALSO HOW IT HOLDS THE INSPECTOR  
2 GENERAL ACCOUNTABLE?

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4 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH. AND  
5 THANK YOU FOR ASKING ME TO ADDRESS THE BOARD REGARDING THE  
6 CREATION OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION TO PROVIDE CIVILIAN  
7 OVERSIGHT OF THE OPERATIONS OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S  
8 DEPARTMENT. AS THE GENERAL COUNSEL OF THE CITIZEN'S COMMISSION  
9 ON JAIL VIOLENCE, THE IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR HIRED BY THE  
10 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO MONITOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
11 IMPLEMENTATION ON THE JAIL COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATION AND THE  
12 FORMER PRESIDENT OF THE LOS ANGELES POLICE COMMISSION, I AM A  
13 STRONG BELIEVER IN THE NEED FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT TO ENSURE  
14 THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TO THE  
15 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THEY SERVE AND PROTECT. GIVEN THE  
16 STRUCTURE OF THE GOVERNMENT IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY, I REMAIN OF  
17 THE VIEW THAT THE MOST EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT FOR THE  
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS THROUGH A FULLY-STAFFED AND FULLY-  
19 FUNDED INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT'S RECORDS AND PERSONNEL, MAKING REGULAR PUBLIC  
21 REPORTS, AT LEAST QUARTERLY, TO THIS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS.  
22 THIS IS THE MODEL THAT WAS ENVISIONED BY THE JAIL COMMISSION  
23 IN ITS SEPTEMBER 28, 2012 REPORT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
24 ON THE NATURE, DEPTH AND CAUSE OF THE PROBLEMS OF  
25 INAPPROPRIATE DEPUTY USE OF FORCE IN THE JAILS. ONLY THE BOARD

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1 OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE DIRECT OVERSIGHT RESPONSIBILITY UNDER  
2 THE GOVERNMENT CODE. AND ONLY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS THE  
3 BUDGET AUTHORITY OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT THROUGH WHICH  
4 IT CAN INFLUENCE THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS.  
5 SIGNIFICANT CHANGES IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS  
6 BEGAN WHEN THE IMMEDIATE PAST BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BECAME  
7 ENGAGED IN SEEKING REFORM OF THE DEPARTMENT IN OCTOBER 2011.  
8 AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS MADE PROGRESS IN IMPLEMENTING THE JAIL  
9 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS THROUGH REGULAR REPORTS TO THE  
10 BOARD BEGINNING IN JANUARY OF 2013. WITH THE ESTABLISHMENT OF  
11 THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND INSPECTOR GENERAL MAX  
12 HUNTSMAN IS TO MY RIGHT. THERE'S NOW AN ENTITY IN THE COUNTY  
13 THAT SHOULD HAVE THE RESOURCES AND STAFF TO MONITOR, OVERSEE  
14 AND PUBLICLY REPORT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS. AND  
15 IN MY JUDGMENT TO EFFECT SYSTEMIC CHANGES IN THOSE OPERATIONS  
16 AS NECESSARY. A NEWLY CREATED COUNTY CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
17 COMMISSION WITH NO AUTHORITY OF THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, WITH  
18 NO SUBPOENA POWER AND LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THE BROWN ACT  
19 WILL NOT BE ABLE TO CONDUCT ITS OWN INVESTIGATIONS. I'M  
20 CONCERNED THAT IT MAY NOT BE EFFECTIVE IN MONITORING THE  
21 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS AND THAT IT WILL CREATE EXPECTATIONS  
22 AMONG THE PUBLIC THAT CANNOT BE MET. FURTHER, IF THE INSPECTOR  
23 GENERAL ANSWERS TO THE COMMISSION AND MAKES REPORTS TO THE  
24 COMMISSION RATHER THAN THE BOARD, THE CREATION OF A COMMISSION  
25 WILL DILUTE THIS BOARD'S ABILITY TO INFLUENCE THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS, WHICH HAS THE LARGEST BUDGET IN THE  
2 COUNTY'S GENERAL FUND. THIS COULD ALSO EFFECTIVELY DELEGATE TO  
3 THE COMMISSION THIS BOARD'S OVERSIGHT OF THE OFFICE OF  
4 INSPECTOR GENERAL TO ENSURE THAT THE O.I.G. IS MEETING THE  
5 BOARD'S EXPECTATIONS AND THAT IT IS EFFECTIVELY MONITORING THE  
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S OPERATIONS. THE COUNTY STRUCTURE IS  
7 UNLIKE THE STRUCTURE OF THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES WHERE THE CITY  
8 CHARTER VESTS THE POLICE COMMISSION WITH THE AUTHORITY OVER  
9 ALL OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE LOS ANGELES POLICE DEPARTMENT  
10 EXCEPT FOR DISCIPLINE. AND THERE IS DIRECT ACCOUNTABILITY FROM  
11 THE DEPARTMENT TO THE COMMISSION AND TO THE MAYOR WHO APPOINTS  
12 THE CHIEF. THE CITY POLICE COMMISSION ALSO ANNUALLY REVIEWS  
13 THE POLICE CHIEF, HAS THE FINAL SAY SO OVER WHETHER POLICE  
14 SHOOTINGS AND OTHER CATEGORICAL USES OF FORCE ARE WITHIN  
15 POLICY AND HAS A FULLY STAFFED EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S OFFICE AND  
16 ITS OWN EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO HELP ENSURE THAT THE POLICE  
17 DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIVE TO AND FOLLOWS UP THE POLICE  
18 COMMISSION'S DIRECTIVES. THE POLICE COMMISSION ALSO MEETS  
19 ALMOST EVERY WEEK AND RECEIVES REPORTS THAT IT REQUIRES FROM  
20 THE POLICE DEPARTMENT REGARDING THE DEPARTMENT'S OPERATION. I  
21 RECOGNIZE THAT THIS BOARD'S MOTION WOULD ESTABLISH A WORKING  
22 GROUP TO MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING THE OVERSIGHT  
23 COMMISSION'S MISSION, AUTHORITY, SIZE, STRUCTURE, RELATIONSHIP  
24 TO THE SHERIFF AND TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND APPOINTMENT  
25 OPERATIONS. BUT ULTIMATELY WHATEVER THAT WORKING GROUP COMES

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1 UP WITH, A COUNTY CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WOULD NOT HAVE  
2 ANY AUTHORITY OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT OR THE SHERIFF,  
3 WHO IS AN INDEPENDENTLY ELECTED OFFICIAL UNDER THE CALIFORNIA  
4 CONSTITUTION. THE SHERIFF WOULD HAVE NO OBLIGATION TO PROVIDE  
5 A CIVILIAN COMMISSION WITH ITS INVESTIGATION OF SHOOTINGS AND  
6 OTHER CATEGORICAL USES OF FORCE. AND THIS IS A MAJOR CONCERN:  
7 COULD BE MORE RELUCTANT TO SHARE INVESTIGATIVE AND  
8 DISCIPLINARY RECORDS PROTECTED UNDER THE PEACE OFFICER'S BILL  
9 OF RIGHTS WITH A MULTIMEMBER PART-TIME CIVILIAN COMMISSION  
10 THAN IT WOULD BE TO SHARE SUCH RECORDS WITH AN INSPECTOR  
11 GENERAL WHO IS A FULL-TIME COUNTY EMPLOYEE. AND LET ME SAY  
12 WITHOUT ACCESS TO RECORDS AND PARTICULARLY INVESTIGATIVE AND  
13 DISCIPLINARY RECORDS, IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT KIND OF CIVILIAN  
14 OVERSIGHT MODEL THIS COUNTY HAS; IT'S NOT GOING TO BE  
15 EFFECTIVE, WHETHER IT'S THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OR  
16 WHETHER IT'S AN INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THAT  
17 BOARD. THAT ACCESS AND YOU'LL HEAR FROM MR. HUNTSMAN IS  
18 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL. AT A MINIMUM, I BELIEVE THAT THIS BOARD  
19 SHOULD WAIT BEFORE ESTABLISHING A CIVILIAN COMMISSION UNTIL  
20 AFTER IT HAS HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO ASSESS THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
21 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE AND AFTER IT HAS RECEIVED  
22 SEVERAL PUBLIC REPORTS DIRECTLY FROM THAT OFFICE AND RESPONSES  
23 DIRECTLY FROM THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS BOARD THEN CAN  
24 CREATE A COMMISSION IN THE FUTURE IF IT CONCLUDES THAT AN  
25 ADDITIONAL LAYER OF OVERSIGHT IS NECESSARY. BUT IT WILL BE OF

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1 MORE DIFFICULT TO ELIMINATE OR DROP A COMMISSION IF IT  
2 CONCLUDES THAT THE COMMISSION IS INEFFECTIVE OR NOT NECESSARY.  
3 I RECOMMEND THAT THE BOARD RATHER THAN APPROVING THE CREATION  
4 OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AT THIS TIME JUST ESTABLISH  
5 THE WORKING GROUP TO REPORT BACK ON THE FEASIBILITY OF  
6 CREATING AN EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN COMMISSION AND HOW IT WOULD  
7 OPERATE. AND LET ME ALSO ANSWER A COUPLE OF THE ADDITIONAL  
8 QUESTIONS THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH POSED. AND THAT IS MY  
9 RECOMMENDATIONS ABOUT HOW THIS BOARD CAN EVALUATE THE  
10 EFFECTIVENESS OF A COMMISSION IF IT'S CREATED, NOT ONLY IN  
11 RESTORING PUBLIC TRUST BUT ALSO IN BRINGING ABOUT TRANSPARENCY  
12 AND HOW IT WOULD HOLD THE INSPECTOR GENERAL ACCOUNT ABLE WITH  
13 THE ADDITIONAL LAYER OF A COMMISSION. I THINK THE BOARD WOULD  
14 NEED TO LOOK AND ASSESS WHAT KIND OF SYSTEMIC ISSUES HAS THE  
15 CIVILIAN COMMISSION IDENTIFIED AND EVALUATED IN AREAS SUCH AS  
16 MANAGEMENT, TRAINING, SUPERVISION, AUDITING, INVESTIGATIONS  
17 AND DISCIPLINE. THE BOARD WOULD NEED TO LOOK AT HOW THE  
18 COMMISSION HAS EVALUATED THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT  
19 TO USE OF FORCE, TYPES OF INCIDENTS, TRENDS, REPORTING.  
20 DEALING WITH MENTALLY ILL INMATES, SUICIDES, MENTAL TREATMENT,  
21 USE OF FORCE AND HOW THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, OR HOW THE  
22 COMMISSION EVALUATES THE SHERIFF DEPARTMENT'S HANDLING OF  
23 DISHONESTY AND FALSE STATEMENTS. ANOTHER THING THAT THIS BOARD  
24 SHOULD DO WOULD BE TO LOOK AT WHAT HAS THE COMMISSION DONE TO  
25 ENSURE THAT THE DEPARTMENT HAS CONTINUED TO ADHERE TO THE JAIL

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1 COMMISSION'S RECOMMENDATIONS? AND THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
2 IMPLEMENTED ANY ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS THAT MAY BE  
3 REQUIRED AS PART OF THE SETTLEMENT OF THE ROW HOUSE LITIGATION  
4 AND ANY AGREEMENT WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OVER THE  
5 TREATMENT OF INMATES WITH MENTAL ILLNESSES. ANOTHER AREA THAT  
6 THE BOARD SHOULD LOOK AT. WHAT HAS THE COMMISSION DONE TO  
7 EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS AND THOROUGHNESS OF THE INSPECTOR  
8 GENERAL'S MONITORING OF THE DEPARTMENT AND THE IMPLEMENTATION  
9 OF REFORMS AND ADHERES TO THESE VARIOUS REFORMS? DOES THE  
10 CIVILIAN COMMISSION THAT WOULD BE PROPOSED REGULARLY RECEIVE  
11 FROM THE REPORTS FROM THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? DOES IT  
12 CRITICALLY EVALUATE THOSE REPORTS? DOES IT REQUIRE THE  
13 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE TO PROVIDE FOLLOW-UP REPORTS? I  
14 WOULD ASSESS THE COMMISSION IN TERMS OF WHAT RECOMMENDATIONS  
15 HAS THE COMMISSION MADE FOR ADDITIONAL REFORMS AND  
16 IMPROVEMENTS? AND FINALLY IF I WERE ON THE BOARD, I WOULD LOOK  
17 AT WHAT KIND OF RELATIONSHIP DOES THE COMMISSION HAVE WITH THE  
18 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT? IS IT SUFFICIENTLY INDEPENDENT AND  
19 EFFECTIVE? AND DOES IT HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE OR ADVERSARIAL  
20 RELATIONSHIP? IF IS IT IS CREATED, THAT WOULD BE WHAT I WOULD  
21 LOOK AT AS A BOARD TO TRY TO EVALUATE THE EFFECTIVENESS OF  
22 THAT COMMISSION. THANK YOU. AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY  
23 QUESTIONS THAT ANYBODY MIGHT HAVE.  
24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ASK MR. HUNTSMAN. INITIALLY  
2 IT'S BEEN DISCUSSED THE IMPORTANCE OF THE I.G.'S OFFICE HAVING  
3 ACCESS TO INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE BUT ALSO AS TRANSPARENT AS  
4 POSSIBLE. THE QUESTION IS: IS THIS ISSUE OF ACCESS NOW WORKING  
5 FOR YOU? WHAT ARE YOUR THOUGHTS ON REPORTING DIRECTLY TO THE  
6 BOARD VERSUS REPORTING TO A CIVILIAN COMMISSION?

7

8 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** THANK YOU, SIR. THE ISSUE OF ACCESS I THINK IS  
9 ABSOLUTELY CRITICAL AS MR. DROOYAN SAID. IT IS ONE OF THE  
10 FUNDAMENTAL BUILDING BLOCKS UPON WHICH CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT HAS  
11 TO BE BUILT. THIS BOARD FULLY UNDERSTANDS THE IMPORTANCE OF  
12 OPEN POLICING, WHICH HAS BECOME A BEST PRACTICE AROUND THE  
13 COUNTRY. IT INCLUDES COMMUNITY-BASED POLICING, IT INCLUDES  
14 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BUT MOST IMPORTANTLY IT INCLUDES A  
15 WILLINGNESS OF THE DEPARTMENT ITSELF TO SHARE INFORMATION AND  
16 TO THEN RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC REGARDING THAT. A FUNDAMENTAL  
17 PLATFORM OF OUR NEW SHERIFF WAS THIS IDEA OF TRANSPARENCY AND  
18 ACCOUNTABILITY. THE FIRST STEP IS TRANSPARENCY. AND THE  
19 DEPARTMENT DOES NOT CURRENTLY POST STATISTICS REGARDING USE OF  
20 FORCE, COMPLAINTS OR SHOOTINGS. IT SHOULD. WE WORKED ON A  
21 REPORT THAT WE SUBMITTED TO THE DEPARTMENT TO LOOK AT THAT WE  
22 WILL ISSUE SOON RECOMMENDING THAT. BUT EVEN JUST THE PROVIDING  
23 OF STATISTICS DOESN'T GIVE YOU TRANSPARENCY. I USED TO BE AN  
24 ATTACK DOG. I WAS A PROSECUTOR. NOW I'VE BEEN ASKED TO BE A  
25 WATCHDOG. IF YOU BUY A WATCHDOG, YOU HAVE A WATCHDOG IN YOUR

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1 FAMILY, THEY ARE ONLY WORTH IT IF THEY COME INTO YOUR HOUSE.  
2 KEEP THEM IN THE BACKYARD AND THE BURGLARS CAN COME IN THE  
3 FRONT DOOR. A WATCHDOG CAN'T WATCH WHAT THEY CAN'T ENTER AND  
4 BE PART OF. SO TRANSPARENCY MEANS COMPLETE ACCESS TO THE  
5 OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR GENERAL. AS MR. DROOYAN TOLD YOU,  
6 THERE ARE SOME LEGAL IMPEDIMENTS TO WHAT YOU ARE TRYING TO DO  
7 AND WHAT THE SHERIFF WANTS TO DO. IN ORDER TO OVERCOME THOSE,  
8 WE HAVE TO USE THE TOOLS AT OUR DISPOSAL. ONE OF THOSE IS  
9 COMPLETE ACCESS. WE WORKED WITH THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND  
10 COUNTY COUNSEL TO DRAFT AN ORDINANCE THAT I BELIEVE WAS  
11 LAWFUL. IT WAS PUT INTO PLACE IN AUGUST. IT HAS NOT BEEN  
12 IMPLEMENTED BY THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE DO NOT HAVE THE  
13 ACCESS PROVIDED FOR THE ORDINANCE. UNDER THE SUPREME COURT  
14 CASES ON THIS SUBJECT I THINK IT IS LAWFUL. I THINK IT  
15 APPROPRIATELY PROTECTS THE CONFIDENTIALITY REQUIRED BY THE  
16 PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS. BUT THAT WILL ULTIMATELY HAVE TO  
17 BE TESTED IF SOMEBODY CHALLENGES IT IN COURT. BUT IT HAS NOT  
18 BEEN IMPLEMENTED AND I THINK THAT'S A CRITICAL PART OF THIS. I  
19 DO NOT TELL THIS BOARD NOT TO MOVE FORWARD. THAT'S PERFECTLY  
20 APPROPRIATE. BUT STEP ONE OF THAT WORKING GROUP HAS TO BE: ARE  
21 WE MOVING FORWARD WITH ACCESS FOR THE OFFICE OF THE INSPECTOR  
22 GENERAL SO THAT YOU CAN HAVE A WATCHDOG ON THE INSIDE WHO CAN  
23 LOOK AT THINGS EVEN IF NOT EVERYTHING THEY LEARN CAN'T BE  
24 REPORTED OUT BECAUSE THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF RIGHTS PUTS  
25 STRICT RESTRICTIONS ON THAT. SECOND PART IS ACCOUNTABILITY.

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1 NOW, THAT REQUIRES A COUPLE OF THINGS. SURE, IT REQUIRES THE  
2 PUBLIC WEIGHING IN EITHER THROUGH THIS BOARD, THROUGH THE  
3 PUBLIC DIRECTLY AS WE HAVE PEOPLE HERE SPEAKING AND WE'VE HAD  
4 PROTESTS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY REGARDING RECENT EVENTS AND  
5 HAVE A LONG HISTORY OF. AND IT CAN ALSO MEAN A COMMISSION THAT  
6 WEIGHS IN. BUT IN ORDER, AGAIN, FOR THAT COMMISSION TO BE  
7 EFFECTIVE, MR. DROOYAN HAS TOLD YOU SOME SEVERE LEGAL  
8 RESTRICTIONS YOU HAVE BEFORE YOU. BUT I'LL TELL YOU WHAT IS  
9 REALLY NEEDED IS THEY NEED THAT TRANSPARENCY, THEY NEED THAT  
10 GOOD INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THEM IN SOME LEGAL WAY, AND I  
11 THINK WE HAVE A PATH FORWARD FOR THAT. IF THE SHERIFF'S  
12 DEPARTMENT IMPLEMENTS IT. AND THEN ACCOUNTABILITY MEANS  
13 THEY'VE GOT TO REPORT IT BACK. THEY'VE GOT TO SAY SOMETHING TO  
14 THE SHERIFF. BUT YOU HAVE TO SAY SOMETHING OR THE PUBLIC HAS  
15 TO SAY SOMETHING. AND THE SHERIFF HAS TO LISTEN AND ACT ON IT.  
16 AND SHERIFF MCDONNELL HAS SAID HE WANTS TO DO THAT. HE SAID  
17 GIVE ME A COMMISSION AND I'LL LISTEN. I'LL COME. LEGALLY HE  
18 DOESN'T HAVE. AS MR. DROOYAN TOLD YOU. BUT IF HE COMES AND  
19 SITS AT THE TABLE, IF THAT COMMISSION ISSUES RECOMMENDATIONS  
20 AND HE IMPLEMENTS THEM AND THIS BOARD RECEIVES THEM AND THIS  
21 BOARD RESPECTFULLY IMPLEMENTS THEM WHEN POSSIBLE, THEN YOU'RE  
22 GOING TO HAVE ACCOUNTABILITY. IT BEGINS WITH ACCESS. IT  
23 REQUIRES INTERACTION OF THE SHERIFF. AND THAT'S WHY I THINK IT  
24 IS SO CRITICAL THAT OUR ELECTED SHERIFF STATES HIS FULL  
25 SUPPORT FOR THIS CONCEPT BECAUSE HE CAN PROVIDE THE

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1 INTERACTION THAT I THINK IS CRITICAL IN ANY KIND OF CIVILIAN  
2 OVERSIGHT. THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, THERE ARE LOTS OF  
3 COMMISSIONS THAT HAVE LEGAL AUTHORITY AND THOSE THAT DON'T  
4 HAVE MUCH LEGAL AUTHORITY. AND THAT DOESN'T REALLY CONTROL HOW  
5 EFFECTIVE THEY ARE. IT'S WHETHER OR NOT WHAT THEY HAVE TO SAY  
6 IS WELCOMED BY THE DEPARTMENT, WHETHER OR NOT THE DEPARTMENT  
7 INTERACTS WITH THEM, AND WHETHER OR NOT THEY SPEAK IN A  
8 LANGUAGE THE DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS. SO IF WE CAN CREATE THAT  
9 FRAMEWORK GOING FORWARD, THEN I THINK WE CAN HAVE SUCCESS. IF  
10 WE DO NOT, IF WE DO NOT HAVE COMPLETE ACCESS FOR THE OFFICE OF  
11 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, AS THIS BOARD HAS PROVIDED FOR IN  
12 ORDINANCE, AS I BELIEVE SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED IMMEDIATELY,  
13 THEN I DON'T THINK THIS WILL SUCCEED. ALSO, IF THE SHERIFF  
14 DISENGAGES, THEN THIS WON'T SUCCEED. AND IF THE SHERIFF'S  
15 DEPARTMENT DISENGAGES. OUR NEW SHERIFF HAS A PLAN. HE'S GOT  
16 UNIVERSAL RESPECT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT. HE'S GOT A MANDATE FROM  
17 THE PUBLIC. AND I HOPE HE CAN BE EFFECTIVE. BUT THERE ARE  
18 ALWAYS GOING TO BE THOSE FOLKS WHO ARE RESISTANT TO CHANGE AND  
19 WHO HAVE OTHER AGENDAS. I HOPE THEY'RE A MINORITY AND THEY  
20 DON'T HOLD SWAY. BUT THIS BOARD NEEDS TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS AS  
21 YOU HEARD THE WARNING THERE THAT WE CAN'T ALLOW A COMMISSION  
22 TO TAKE THE BOARD'S FOCUS AWAY. IT COULD BE A WONDERFUL  
23 ADDITION. THE QUESTION OF WHO SHOULD I REPORT TO? I THINK  
24 THAT'S ULTIMATELY A WORKING GROUP KIND OF WORK OUT THE  
25 DETAILS. IT DEPENDS ON WHAT THE COMMISSION LOOKS LIKE. IT

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1 DEPENDS ON THE OTHER STRUCTURES THAT WE CREATE. I LIKE TO  
2 THINK OF THE MODEL OF OUR AMERICAN GOVERNMENT, THE TRIPARTITE  
3 SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. WE HAVE A LEGISLATIVE, AN EXECUTIVE AND  
4 JUDICIAL BRANCH. AND I'D LIKE TO SEE THIS BOARD THAT HAS THE  
5 POWER TO MAKE THE LAW THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE, THE LEGISLATIVE  
6 BRANCH, I'D LIKE THE O.I.G. TO BE THE EXECUTIVE. WE GO IN  
7 THERE AND DO THE DIGGING, GENERATE REPORTS AND TAKE THEM TO  
8 THE JUDICIAL BRANCH, THE COMMISSION, WHICH THEN ISSUES AN  
9 ADVISORY OPINION OR RECOMMENDATION IN THE WAY A JUDGE WOULD.  
10 COMES BACK TO THIS BOARD AND TO THE SHERIFF. AND THEN THIS  
11 BOARD AND THE SHERIFF WHO HAS THE REAL AUTHORITY HERE EITHER  
12 ACCEPT IT OR THEY DON'T. AND THAT'S WHEN WE'LL FIND OUT THOSE  
13 METRICS THAT MR. DROOYAN'S TALKING ABOUT, WHETHER OR NOT THEY  
14 WORK. IF THE BOARD AND THE SHERIFF RESPOND, IF I CAN GET YOU  
15 GOOD INFORMATION, I CAN GET IT TO THE COMMISSION AND THEY CAN  
16 ANALYZE IT AND GIVE YOU INTELLIGENT RESPONSE REGARDING ON THAT  
17 WITH WHAT THE PEOPLE HAVE TO SAY? AND THIS BOARD AND THE  
18 SHERIFF CAN MAKE IT HAPPEN, THEN WE'LL HAVE SUCCESS. SO DOES  
19 THAT MEAN I REPORT TO ONE OR THE OTHER? I DON'T KNOW. I COULD  
20 TAKE IT DIFFERENT WAYS. PERSONALLY? AS YOU KNOW I CAME FROM  
21 THE D.A.'S OFFICE AND I CAN GO BACK THERE. SO IF YOU WANT ME  
22 TO REPORT TO THE COMMISSION AND THEY CAN DECIDE TO FIRE ME.  
23 THAT'S OKAY, NO PROBLEM. THEY CAN FIRE ME ANY TUESDAY OR  
24 WHENEVER THEY MEET. I HAVE A JOB TO GO BACK TO. THE NEXT  
25 INSPECTOR GENERAL IF YOU'RE RECRUITING ONE MIGHT WANT A

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1 DIFFERENT KIND OF SECURITY. SO YOU MIGHT WANT TO COME UP WITH  
2 A DIFFERENT PLAN FOR THEM. BUT FOR ME, I CAN REPORT TO THE  
3 BOARD OR TO THE COMMISSION. AND I CAN MAKE EITHER ONE WORK, I  
4 THINK.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ASK THE SHERIFF,  
7 NEAL TYLER SHERIFF MCDONNELL'S LETTER THAT HE SENT TO THE  
8 BOARD PROPOSES THE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORT TO THE COMMISSION  
9 WHOSE WORK SHOULD BE GUIDED BY THE COMMISSION. AS YOU KNOW THE  
10 INSPECTOR GENERAL WAS HIRED BY THE BOARD AND CURRENTLY REPORTS  
11 TO THE BOARD. YOU'D THINK THE INSPECTOR GENERAL WITH A BUDGET  
12 OVER \$7 MILLION AND A FULL-TIME STAFF OF NEARLY FOUR TIMES THE  
13 SIZE OF THE OFFICE OF INDEPENDENT REVIEW CAN BE HELD  
14 SUFFICIENTLY ACCOUNTABLE BY A COMMISSION?

15

16 **NEAL TYLER:** OKAY. MY NAME IS NEAL TYLER AND I'M THE INTERIM  
17 UNDERSHERIFF RIGHT NOW. STILL WORKING WITH JIM MCDONNELL I  
18 REPRESENT HIM TODAY. I HAVE TALKED TO HIM ABOUT THIS  
19 APPEARANCE. AND OF COURSE IN THE EIGHT DAYS I WORKED WITH HIM  
20 ABOUT THIS ISSUE CONCERNING THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, I HAD A  
21 HAND IN THE PRODUCTION OF THIS LETTER. I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE HE  
22 STANDS ON THESE PARTICULAR ASPECTS AS OUTLINED IN THE LETTER  
23 THAT YOU HAVE. AND I'LL SAY, FIRST OF ALL, PRELIMINARILY, THAT  
24 HE'S VERY INTERESTED IN WHAT THE WORKING GROUP COMES UP WITH.  
25 HE KNOWS IT WON'T BE APPROPRIATE OR POSSIBLE TO DECIDE EVERY

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1 NUANCE OF THE DETAILS OF THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AT  
2 THIS HEARING TODAY. SO HE'S IN A WAY HEDGING THE DEPARTMENT'S  
3 BETS BY SAYING OKAY, THIS IS A GOOD IDEA. THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT  
4 THE LETTER SAYS. HE SUPPORTS THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
5 BUT HE'D LIKE TO SEE WHAT THE WORKING GROUP CAN COME UP TO IN  
6 TERMS OF THE ANSWERS TO SOME OF THE THORNY DETAILS WE'RE  
7 DISCUSSING. TO BE MORE RESPONSIVE, SIR, TO YOUR QUESTION ABOUT  
8 THE OVERSIGHT, AS IT STANDS NOW, HIS IMPRESSION IS AND HIS  
9 HOPES ARE THAT THE COMMISSION, AS HE SEES IT, WHICH WOULD BE  
10 EIGHT OR NINE PEOPLE OF HIGH COMMUNITY STANDING WHO ARE PUBLIC  
11 SPIRITED, COMMITTED TO PUBLIC WELFARE AS HE VIEWED THE  
12 C.C.J.V., WHICH HE WAS A MEMBER OF, AN ADVISORY COMMISSION OF  
13 VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN PUBLIC WELFARE, IF IT'S PICKED RIGHT  
14 AND THAT PEOPLE ARE OF THAT ORDER OF STATESMANSHIP, HE  
15 BELIEVES THEY CAN OVERSEE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS A  
16 PRELIMINARY STANCE. HIS INFORMATION OR HIS SENSE ABOUT THAT IS  
17 BORNE OUT OF HIS EXPERIENCE WITH THE C.C.J.V. AND WITH THE  
18 L.A.P.D. POLICE COMMISSION AND THE FACT THAT L.A.P.D. HAD AN  
19 INSPECTOR GENERAL. HE KNOWS THAT MODEL DOESN'T WORK FOR THE  
20 COUNTY. BUT HIS EXPERIENCE GIVES HIM A LOT OF CONFIDENCE IN  
21 HIS ABILITY TO RELATE TO A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION  
22 PRODUCTIVELY. I BELIEVE HIS SENSE ABOUT HOW THAT COMMISSION  
23 WOULD BE STAFFED GIVES HIM THE CONFIDENCE TO FEEL THAT THE  
24 COMMISSION COULD OVERLAY A FILTER OR AN ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK  
25 LEVEL OVER THE I.G., WHO IS OBVIOUSLY IN PLACE TO LAYER AN

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1 ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK OR FILTER OVER THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT.  
2 HE SEES THE SUCCESSIVE LAYERING OF FILTERS AS HE CALLS THEM,  
3 OR ACCOUNTABILITY CHECK LEVELS, COMPRISED OF EVERYTHING FROM  
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SUPERVISION TO OUR OWN INTERNAL  
5 MECHANISMS SUCH AS INTERNAL AFFAIRS AND INTERNAL CRIMINAL  
6 INVESTIGATIONS BUREAU AND THE NEW INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT THAT WAS  
7 RECOMMENDED AND ALREADY IN PLACE AT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,  
8 THE INTERNAL AUDIT UNIT CALLED IMPACT. AND ABOVE THAT IS  
9 HIMSELF, THE SHERIFF. AND THEN ABOVE HIM HE SEES THE INSPECTOR  
10 GENERAL'S OFFICE. AND THEN AS A FINAL FILTER, THIS PUBLIC  
11 SPIRITED GROUP OF PEOPLE CALLED THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
12 COMMISSION. SO LONG ANSWER/SHORT ANSWER, HIS IMPRESSION IS YES  
13 THAT COULD BE DONE THAT WAY.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WHAT IS THE SHERIFF'S VISION IN REGARD  
16 TO TRANSPARENCY OF THE SHARING OF INFORMATION WHERE THE LAW IS  
17 UNCLEAR? HAS HE MADE ANY CHANGES TO INFORMATION SHARING  
18 BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND THE INSPECTOR GENERAL? AND IF HE  
19 HAS, HOW HAS HE DONE IT?

20

21 **NEAL TYLER:** WELL THE FIRST THING, AMONG THE FIRST THINGS HE'S  
22 DONE IN HIS EIGHT DAYS IN OFFICE IS BEGIN REVIEWING THE COUNTY  
23 COUNSEL'S 31-PAGE OPINION LETTER THAT SHERIFF SCOTT HAD ASKED  
24 FOR LAST AUGUST CONCERNING THE ACCESS ISSUES, WHICH ARE REALLY  
25 THE THORNIEST ISSUES REMAINING. WE'VE ALREADY DEVELOPED IN THE

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1 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT SINCE MARCH A RELATIONSHIP WITH MAX  
2 HUNTSMAN AND HIS STAFF OF INSPECTOR GENERAL PERSONNEL. AND AS  
3 FAR AS I KNOW, THAT RELATIONSHIP IS EXCELLENT ON THE PART OF  
4 OUR PEOPLE, THEIR IMPRESSION. AND I BELIEVE IT IS IN MAX'S  
5 IMPRESSION TOO.

6

7 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** YES.

8

9 **NEAL TYLER:** AND ABOUT ACCESS AND MAYBE EVEN ABOUT THE  
10 WATCHDOG, THAT'S A GOOD ANALOGY I GUESS, YOU BRING THE  
11 WATCHDOG INTO YOUR HOUSE, CERTAINLY AND WE FEEL THAT MAX IS IN  
12 OUR OFFICE, ALTHOUGH HE HAS NO OFFICE THERE, OF COURSE. BUT  
13 THERE ARE ASPECTS OF CALIFORNIA LAW THAT BOTH SHERIFF SCOTT  
14 AND NOW JIM MCDONNELL WILL BE GETTING CONFLICTING INFORMATION  
15 ABOUT WHICH THE COUNTY COUNSEL DID AN EXCELLENT JOB TO TRYING  
16 TO SORT OUT FOR US. BUT IN THAT OPINION LETTER OF 31 PAGES,  
17 THERE ARE BOTH REASSURANCES ABOUT ACCESS AND ALSO SOME  
18 CAUTIONARY STATEMENTS ABOUT WHERE ACCESS COULD BITE THE COUNTY  
19 BACK BUY DIVULGING CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION THAT'S NOT LEGAL  
20 TO DIVULGE OR IN SOME CASES PERHAPS NOT ADVISABLE TO DIVULGE  
21 BECAUSE OF CIVIL LAWSUIT POTENTIAL. I'M NOT GOING TO GET INTO  
22 A BIG LEGALISTIC PIECE OF BUSINESS RIGHT NOW, BUT THAT'S WHAT  
23 JIM MCDONNELL IS DOING. THAT'S WHAT HE'S DOING TODAY, IN FACT,  
24 AT THE CALIFORNIA STATE SHERIFF'S ASSOCIATION MEETING THAT HE  
25 HAD TO BE AT, THAT WAS SCHEDULED BEFORE HE KNEW THIS WOULD

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1 OCCUR, WHICH IS WHY I'M HERE IN HIS PLACE, IS ASSESSING THE  
2 COUNTY COUNSEL'S OPINION LETTER TO FIGURE OUT HOW WE CAN  
3 MAXIMIZE ACCESS. I KNOW THAT THE SLANT HE'S COMING AT IT FROM.  
4 BUT AS HE SAID BOTH BEFORE AND AFTER HIS ELECTION, HE WANTS TO  
5 DO IT IN A RESPONSIBLE LEGAL WAY. SOME OF THE LEGAL ASPECTS  
6 ARE STILL INTRICATE FOR A BRAND NEW SHERIFF OF EIGHT DAYS TO  
7 KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HE WANTS TO DO. SO HE'S GOING MAXIMIZE  
8 TRANSPARENCY AND HE'S GOING TO DOUBLE MAXIMIZE COOPERATION, I  
9 GUARANTEE YOU THAT. HE IS A LISTENER. HE IS AN OPEN-MINDED  
10 GUY. HE HAS A LOT OF HIS OWN IDEAS. BUT HE'LL BE ABSOLUTELY  
11 VITALLY INTERESTED IN WHAT THE WORKING GROUP COMES UP WITH.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AS I STATED, I HAVE NO OPPOSITION TO  
14 HAVING A WORKING COMMITTEE BOARD ON THAT. I HAVE A CONCERN  
15 AGAINST THE COMMISSION. BUT HAVING THE COMMISSION WHEN IT'S  
16 APPROPRIATE AFTER PUBLIC TESTIMONY, THAT WOULD SEPARATE AND  
17 DIVIDE THAT PART OF THE QUESTION. BUT SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** WELL, I LISTENED CAREFULLY TO THE TESTIMONY, AND  
20 IT SEEMED TO ME THAT THERE WERE SEVERAL ASPECTS TO IT THAT  
21 WERE -- I'M NOT SURE WHAT CONCLUSION YOU HOPED THAT I WOULD  
22 MAKE FROM IT. IT SEEMED AS THOUGH THERE WAS TESTIMONY ABOUT  
23 THE LIMITATIONS THAT ANY OF US ALL THE WAY THROUGH THE BOARD  
24 OF SUPERVISORS MIGHT HAVE ON ORDERING THE SHERIFF TO EITHER  
25 REVEAL INFORMATION OR TAKE ACTION. AND THERE SEEMED TO BE SOME

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1 TESTIMONY THAT WE PROBABLY COULD NOT DELEGATE ANY MORE POWER  
2 TO A COMMISSION THAN WE'VE DELEGATED TO THE INSPECTOR GENERAL.  
3 OKAY. BUT THAT DOES NOT ARGUE AGAINST THE NEED FOR A  
4 COMMISSION OR THE UTILITARIAN NATURE OF IT. TO SAY THAT THE  
5 INSPECTOR GENERAL COULD HAVE OR EARLIER MANIFESTATIONS OF  
6 INVESTIGATIVE COMMITTEES COULD HAVE HAD THERE ONLY BEEN MORE  
7 ATTENTION PAID HERE OR FOR COMMUNICATION ALSO DOESN'T ARGUE IN  
8 MY OPINION AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CITIZEN'S OVERSIGHT  
9 COMMISSION. THE IDEA, I THINK, ACROSS THE COUNTRY IN INVOLVING  
10 CITIZENS IN AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IS NOT SAYING THAT THE  
11 INSPECTOR GENERAL'S NOT DOING A GOOD JOB. BUT I THINK THERE IS  
12 MORE PRESSURE POTENTIALLY PLACED BY A CITIZEN'S COMMISSION ON  
13 US AND EVEN ON THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT PARTLY BECAUSE OF THE  
14 FOURTH ESTATE BUT SIMPLY BECAUSE THERE'S SIMPLY MORE ENERGETIC  
15 INDIVIDUALS ENGAGED. WHAT YOU SAID IS THERE COULD HAVE BEEN A  
16 LOT MORE THAT COULD HAVE HAPPENED. AND IT'S NOT CLEAR IF THE  
17 COMMISSION CAN DO MORE. BUT I THINK WITH THE COMMISSION THERE,  
18 THERE WILL BE MORE ATTENTION, AND MORE ATTENTION PAID BY US,  
19 WHICH IS WHY I SUPPORT IT. I DON'T THINK IT'S A CRITIQUE. I  
20 THINK THAT SAYING WE COULD HAVE DONE MORE AND IF YOU GIVE US  
21 THE OPPORTUNITY WE COULD STILL DO MORE WITHOUT THE COMMISSION,  
22 IS NOT A SUFFICIENT ARGUMENT AGAINST IT. THE OTHER THING THAT  
23 I BELIEVE YOU MENTIONED IS THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE SHERIFF  
24 MAY NOT WANT TO SHARE SENSITIVE INFORMATION BECAUSE THERE ARE  
25 A NUMBER OF PEOPLE INVOLVED, AND NOT JUST YOURSELF, MR.

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1 HUNTSMAN, BUT I BELIEVE THAT IT'S THE CASE WHERE YOU HAVE A  
2 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION IN POLICE DEPARTMENTS. THEY DO  
3 RECEIVE SENSITIVE INFORMATION. THERE'S MORE THAN ONE PERSON  
4 THAT GETS THEM. THEY UNDERSTAND THE ETHICS OF THEIR  
5 RESPONSIBILITY. AND I THINK THE SAME COULD BE TRUE OF THIS  
6 COMMISSION. SO I'M NOT CERTAIN THAT ANY ARGUMENT HAS REALLY  
7 BEEN MADE AGAINST THE ESTABLISHMENT.

8

9 **MAX HUNTSMAN:** CERTAINLY NOT BY ME, SUPERVISOR. I AGREE WITH  
10 EVERYTHING YOU ARE SAYING. I THINK MR. DROOYAN HAS A SLIGHTLY  
11 DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE, BUT I THINK IT'S BASED ON AN EVALUATION  
12 OF THE ODDS OF THAT PRESSURE BEING LESSENERED OR DILUTED. I'LL  
13 LET HIM DIRECTLY ADDRESS THAT. BUT I AGREE WITH YOU. AND I  
14 AGREE THE PRESSURE IS WHAT'S CRITICAL. ON THE LEGAL ISSUE,  
15 THAT'S CORRECT. THERE ARE CERTAIN KINDS OF INFORMATION THAT  
16 MIGHT BE SAFER INSIDE AN INSPECTOR GENERAL'S OFFICE THAN  
17 DISSEMINATED ELSEWHERE. AND THEREFORE, PRACTICALLY SPEAKING,  
18 YOU MIGHT FIND THAT THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS THAT  
19 CONFIDENTIALITY ISSUE. BUT LEGALLY I AGREE WITH YOU, THE  
20 SUPREME COURT HAS TWICE SPOKEN ON RELATED ISSUES. THE FIRST  
21 ONE WAS TO SAY THAT THE SUPERVISORS DEFINITELY HAVE THE  
22 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SUPERVISOR DEPUTY SHERIFFS,  
23 NOT JUST INTO FINANCIAL MATTERS BUT INTO THE EXERCISE OF THEIR  
24 DUTIES, SPECIFICALLY LISTED THE ISSUE OF COMPLAINTS, THE  
25 ISSUES OF OFFICER-INVOLVED SHOOTINGS AND WENT ON TO SAY THAT

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1 THE PUBLIC'S CONFIDENCE IN A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY CAN BE  
2 STRENGTHENED BY OUTSIDE INVESTIGATION. SO THE SUPREME COURT  
3 WAS VERY AWARE OF THAT ISSUE AND WAS NOT DISMISSIVE OF THE  
4 BOARD'S AUTHORITY IN THAT REGARD. THAT WAS IN THE CONTEXT OF A  
5 CREATION OF A COMMISSION IN SAN DIEGO USING A CHARTER  
6 AMENDMENT. BUT I BELIEVE THE ANALYSIS IS EXTENDABLE TO  
7 CREATION BY ORDINANCE, AS WELL. BUT WE HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THE  
8 SUPREME COURT ON THAT POINT. WE DID SOME YEARS LATER HEAR FROM  
9 THEM IN ANOTHER CASE, THE COPELY CASE, COPELY NEWS SERVICE IN  
10 WHICH THEY ADDRESSED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT PEACE  
11 OFFICER PERSONNEL RECORDS COULD BE TAKEN TO SUCH A COMMISSION.  
12 WHILE THEY ARE NOT ALLOWED TO BE DISSEMINATED PUBLICLY, THE  
13 COURT'S CONCLUSION WAS THAT INDEED WHEN YOU CREATE SUCH A  
14 COMMISSION, AGAIN IT WAS A SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT ONE, THAT INDEED  
15 THAT BECOMES A PART OF THAT GOVERNMENTAL PROCESS OF  
16 SUPERVISING THOSE EMPLOYEES AND THE PEACE OFFICER BILL OF  
17 RIGHTS DOES NOT PREVENT THAT ACCESS. HOWEVER, THAT IS NOT AN  
18 ISSUE THAT HAS BEEN BEFORE THEM AND PRECISELY OUR FACTS. WE DO  
19 NOT KNOW HOW IT WILL COME OUT FOR SURE BUT I THINK WE SHOULD  
20 TAKE STEPS FORWARD TO FIND OUT. AND WHEN WE SAY WELL IT'S  
21 DANGEROUS BUT THERE MIGHT BE A LAWSUIT. I DON'T THINK THAT'S A  
22 DANGER. THAT'S HOW WE GET INVOLVED WITH THE COURTS TELLING US  
23 WHAT THE LAW IS. WE NEED TO GO FORWARD WITH WHAT WE BELIEVE  
24 THE LAW TO BE. WE NEED TO DO SO IN A RESPONSIBLE MANNER SO  
25 THAT WE DON'T PUT CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION OUT TO THE PUBLIC.

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1 BUT I'VE CREATED A FRAMEWORK TO DO THAT. I BELIEVE COUNTY  
2 COUNSEL HAS SET UP A LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR IT AND I BELIEVE WE  
3 SHOULD MOVE FORWARD IN THAT REGARD. I AGREE WITH YOU 100  
4 PERCENT, THAT IS NOT AN ARGUMENT AGAINST A COMMISSION BUT I  
5 THINK MR. DROOYAN MIGHT GIVE YOU MORE WORDS OF CAUTION IT, AS  
6 I THINK HE ALREADY HAS. BUT I SAY, YEAH, THE KEY PLAYER HERE  
7 IS MR. MCDONNELL WANTS ONE, LET'S GIVE HIM ONE. LET'S SAY YOU  
8 WANT IT, OKAY, HERE IT IS. LET'S MAKE IT WORK AND I THINK WE  
9 CAN DO IT.

10

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

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I APPRECIATE THE CONVERSATION, THE  
14 DISCUSSION AND THE COMMENTS UP TO THIS POINT. I'M A BIT  
15 SURPRISED BY THE FORCE WITH WHICH OUR FORMER GENERAL COUNSEL  
16 AND IMPLEMENTATION MONITOR SPEAKS TO SCUTTLE THE EFFORT OF THE  
17 COMMISSION WHICH I HAVE SAID REPEATEDLY AND I WILL SAY AGAIN  
18 WHAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE IS A HALF LOAF. MODERN CONSTITUTIONAL  
19 POLICING ACROSS THE LENGTH AND BREADTH OF THIS NATION,  
20 ESSENTIALLY CALLS FOR AN INSPECTOR GENERAL AND AN ENTITY THAT  
21 CONSTITUTES A COMMISSION, CALL IT OVERSIGHT, CALL IT  
22 INDEPENDENT, CALL IT WHAT YOU WILL. MAY I REMIND YOU, I WAS  
23 PART AND PARCEL OF WHAT WAS GOING ON IN THE CITY OF LOS  
24 ANGELES WHEN IT MOVED FORWARD ON THAT ESSENTIALLY CONSTITUTED  
25 OR RECONSTITUTED REVAMPED WHAT IS CURRENTLY THE POLICE

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1 COMMISSION. IT WAS THOUGHT TO BE TOOTHLESS PRIOR TO THAT. IT  
2 TOOK A CIVIL UNREST TO CAUSE PEOPLE TO UNDERSTAND WE NEEDED  
3 MORE IN THE WAYS OF THE WORK THAT NEEDS TO BE DONE. [APPLAUSE]  
4 [GAVEL].

5

6 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THAT'S HOW WE GOT TO WHERE WE ARE TODAY.  
7 MIGHT I SIMPLY SAY IF WE ACT RESPONSIBLY, IF WE ACT WITH A  
8 SENSE OF PREVENTIVE CONSCIOUSNESS, IF WE MOVE ON THE BASIS OF  
9 WHAT WE'VE LEARNED THROUGH PAST PRACTICES AND NOW BEST  
10 PRACTICES, WE CAN CAUSE THIS COUNTY, ITS SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
11 TO FURTHER DISTINGUISH ITSELF. MR. DROOYAN, I'M QUITE FRANKLY,  
12 SURPRISED GIVEN THE RANGE OF CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD OVER  
13 THE PAST NEARLY TWO YEARS, THAT YOU WOULD PRESENT A POINT OF  
14 VIEW THAT WOULD EMBRACE THE STATUS QUO AND/OR SET US BACK.  
15 [APPLAUSE] I'M QUITE FRANKLY, SURPRISED BY THAT. [GAVEL].

16

17 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** AND YOU AND I HAVE HAD MANY CONVERSATIONS  
18 BOTH BEING MUTUALLY RESPECTFUL IN THAT ENGAGEMENT. I WISH TO  
19 CONTINUE ALONG THAT PATH. BUT I DO NOT WANT IT TO BE UNCLEAR  
20 TO ANYONE UNDER THE SOUND OF MY VOICE THAT THAT WHICH YOU  
21 REPRESENT TODAY IS QUITE TROUBLING. MR. HUNTSMAN, YOU CAN'T  
22 GET HALF OF WHAT YOU WANT, TAKE YOUR PIECE AND SAY "IT'S ALL  
23 DONE." IT IS TIME FOR US TO MOVE FORWARD ON A COMMISSION. NOW,  
24 WE HAVEN'T BEEN SILENT. AN ABUNDANCE OF DUE DILIGENCE HAS BEEN  
25 DONE OVER THE PAST YEAR AND A HALF, BY THE SHERIFF'S

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1 DEPARTMENT, BY YOUR DEPARTMENT, MR. DROOYAN HAS BEEN INVOLVED  
2 IN IT, THE BOARD HAS BEEN INVOLVED IN IT, WE HAVE AN AMPLE  
3 NUMBER OF DOCUMENTS, COUNTY COUNSEL HAS WEIGHED IN. LADIES AND  
4 GENTLEMEN, THE TIME HAS COME. AND IT WOULD SEEM TO ME THAT  
5 WHAT WE WOULD DO IS RECOGNIZE THE MOTION AS IT IS PRESENTED.  
6 TO IMPLEMENT, TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE ARE AFFIRMING THE CREATION  
7 OF A COMMISSION. THAT'S THE FIRST TIME THIS BOARD WILL HAVE  
8 DONE THAT. AND THEN SET BEFORE A WORKING COMMITTEE YET TO BE  
9 CONSTITUTED, THE NUTS AND BOLTS OF WHAT THAT COMMISSION WOULD  
10 BE AND HOW IT WOULD CARRY OUT ITS WORK. THAT'S WHAT'S BEFORE  
11 US. AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE WOULD BE WELL WITHIN OUR RIGHT  
12 AND WELL-REASONED TO DO SO. IT IS NOT MY VIEW, AND I RESPECT  
13 THE MAYOR'S DESIRE TO GET FEEDBACK TO HIS QUESTION, THAT'S  
14 CERTAINLY APPROPRIATE, OURS TO RE-LITIGATE ALL THOSE ISSUES  
15 HERE AND NOW. THERE WILL BE AMPLE OPPORTUNITY TO DO SO WITH A  
16 NEWLY SEATED WORKING GROUP WHO CAN VET ALL OF THESE ISSUES AD  
17 NAUSEAM. THE POINT TO BE MADE HERE TODAY AND NOT TO BE LOST IS  
18 THAT WE ARE PREPARED TO MOVE FORWARD. WE ARE EFFECTIVELY  
19 OVERDUE FOR THIS LEVEL OF TRANSPARENCY AND APPROPRIATE  
20 INVOLVEMENT. MR. MAYOR, THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY. [GAVEL]  
21 [APPLAUSE]

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY, MR. DROOYAN?

24

25 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** MAY I JUST BRIEFLY RESPOND?

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2 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** RESPECTFULLY.

3

4 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND I HAVE HAD  
5 DISCUSSIONS OVER THIS ISSUE FOR OVER TWO YEARS, AND MY  
6 POSITION HAS BEEN CONSISTENT, HAS BEEN THE SAME.

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** IT'S GETTING INCREASINGLY BELLIGERENT, I  
9 NOTE. [LAUGHTER.]

10

11 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** NO, NO, NO SIR, NOT AT ALL. IT IS WHAT THE  
12 JAIL COMMISSION RECOMMENDED. BUT THE POINT I DO WANT TO MAKE  
13 IS THAT I STRONGLY FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. IN MY VIEW, THE  
14 MOST EFFECTIVE WAY TO HAVE THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IN THE  
15 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES IS THROUGH A FULLY FUNDED, FULLY  
16 STAFFED, FULLY ACCESSIBLE INSPECTOR GENERAL REPORTING TO THIS  
17 BOARD. THAT'S JUST THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND ME IN TERMS  
18 OF YOUR APPROACH. YOU FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. YOU WANT THE  
19 BEST CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT POSSIBLE. YOU ENVISION A PARTICULAR  
20 STRUCTURE. I ALSO FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OVERSIGHT AND I  
21 WANT THE BEST CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT POSSIBLE.

22

23 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** YOU HAVE NOT HEARD ME OPINE ON A  
24 PARTICULAR STRUCTURE.

25

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1 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** BUT WITH THE COMMISSION IS WHAT I'M  
2 TALKING ABOUT.

3

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

5

6 **RICHARD E. DROOYAN:** YOU AND I DISAGREE FUNDAMENTALLY OVER THE  
7 PRACTICALITY AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF A COMMISSION. BUT I WANT  
8 TO SAY I STRONGLY FAVOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. YOU KNOW YOU AND I  
9 HAVE HAD THOSE CONVERSATIONS FOR MANY MORE THAN TWO YEARS. IT  
10 JUST COMES DOWN TO HOW ARE WE GOING TO CREATE THE MOST  
11 EFFECTIVE STRUCTURE WITHIN THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** YES, I WOULD JUST LIKE TO SAY THAT THE  
16 CONVERSATION'S BEEN VERY INTERESTING. AND I WOULD JUST SAY  
17 THAT THE INSPECTOR GENERAL, WE HAVEN'T REALLY HAD A CHANCE TO  
18 SIT DOWN AND TALK, BUT I UNDERSTAND YOUR ROLE. I UNDERSTAND  
19 CONFIDENTIALITY. AND I UNDERSTAND THE IMPORTANCE OF KEEPING  
20 PERSONNEL MATTERS CLOSELY-HELD. AND WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY THE  
21 LAWS. BUT I ALSO THINK THAT IT IS TIME FOR A CHANGE. IT IS  
22 TIME FOR US TO WORK TOGETHER. AND WHAT I'M HEARING ALSO FROM  
23 THE SHERIFF, THE UNDERSECRETARY, THE UNDERSHERIFF, I'M SORRY,  
24 THAT THERE IS ROOM TO MOVE. AND THAT THE ATMOSPHERE HAS  
25 DEFINITELY CHANGED. AND I THINK THAT'S THE FRUSTRATION, NOT

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1 JUST PERHAPS WITH SOME MEMBERS OF THE BOARD BUT WITH THE  
2 PUBLIC. THAT THEY WANT TO SEE US MOVE ON. THEY WANT TO GET  
3 BEYOND WHAT WE KNOW HAS TO CHANGE. AND WITH THAT WE'LL  
4 REQUIRE, WE'LL TALK ABOUT, WE'LL DISCUSS. BUT I DON'T THINK WE  
5 NEED TO PUSH BACK ON THE NOTION THAT WE ALL WANT TO SEE  
6 SOMETHING HAPPEN AND FOR ALL OF US TO BE SUCCESSFUL. I HOPE  
7 THAT WE CAN DO THAT IN A NEW SPIRIT. THAT'S WHAT I EXPECT TO  
8 BRING TO THIS BOARD. AND I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS MOTION  
9 MOVED.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WE WILL CALL UP THE NUMBER OF  
12 SPEAKERS WHO HAVE SIGNED UP. THANK EACH OF YOU FOR YOUR INPUT.  
13 WE WILL HAVE ONE MINUTE EACH. PATRICE CULLORS. JONATHAN KLEIN.  
14 KIM MCGILL. SUSAN BURTON. OKAY. LET ME CALL UP MARSHA TEMPLE.

15

16 **PATRICE CULLORS:** HOW MUCH TIME ARE WE GETTING?

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE MINUTE, I'M SORRY.

19

20 **PATRICE CULLORS:** HI, EVERYBODY MY NAME IS PATRICE CULLORS. I'M  
21 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE  
22 COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. SINCE  
23 SEPTEMBER 2012, DIGNITY AND POWER NOW HAS BEEN DEMANDING THAT  
24 LOS ANGELES COUNTY ESTABLISH AN INDEPENDENT REVIEW BOARD OF  
25 THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. WE BELIEVE THAT LEGALLY

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1 EMPOWERED COMMUNITY CENTERED AND INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT OF  
2 L.A.S.D. IS THE ONLY WAY TO SECURE LONG-LASTING PROTECTIONS  
3 AND DETERRENCE AGAINST SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE. WE WANTED TO HAVE  
4 THE COMMISSION TO HAVE SUBPOENA POWER. WE'VE BEEN WORKING WITH  
5 LAWYERS AT U.C.L.A. IN WHICH THEY STATED THAT IN FACT THE  
6 COUNTY DOES HAVE SUBPOENA POWER UNDER CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT  
7 CODE 25170. SO WE WANTED TO BRING THAT TO YOU TODAY. WE WANTED  
8 TO BE IT A NINE MEMBER BOARD. FIVE APPOINTED BY THE COUNTY  
9 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. AND FOUR BY COMMUNITY PARTNERS. THE  
10 COMMISSION SHOULD HAVE INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL. THE  
11 COMMISSION SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT OR RETIRED LAW  
12 ENFORCEMENT SERVING ON THE BOARD. AND THE COMMISSION SHOULD  
13 DIRECT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECT GENERAL. THANK  
14 YOU.

15

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

17

18 **RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN:** MY NAME IS RABBI JONATHAN KLEIN. AND  
19 LIKE PATRICE, WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON THIS AS CLERGY AND LAITY  
20 UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE AND WE REALLY TAKE THE LEAD OF  
21 DIGNITY AND POWER NOW THAT HAS DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB OF  
22 GIVING VERY CLEAR GUIDANCE AS TO WHAT ARE THE GOALS FOR WHAT  
23 THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT SHOULD LOOK LIKE. WE WANT TO MAKE SURE  
24 THAT THE COMMUNITY IS FULLY EMBRACED IN THE PROCESS OF WORKING  
25 ON THIS AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT I WANT TO PUT OUT THERE AS THE

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1 DIRECTOR OF CLUE, CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR JUSTICE. WE HAVE  
2 A BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE WHICH HAS BEEN VERY FOCUSED ON  
3 THIS ISSUE AND OTHER ISSUES OF JUSTICE RELATED TO THE  
4 INCARCERATION RATES AND ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE HAPPENING  
5 SPECIFICALLY WITHIN THE AFRICAN-AMERICAN COMMUNITY. WE REALLY  
6 BELIEVE LIKE MANY OF YOU HAVE SAID THE TIME IS RIGHT NOW. THE  
7 CHANGE IS POSSIBLE. WE'RE VERY EXCITED FOR OUR NEW ELECTED  
8 LEADERS IN THIS BODY. AND WE BELIEVE THAT YOU'RE GOING TO DO  
9 THE RIGHT THING. THANK YOU.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DIANA  
12 ZUNIGA. AND JOSEPH MAIZLISH. YES, MA'AM.

13

14 **MARSHA TEMPLE:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS MARSHA TEMPLE. I AM  
15 THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE INTEGRATED RECOVERY NETWORK. WE  
16 HELP PEOPLE WHO HAVE BEEN HOMELESS WITH HOUSING, HEALTHCARE  
17 AND JOBS. I'M HERE TO SPEAK MY SUPPORT OF THE CITIZEN'S  
18 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S  
19 DEPARTMENT. BECAUSE THE TRUST OF THE COMMUNITY FOR LAW  
20 ENFORCEMENT MUST BE EARNED WITH TRANSPARENCY AND  
21 ACCOUNTABILITY. MY CONCERN IS THAT IF THERE IS NO CIVILIAN  
22 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THE COUNTY WILL PERCEIVE THE OFFICE OF  
23 INSPECTOR GENERAL AS ANOTHER LEVEL OF BUREAUCRACY THAT THEY  
24 CANNOT AFFECT. THANK YOU.

25

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PASTOR PETER LAARMAN? YES,  
2 MA'AM.

3

4 **KIM MCGILL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS KIM MCGILL WITH THE  
5 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. WE'VE ALSO BEEN HERE AND PROUD TO BE  
6 MEMBERS OF THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE. WE'VE BEEN  
7 HERE FOR A NUMBER OF MONTHS, YEARS NOW. WE THINK THAT THIS IS  
8 AN HISTORIC MOMENT AND I WANT TO TAKE US BACK TO THE BEGINNING  
9 OF THIS MEETING WHERE THE OPENING PRAYER AS WELL AS THE  
10 OPENING COMMENTS SPOKE ABOUT YOUR RESPONSIBILITY AS  
11 SUPERVISORS TO LOOK OUT FOR THE ORPHANS, TO STAND WITH THE  
12 WIDOWS AND TO SEEK JUSTICE FOR THE STRANGERS. THOSE 150 PEOPLE  
13 THAT YOU BURIED IN AN UNMARKED GRAVE, PROBABLY MANY OF THEM  
14 WENT THROUGH COUNTY JAIL. THEY DIDN'T NEED THEIR RECOGNITION  
15 NOW WHEN THEY WERE DEAD, THEY NEEDED YOUR PROTECTION WHILE  
16 THEY WERE ALIVE. WE URGE -- [APPLAUSE] WE URGE, I ACTUALLY  
17 WANT TO ASK THAT EVERYBODY IN THE AUDIENCE STAND BECAUSE THESE  
18 ARE THE WIDOWS, THE ORPHANS AND THE STRANGERS. WE ARE THE  
19 PEOPLE THAT HAVE BEEN IN YOUR JAILS. AND THE PEOPLE THAT  
20 BURIED OUR FAMILY MEMBERS WHEN THEY HAVE BEEN KILLED BY THE  
21 SHERIFFS. DO NOT CREATE AN INEFFECTIVE COMMISSION AS WE HAVE  
22 WITH THE L.A.P.D. THESE ARE ESSENTIAL THINGS TO MAKE SURE WE  
23 DON'T REPEAT THAT. THIS COMMISSION HAVE SUBPOENA POWER.

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. THANK YOU.

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2 **SUP. KNABE:** MR. CHAIRMAN, MR. MAYOR? I WOULD JUST ASK THAT WE  
3 DO NOT DISRESPECT THOSE THAT WE ARE BURYING TOMORROW. THEY DO  
4 NOT COME FROM OUR JAILS. THEY COME THROUGH OUR PUBLIC  
5 GUARDIAN. WE'RE ADDING DIGNITY TO THEIR LIFE AND BURIAL  
6 BECAUSE NO ONE HAS THEM, AND FOR HER TO INDICATE THAT THEY ARE  
7 COMING FROM OUR JAILS IS ABSOLUTELY DISRESPECTFUL.

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** POINT OF ORDER.

10

11 **KIM MCGILL:** I WOULDN'T DISRESPECT MYSELF. WE'RE NOT ASHAMED TO  
12 BE FROM THE JAILS. WE JUST WANT JUSTICE. BEING THERE DOESN'T  
13 MEAN WE'RE NOT HUMAN. [APPLAUSE]

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PASTOR CUE JNMARIE? YES, MA'AM?

16

17 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** MY NAME IS DIANA ZUNIGA. I'M WITH CALIFORNIANS  
18 UNITED FOR A RESPONSIBLE BUDGET AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. I HAVE  
19 LIVED IN THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR 25 YEARS OF MY LIFE AND  
20 WELCOME SUPERVISOR SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR KUEHL. I'M HERE  
21 SUPPORTING THE MOTION FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND I  
22 WANT TO HIGHLIGHT TWO CHARACTERISTICS WE ARE ASKING FOR.  
23 FIRST, SUBPOENA POWER. SECOND, NO LAW ENFORCEMENT OR RETIRED  
24 LAW ENFORCEMENT ON THE BOARD. MY FATHER WAS BRUTALIZED BY THE  
25 L.A. COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THERE'S NO WAY THAT LAW

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1 ENFORCEMENT COULD ALLEVIATE THE PAIN THAT HE WAS FEELING. THEY  
2 SHOULD NOT BE A PART OF THE BOARD. THANK YOU FOR MAKING THIS  
3 MOVE FORWARD. AND LET'S TAKE ON STOPPING THE \$2 BILLION JAIL  
4 PLAN NEXT. [APPLAUSE] ALSO, SUPERVISOR KNABE, I'M SURE IF WE  
5 DID AN ASSESSMENT OF THOSE FOLKS THAT ARE BEING BURIED THAT  
6 ARE NAMELESS, WE WOULD KNOW THAT A LOT OF THEM ARE FROM L.A.  
7 COUNTY JAILS. A LOT OF THEM ARE DISENFRANCHISED.

8

9 **SUP. KNABE:** WE KNOW EXACTLY WHERE THEY COME FROM.

10

11 **DIANA ZUNIGA:** WE'D LIKE YOU TO SHARE THAT WITH US. THANK YOU.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** PAUL YOUNG? YES, SIR?

14

15 **JOE MAIZLISH:** GOOD MORNING, CHAIRMAN ANTONOVICH AND BOARD  
16 MEMBERS AND STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC. MY NAME'S JOE  
17 MAIZLISH. I'M HERE TO EXPRESS A CONCERN. WHENEVER WE CREATE A  
18 NEW STRUCTURE, THE QUESTION IS: DOES IT FACILITATE WHAT MOST  
19 NEEDS TO BE DONE? I ASKED THE CITIZENS COMMISSION ON JAIL  
20 VIOLENCE AT THEIR LAST PUBLIC MEETING HOW ABOUT YOU FOLKS JUST  
21 STAYING IN OFFICE AND CONTINUING TO FUNCTION? BECAUSE  
22 STATISTICS WERE SHOWING AN IMPROVEMENT IN THE JAIL SITUATION  
23 WHILE YOU WERE GIVING IT THAT OBSERVATION. I THINK PUBLIC  
24 OBSERVATION, SUSTAINED INTEREST AS YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH,  
25 QUOTED FROM THE C.C.J.V., SUSTAINED, WHAT IS IT? SUSTAINED

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1 INTEREST OF THE BOARD AND OF THE PUBLIC. WE ULTIMATELY ARE THE  
2 COMMISSION NO MATTER WHAT STRUCTURE IS ESTABLISHED OR ISN'T  
3 ESTABLISHED. ALL OF US ARE. AND SO THEREFORE LET'S, WHAT WE  
4 ESTABLISH, I THINK THIS CAN HAVE A GOOD EFFECT IF IT INVITES  
5 BROAD AND REGULAR INPUT FROM PEOPLE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY,  
6 ALL SITUATIONS ALL OVER THE COUNTY AND KEEPS THAT INFORMATION  
7 FLOWING. THAT WILL BE A CONTRIBUTION. WHATEVER ITS STRUCTURES,  
8 WHATEVER ITS AUTHORITIES, THAT'S WHAT'S NEEDED. THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. KRISTINA RONNQUIST?  
11 YES, SIR.

12

13 **REV. PETER LAARMAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON I'M REVEREND PETER LAARMAN  
14 FROM THE JUSTICE NOT JAILS COALITION. I CONGRATULATE MEMBERS  
15 OF THIS BOARD FOR TAKING THE MOMENT THAT WE ARE NOW IN  
16 NATIONALLY AND MAKING SENSE OF IT. IN OUR CONTEXT AND FOR  
17 PRESSING FOR TWO THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN INVOKED REPEATEDLY,  
18 TRANSPARENCY, ACCOUNTANTABILITY AND MAY I ADD NDEPENDENCE. FOR  
19 ME AND FOR THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH, THE INDEPENDENCE OF THIS  
20 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL BE THE CRUCIAL THING. I THINK WE  
21 HEARD IN EARLIER TESTIMONY TODAY THAT WE REALLY DO NOT HAVE  
22 INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT IN THE STRUCTURE THAT WAS CREATED IN THE  
23 WAKE OF THE C.C.J.V. SO WE NEED TO PRESS ON. WE NEED TO PRESS  
24 ON FOR THE PRIZE. THIS IS AN ORGANIZING PROJECT. BUT BE  
25 ASSURED THAT THE PEOPLE I WORK WITH, MOSTLY INTERFAITH LEADERS

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1 AND OTHERS, WILL BE PRESENT AND WILL BE PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION  
2 AS WE MOVE FORWARD. THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION.

3

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

5

6 **PASTOR JNMARIE CUE:** REAL OH I'M PASTOR CUE HERE REPRESENTING  
7 CLUE AND THE S.C.L.C. THE ISSUE HERE IS ACCOUNTABILITY. IN MY  
8 FAITH TRADITION, THERE'S A KING. GOD SAID TO THIS MAN, THIS  
9 MAN WAS A MAN AFTER HIS OWN HEART. YET THIS KING TOOK A MAN'S  
10 WIFE AND HAD THE MAN KILLED. WHEN HE WAS ASKED, WHEN THE ACT  
11 WAS DESCRIBED TO THE KING, HE PROCLAIMED THAT THE PERSON WHO  
12 DID THIS MUST BE KILLED. THE PROPHET RESPONDED, "THE MAN IS  
13 YOU." WE GIVE LAW ENFORCEMENT FIREARMS AND BADGES THAT THAT'S  
14 POWER AND CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WITHOUT POWER EQUALS OPPRESSION.  
15 AS IT'S EVIDENT BY WHAT'S HAPPENING ACROSS THE NATION, WE THE  
16 PEOPLE ARE PREPARED TO FIGHT UNTIL WE GET PROPER  
17 ACCOUNTABILITY. SPEAKING OF TRUST, YOU CANNOT TELL THE VICTIM  
18 WHAT IT WOULD LOOK LIKE TO TAKE TO RESTORE TRUST. THEY HAVE TO  
19 TELL YOU WHAT IT WOULD TAKE TO RESTORE TRUST. DOES THE  
20 CITIZEN'S COMMISSION REFLECT THOSE WHO ARE MOST ADVERSELY  
21 AFFECTED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT? IF IT DOESN'T, WE CAN'T TRUST IT.

22 [APPLAUSE]

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP CHERYL  
25 WARD AND LESLIE GERSICOFF. YES, SIR.

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1

2 **PAUL JUNG:** HI. GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS PAUL JUNG. I'M A  
3 STAFF ATTORNEY AT ASIAN- AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE L.A. THE  
4 NATION'S LARGEST CIVIL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION FOR ASIAN-  
5 AMERICANS, NATIVE HAWAIIANS AND PACIFIC ISLANDERS. I'M HERE TO  
6 STAND WITH THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE TO SUPPORT  
7 ITEM NO. 2 MOTION BY SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SUPERVISOR  
8 SOLIS TO CREATE THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE  
9 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THE L.A. COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS  
10 POWER AND RESPONSIBILITY TO SET A PRECEDENT TODAY AND TO  
11 ASSURE THAT OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SAFE FROM EGREGIOUS VIOLENCE  
12 AND PERVASIVE HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES AND VIOLATIONS. WE URGE THE  
13 BOARD MEMBERS TO STOP CONSTRUCTION OF NEW JAILS AND TO REDUCE  
14 RECIDIVISM, INCREASE SAFETY AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY  
15 SUPPORTING POST RELEASE PROGRAMS AND ALTERNATIVES TO  
16 INCARCERATION. WE URGE THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
17 INVEST IN CIVILIAN REVIEW. THANK YOU, SIR.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL UP NAJEE ALI AND ROBERT  
20 BRANCH. YES, MA'AM.

21

22 **KRISTINA RONNQUIST:** MY NAME IS KRISTINA RONNQUIST, I'M AN  
23 M.S.W. AND MEMBER OF DIGNITY AND POWER NOW WHO PREVIOUSLY  
24 INFORMED THE BOARD OF THE GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS I  
25 OBSERVED AS A SOCIAL WORKER INSIDE THE WOMEN'S COUNTY JAIL IN

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1 LYNWOOD. ALTHOUGH I FELT MY SAFETY COULD BE COMPROMISED IT WAS  
2 NECESSARY TO SPEAK OUT BECAUSE I WITNESSED ABSOLUTELY NO  
3 AVENUES FOR THE INMATES TO COMPLAINT ABOUT THE CONDITIONS  
4 THEMSELVES. DENIED ANY REQUESTS TO CALL THE A.C.L.U. NOT LET  
5 OUT OF THEIR CELL. RETALIATED BY CUSTODY STAFF WHEN REQUESTING  
6 COMPLAINT FORMS OR SPEAKING TO JAIL MONITORS. AND IGNORED BY  
7 MENTAL HEALTH STAFF AND REPORTING CUSTODY ABUSE. THESE WOMEN  
8 ARE NOT HEARD. SIMILARLY THERE IS NO EFFECTIVE AVENUE FOR JAIL  
9 STAFF TO COMPLAIN, EITHER. ALTHOUGH L.A.S.D. HAS RESPONDED TO  
10 SOME OF MY CONCERNS, GIVEN THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN THE EGREGIOUS  
11 ABUSE AND NEGLECT OF THESE WOMEN, ANY INVESTIGATION HEADED BY  
12 THEIR OWN PERSONNEL IS INEFFECTIVE. THIS IS WHY A CIVILIAN  
13 REVIEW BOARD WITH INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE AND SUBPOENA  
14 POWERS ARE ESSENTIAL. WITHOUT THIS FUNCTION INMATES AND JAIL  
15 STAFF ARE FORCED TO COMMUNICATE TO THE PERPETRATORS THEMSELVES  
16 WHICH IS NEITHER SAFE NOR EFFECTIVE.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP HEATHER  
19 MILLER. YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **LESLIE GERSICOFF:** GOOD MORNING. I'M LESLIE GERSICOFF, I'M THE  
22 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JEWISH LABOR COMMITTEE WEST REGION.  
23 AND I'M HERE TO BE SUPPORTIVE OF YOUR EFFORTS TO BRING THIS  
24 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO FRUITION. EVERY SINGLE OF THE  
25 MILLIONS OF PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY NEED THIS

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1 COMMISSION. YOU NEED THIS COMMISSION. THE JEWISH LABOR  
2 COMMITTEE WAS FORMED TO COMBAT FASCISM IN THE '30S. WE KNOW  
3 HOW QUICKLY A COMMUNITY CAN RUN OUT OF CONTROL WITHOUT  
4 COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND COMMUNITY OVERSIGHT. SO WE TRUST  
5 THAT THERE IS ENOUGH COMMITMENT ON THIS BOARD TO BRING A  
6 SUCCESSFUL COMMISSION INTO EXISTENCE. AND WE ARE SUPPORTING  
7 YOU ALL THE WAY. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO CALL UP STEVE  
10 ROGERS. YES, SIR.

11

12 **NAJEE ALI::** GOOD AFTERNOON, MR. MAYOR, MEMBERS OF THE BOARD.  
13 MY NAME IS NAJEE ALI. I'M THE L.A. POLITICAL DIRECTOR OF THE  
14 NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, FOUNDED BY REVEREND AL SHARPTON. OUR  
15 ORGANIZATION IS IN FULL SUPPORT OF THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
16 COMMISSION. WE BELIEVE THAT TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY IS  
17 CRITICAL TO RESTORE TRUST IN OUR COMMUNITY. WHEN YOU LOOK AT  
18 THE PROTESTS THAT ARE GOING ON IN FERGUSON, NEW YORK CITY AND  
19 ACROSS THE NATION BECAUSE OF POLICE ABUSE, WE BELIEVE THAT  
20 L.A. HAS A RESPONSIBILITY AND CAN REALLY SEND A STRONG MESSAGE  
21 OUT THAT POLICE REFORM IS CRITICAL HERE IN OUR COMMUNITY. SO  
22 WE WANT TO THANK OUR NEW SUPERVISORS, SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND  
23 SOLIS AND SUPERVISOR MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR YOUR COURAGE AND  
24 CONVICTION FOR DOING WHAT'S RIGHT TO PROTECTING THE MOST

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1 INDEPENDENT AND WEAKEST IN SOCIETY, THOSE THAT CAN'T DEFEND OR  
2 SPEAK UP FOR THEMSELVES. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP DAYTON  
5 WILLIAMS. YES, SIR.

6

7 **ROBERT BRANCH:** YES, MY NAME IS ROBERT BRANCH, AND I WORK WITH  
8 CLUE CLERGY LAITY UNITED FOR ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I AM ON ITS  
9 BOARD. I AM HERE BECAUSE I SUPPORT ITEM 2, THE MOTION BY  
10 SUPERVISORS RIDLEY-THOMAS AND SOLIS TO CREATE THE CIVILIAN  
11 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. THIS IS A  
12 POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND WE WANT TO CONTINUE  
13 TO URGE THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO REDUCE RECIDIVISM,  
14 INCREASE PUBLIC SAFETY AND STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNITY BY  
15 SUPPORTING POST RELEASE PROGRAMS, CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS LONG  
16 OVERDUE. THANK YOU.

17

18 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TIFFANY JOHNSTON. TIFFANY  
19 JOHNSTON? YES, MA'AM.

20

21 **RABBI HEATHER MILLER:** HI, I'M RABBI HEATHER MILLER, I HAD TO  
22 ADD MY VOICE TODAY. I'M WITH CLUE CLERGY AND LAITY UNITED FOR  
23 ECONOMIC JUSTICE. I'M WITH THE BLACK-JEWISH JUSTICE ALLIANCE  
24 OF THAT GROUP. I WAS BORN AND RAISED IN LOS ANGELES. AND I  
25 WANT TO SPEAK TODAY TO THE VALUES OF THIS POLICY. AS A RABBI

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1 IN THE COMMUNITY, THIS MORNING I PRAYED THE MORNING PRAYER.  
2 [SPEAKING HEBREW] WHICH TELLS US THAT EVERY BREATH AND EVERY  
3 SOUL IS PRECIOUS. THIS IDEA ECHOES THE TEACHING IN THE FIRST  
4 BOOK OF THE BIBLE IN GENESIS THAT TELLS US THAT EACH HUMAN  
5 BEING WAS CREATED IN THE IMAGE OF GOD. TO PRESERVE THE DIGNITY  
6 AND HUMAN RIGHTS OF EVERY HUMAN BEING FROM THE TIME OF NOAH,  
7 WE LEARN OF FUNDAMENTAL AND UNIVERSAL COMMAND, THAT ALL  
8 HUMANITY MUST CREATE RIGHTEOUS HOUSES OF JUSTICE TO INSURE  
9 ORDER AND A FAIR PROCESS TO INSURE THE HONOR AND DIGNITY OF  
10 EACH PERSON. I FULLY SUPPORT THIS BILL. AND AS WE SEE HERE ON  
11 THE WALL, IT SAYS THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE OF THE PEOPLE, BY  
12 THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE. I HOPE THAT THIS COMMISSION IS  
13 CREATED SO THE PEOPLE CAN HELP ADVISE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. REVEREND LARRY FOY.

16

17 **STEVE ROGERS:** HI NAME'S STEVE ROGERS WITH DIGNITY POWER NOW,  
18 I'M AN ORGANIZER. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM NO. 2. I'D LIKE TO  
19 WELCOME THE NEW SUPERVISORS. IT IS REALLY A BREATH OF FRESH  
20 AIR TO SEE TWO SUPERVISORS HERE LISTENING TO WHAT WE'RE SAYING  
21 AND NOT ORGANIZING THEIR SCHEDULE FOR NEXT WEEK. NO OFFENSE.  
22 WE APPRECIATE THAT YOU GUYS COME HERE AND GET RIGHT TO WORK.  
23 YOU GUYS JUST GOT VOTED IN AND YOU'RE READY TO TACKLE ONE OF  
24 THE BIGGEST ISSUES THAT'S FACING OUR COUNTRY AT THIS TIME. AS  
25 YOU COULD SEE, THE PUBLIC IS AFRAID OF THE POLICE. THE POLICE

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1 HAVE BEEN DOING THINGS WITH THEIR UNCHECKED AND THEIR UNIFIED  
2 POWER. IT'S REALLY A PROBLEM IN THIS NATION AND IT'S NOT GOING  
3 AWAY UNTIL WE DO SOMETHING ABOUT IT. SO WE BELIEVE THAT THIS  
4 BOARD IS GOING TO BE A STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. IT NEEDS  
5 TO NOT HAVE POLICE ON IT. IT NEEDS TO HAVE LAWYERS OR  
6 INSPECTOR GENERAL, NOT SAYING HE'S DOING A BAD JOB, BUT HE  
7 SAID HE STILL HAS HIS JOB AS A PROSECUTOR. HIS JOB, HIS  
8 CAREER, WAS PUTTING PEOPLE IN JAIL AND HE'S SUPPOSED TO BE  
9 LOOKING OUT FOR THE RIGHTS OF THESE PEOPLE. WE WANT TO KEEP  
10 PEOPLE LIKE THAT OFF OF THIS BOARD. THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO PUT UP JAS WADE  
13 AND CARLA GONZALEZ. YES, SIR.

14

15 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** SORRY. MY NAME IS DAYVON WILLIAMS I'M A YOUTH  
16 ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I DEMAND CIVILIAN  
17 OVERSIGHT THAT IS EFFECTIVE AND HAS EFFECTIVE POWER SO THAT  
18 JUSTICE IS PROPERLY SERVED TO THE COMMUNITY. MANY PEOPLE HAVE  
19 NEGATIVE EXPERIENCE WITH THE LAW ENFORCEMENT FROM MENTAL  
20 ABUSE, PHYSICAL ABUSE AND TO THE WORST, KILLINGS. AND  
21 OVERWHELMINGLY THE BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES SUFFER THIS  
22 PRACTICE BY LAW ENFORCEMENT VERY OFTEN. I REMEMBER AN  
23 EXPERIENCE I HAD INSIDE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY JAIL. I HAVE  
24 EPILEPSY. I HAD A SEIZURE. AND MY CELL MATE SEEN ME HAVING A  
25 SEIZURE. THEY DIDN'T KNOW WHAT WAS GOING ON BUT THEY KNEW

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1 SOMETHING WAS WRONG. SO THEY CALLED THE SHERIFFS. AND THEY  
2 ENDED UP SENDING ME TO THE HOLE. INSTEAD OF GETTING MEDICAL  
3 CARE, I GOT SENT TO THE HOLE FOR ALMOST TWO WEEKS. NOW, IF WE  
4 HAD EFFECTIVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT, IT PROBABLY COULD HAVE BEEN  
5 AND WOULD HAVE BEEN HANDLED DIFFERENTLY. AND WE NEED SOME  
6 ACCOUNTABILITY TO BE TAKEN TO THEM.

7

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

9

10 **DAYVON WILLIAMS:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROBERT  
13 LUCAS. YES, SIR?

14

15 **SPEAKER:** WELCOME, SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS. LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY AND THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES CAN'T WAIT. YOU MENTIONED  
17 SEVERAL COMMISSIONS ALONG WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
18 FINDINGS SUGGESTING THERE IS OVERWHELMING SHERIFF'S ABUSE. THE  
19 NATIONAL CLIMATE AND TEMPERATURE SAY THAT WE CAN'T WAIT. THE  
20 DEATHS OF EZIEL FORD, MICHAEL BROWN AND ERIC GARNER WHOSE  
21 DEATH, BY THE WAY, HAS BEEN DESCRIBED BY NATIONAL COLUMNIST AS  
22 "A PUBLIC LYNCHING WITHOUT A ROPE" SAYS THAT WE CAN'T WAIT. WE  
23 CAN'T WAIT FOR ANOTHER PRIVATE LYNCHING TO TAKE PLACE IN L.A.  
24 COUNTY JAILS, NOR CAN WE WAIT FOR ANOTHER PUBLIC LYNCHING OF A  
25 CIVILIAN TO TAKE PLACE AT THE HANDS OF AN OVERZEALOUS PEACE

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1 OFFICER. SO, MY FRIENDS, WE NEED A CRITICAL, WE NEED A  
2 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION AND WE NEED IT NOW.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP STEVE  
5 LAMB, YES, MA'AM?

6

7 **CASSANDRA AYANA:** MY NAME IS CASSANDRA AYANA. I AM A STUDENT OF  
8 [INAUDIBLE]. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE  
9 THE SHERIFFS HAVE GONE OVERHAND. I SEEN IT WITH MY OWN EYES IN  
10 MY NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM A SISTER, DAUGHTER AND MEMBER OF L.A.  
11 COUNTY. PLEASE MAKE SURE TO INCLUDE A MEMBER OF THE COALITION  
12 TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE ON THE COMMISSION. BOYLE HEIGHTS AND  
13 L.A. DEMANDS JUSTICE.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP SHANNON  
16 SOPER? YES, MA'AM?

17

18 **JAS WADE:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS JAS WADE AND I AM AN  
19 ORGANIZER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. FOR OVER TWO YEARS NOW  
20 THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS HAS BEEN  
21 PUSHING THE COUNTY TO CREATE A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD THAT CAN  
22 HOLD AND PRODUCE TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY FROM ONE OF  
23 THE MOST BRUTAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES IN THE COUNTRY WHICH  
24 IS THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. SO THIS CIVILIAN  
25 REVIEW BOARD IS LONG OVERDUE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP

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1 AND NEW BOARD MEMBERS. HOWEVER THE TYPE OF CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
2 WE ARE FIGHTING FOR MUST HAVE NECESSARY POWERS AND ATTRIBUTES  
3 IN PLACE TO EFFECTIVELY OVERSEE THE LARGEST SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTRY THAT HAS A LONG HISTORY OF  
5 CORRUPTION, EVADING ACCOUNTABILITY, VIOLENCE AND THE LARGEST  
6 JAIL SYSTEM IN THE WORLD. A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION MUST  
7 HAVE THE FOLLOWING NONNEGOTIABLE CHARACTERISTICS, WHICH  
8 INCLUDE SUBPOENA POWER, ITS OWN LEGAL COUNSEL, BE MADE UP OF  
9 NINE MEMBERS, FOUR OF WHICH COME FROM THE COMMUNITY. THAT IT  
10 DIRECTS THE POWERS OF THE OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL AND BE  
11 COMPRISED OF NO CURRENT OR FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND MOVING  
12 FORWARD IN THIS WORKING GROUP, THERE SHOULD BE AND ALWAYS BE  
13 COMMUNITY REPRESENTATION IN SHAPING THE FUNCTIONS AND POWERS.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA  
16 LOCKWOOD. YES, MR. LUCAS.

17

18 **ROBERT LUCAS:** MY NAME IS ROBERT LUCAS. ONCE AGAIN, YOU KNOW,  
19 THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IT EITHER BE  
20 MIXED UP BETWEEN THE OFFICIALS AND THE CIVILIAN PEOPLE WHO I  
21 FEEL HAVE BEEN THROUGH THAT JAIL AND KNOW THE IN'S AND OUT'S  
22 OF HOW INFLUENTIAL AND EFFECTIVE THE SHERIFFS CAN BE IN  
23 PERSUADING PEOPLE FROM OUTSIDE OF THAT SYSTEM TO SEE THEIR  
24 VIEW. AND THERE ARE A FEW PEOPLE THAT WERE IN THIS ROOM THAT  
25 LEFT THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO ME TO RECOMMEND FOR ONE OF

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1 THESE POSITIONS. AND THIS WAS SUSAN BURTON. UNFORTUNATELY, SHE  
2 HAD TO LEAVE. ALSO, MR. THOMAS, I GREW UP IN COMPTON AND  
3 LYNWOOD IN THE '60S AND WHEN YOU SAID 'CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE' TO  
4 ANGRY FRUSTRATED PEOPLE, WHAT MESSAGE ARE YOU SENDING? I FELT  
5 IT WHEN YOU SAID IT. WHAT ARE YOU DOING? WE NEED SOME HELP. WE  
6 DON'T NEED MORE CONFLICT AND CONFUSION. [APPLAUSE]

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP KWAZI NKURUMAH.

9

10 **STEVEN LAMB:** GOOD MORNING, MY NAME IS STEVEN LAMB. SUPERVISOR  
11 KUEHL, I FIRST OF ALL ON BEHALF OF MY WIFE WANT TO THANK YOU  
12 FOR THE NURSES SAFE STAFFING BILL. YOU HAVE A DEAR PLACE IN  
13 OUR FAMILY'S HEART BECAUSE OF THAT. THERE'S NO QUESTION THAT  
14 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN A VIOLENT, OUT OF CONTROL  
15 AGENCY FOR THE ENTIRETY OF MY LIFETIME, 57 YEARS. THERE'S ALSO  
16 NO QUESTION THAT THIS BOARD CAN BUILD A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT  
17 COMMISSION WITH TEETH. I THINK THE WAY FORWARD IS TO LOOK TO  
18 THE PAST. 120 YEARS AGO TEDDY ROOSEVELT ESTABLISHED IN NEW  
19 YORK CITY A POLICE COMMISSION BECAUSE THAT COMMISSION WAS  
20 CORRUPT. THEY WEEDED OUT THE CORRUPTION. AND HIS METHOD OF  
21 DOING THAT ACTUALLY BECAME THE MODEL FOR SOUTH AFRICA'S TRUTH  
22 AND RECONCILIATION COMMISSION WHICH AVERTED A VIOLENT, BLOODY  
23 CIVIL WAR IN THAT COUNTRY. SO WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO HAVE AN  
24 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION THAT HAS SUBPOENA POWER AND THAT ALSO  
25 WORKS CLOSELY WITH THE PROSECUTOR AND THAT CAN ACTUALLY HAVE

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1 PEOPLE COME AND TELL THE TRUTH ABOUT WHAT THEY'VE DONE AND GET  
2 FORGIVENESS AND MOVE ON IN THE LIGHT. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, STEVE. MICHELLE CERELLA.

5

6 **SHANNON SOAPER:** I'M SHANNON SOAPER AND WITH DIGNITY AND POWER  
7 NOW AND I'VE ALSO BEEN INSIDE THE L.A. COUNTY JAILS. AND WHEN  
8 I WAS THERE, I SAW A LOT OF THINGS. AND WHEN I GOT OUT, I WAS  
9 WORRIED ABOUT HOW I CAN GET THESE GIRLS THAT HAVE BEEN HOLDING  
10 FOR 30 HOURS, WATER. I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THEM BEING BEATEN AND  
11 RAPED. AND ABOUT MANY OF THE THINGS I HAD SEEN. WHEN I GOT  
12 OUT, I WASN'T WORRIED ABOUT HOW THE INSPECTOR GENERAL IS GOING  
13 TO GET ACCESS TO PAPERWORK OR BUREAUCRACY OR WHAT WENT WRONG  
14 WITH OVERSIGHT COMMISSIONS IN THE PAST. I WAS LOOKING TO SOLVE  
15 REAL PROBLEMS IN REAL TIME. AND THESE GIRLS IN THOSE JAILS  
16 CAN'T WAIT. THIS STUFF HAS TO BE DONE NOW AND IT HAS TO BE  
17 DONE RIGHT AND IT HAS TO BE EFFECTIVE. AND THAT MEANS HAVING  
18 INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATIVE POWER, HAVING SUBPOENA POWER, HAVING  
19 A NINE-MEMBER BOARD WHERE FOUR MEMBERS ARE COMMUNITY  
20 APPOINTED. THAT THEY ACTUALLY GUIDE THE WORK OF THE INSPECTOR  
21 GENERAL. AND THAT THERE IS NO LAW ENFORCEMENT. THESE ARE  
22 REALLY CLEAR SIMPLE THINGS THAT I DON'T EVEN THINK WE NEED TO  
23 ASK FOR IN ORDER FOR THE BOARD TO BE EFFECTIVE. LAW  
24 ENFORCEMENT, OBVIOUSLY, WOULD BE BAD ON A BOARD THAT'S TRYING  
25 TO OVERSEE CORRUPT LAW ENFORCEMENT.

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1

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

3

4 **SHANNON SOAPER:** THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ALONI BONILLA.

7

8 **LINDA LOCKWOOD:** I AM LINDA LOCKWOOD. AND PART OF MY BACKGROUND  
9 IS THAT I SERVED AS THE CO-CHAIR WITH BERNARD PARKS OF OUR  
10 POLICE- COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD SUMMIT. AND I'VE HEARD A LOT  
11 OF THINGS TODAY ABOUT OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT AND HOW IT DOESN'T  
12 WORK IN THIS ARENA AND I DON'T AGREE WITH THAT. I THINK WE CAN  
13 BORROW A LOT OF THINGS THAT WE DID WORK OUT. WE JUST CAME OUT  
14 OF A 10-YEAR CONSENT DECREE. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO SEE US GO  
15 BACK INTO IT ON THE COUNTY LEVEL AND I DON'T THINK WE NEED TO.  
16 I TOTALLY DISAGREE WITH OUR INSPECTOR GENERAL WHEN HE THINKS  
17 THAT PROTESTING ON THE STREETS OR PUBLICLY COMING IN THIS  
18 ARENA HAVING ONE MINUTE TO ADDRESS YOU IS ENOUGH FOR THE  
19 COMMUNITY'S INPUT IN THIS MANNER. THAT'S ABSURD. I ALSO AGREE  
20 AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO HAVE BROUGHT THIS  
21 TO US BECAUSE WE'VE REACHED CRITICAL MASS HERE. WE'RE OUT OF  
22 TIME. WE CAN'T PLAY ANY LONGER. THE THINGS THAT I WOULD LIKE  
23 TO BRING YOU OUT OF MY EXPERIENCE THAT HAVE WORKED IS THAT THE  
24 COMMISSION IS NOT JUST FOR OVERSIGHTS OF WHAT THE SHERIFFS ARE  
25 DOING WRONG. IT IS TO START LOOKING AT HOW WE CAN IMPROVE. AND

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1 IF WE DON'T LOOK AND TALK ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AS THE NO. 1  
2 ISSUE HERE OF TEACHING THE SHERIFFS HOW TO RESPOND TO MENTALLY  
3 ILL PATIENTS WHO THEY HAVE TO ARREST BECAUSE OUR MENTAL  
4 DEPARTMENTS HAVE FAILED IN THEIR ATTEMPTS TO TRY TO PUT THIS  
5 TOGETHER. SO THE BUCK ENDS WITH THE SHERIFF. ENDS WITH HIS  
6 ARRESTING. ENDS WITH THAT PERSON GOING TO OUR JAILS. ENDS WITH  
7 OUR JAILS BEING OVERCROWDED WITH PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT CRIMINALS  
8 BUT ACTUALLY MENTALLY ILL. WHAT WE DID IN THE POLICE  
9 DEPARTMENT THAT REALLY DID WORK IS SET UP COMMUNITY ADVISORY  
10 COUNCILS. WE SET UP POLICING THAT WAY.

11

12 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME ALSO CALL UP ROSITA  
13 CASTELAR. YES, SIR.

14

15 **KWAZI NKRUMAH:** MY NAME IS KWAZI NKRUMAH AND I'M THE CO-CHAIR  
16 OF THE MARTIN LUTHER KING COALITION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES. I  
17 WOULD LIKE TO THANK MR. MARK RIDLEY-THOMAS, SHEILA KUEHL AND  
18 HILDA SOLIS FOR TRYING TO GET AHEAD OF THE STORM. THERE IS A  
19 STORM ALREADY BREAKING LOOSE IN AMERICA. AND THERE'S A BIGGER  
20 ONE COMING BECAUSE NOT JUST THE POLICE BUT GOVERNMENT IN  
21 GENERAL HAVE BECOME CLOSED CIRCLES WHICH ARE NOT RESPONSIVE TO  
22 THE NEEDS OF THE PEOPLE THEY ARE SUPPOSED TO SERVE. YOU KNOW,  
23 WHEN PEOPLE COME HERE TO ADDRESS ISSUES LIKE THIS, THEY ARE  
24 TALKING ABOUT THESE WORDS ON THE WALL HERE, THE "GOVERNMENT OF  
25 THE PEOPLE, BY THE PEOPLE AND FOR THE PEOPLE SHALL NOT PERISH

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1 FROM THE EARTH." BUT WE KNOW THAT GOVERNMENT WASN'T ALWAYS  
2 ABOUT THE PEOPLE. BACK IN FEUDALISM YOU HAD ARMED BODIES OF  
3 MEN WHO SEPARATED AND PROTECTED THOSE WHO WERE THE HAVES  
4 AGAINST THE HAVE-NOTS. THAT WAS WHAT DEMOCRATIC REVOLUTIONS  
5 WERE ABOUT YEARS AGO. BUT WE ARE DEALING WITH A SITUATION  
6 WHERE OUR DEMOCRACY IS BROKEN DOWN. AND THESE CLOSED CIRCLES  
7 DO NOT WORK. WE HAVE TO HAVE PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY AND PUBLIC  
8 INPUT AND, FRANKLY, WE NEED PUBLIC CONTROL OF OUR POLICE.

9

10 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. LET ME  
11 ALSO CALL UP PATRICIA RUSSELL. YES, MA'AM.

12

13 **MICHELLE ZORRILLA:** HI, MY NAME IS MICHELLE ZORRILLA AND I AM  
14 THE PUBLIC AND HERE IS MY OBSERVATION. AS A FORMERLY  
15 INCARCERATED INMATE AT LYNWOOD DETENTION FACILITY, INNOCENT OF  
16 ALL CHARGES, I WAS SUBJECTED TO PHYSICAL ABUSE, MENTAL ABUSE,  
17 SEXUAL ABUSE. I WAS PROPOSITIONED FOR SEX AND DRUGS BY  
18 OFFICERS. AND THE DAY THAT I WAS RELEASED, I HAD INJURED MY  
19 SHOULDER AND GONE UPSTAIRS TO BE SEEN BY THE DOCTOR AND THE  
20 TECHNICIAN CAME OUT AND HIS PANTS AROUND HIS ANKLES AND HIS  
21 PENIS IN HIS HAND JACKING OFF IN FRONT OF ME AND WHEN I  
22 REPORTED THAT, I WAS CUT LOOSE AT 3:00 IN THE MORNING ON THE  
23 STREETS. ALL BY MYSELF IN THE DARK WITH NO ONE THERE. SO YES.  
24 YOU NEED THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT PANEL. IT IS VERY IMPORTANT

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1 FOR ACCOUNTABILITY. AND I AM DEFINITELY ONE PERSON THAT  
2 SUPPORTS IT 100 PERCENT. THANK YOU.

3

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

6

7 **ALANI:** MY NAME IS ALANI AND I AM A SURVIVOR OF POLICE  
8 BRUTALITY ORGANIZING WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION.  
9 INCRIMINATE A VICTIM TO JUSTIFY YOUR ACTIONS I CAN'T LET THIS  
10 GO KNOWING YOU'RE STILL ON PATROL. I CHALLENGE THE STATUS QUO  
11 BUT THE COURTS PROTECT THEIR OWN AND WHERE DO WE COMPLAIN TO  
12 THE SAME ORGANIZATION THAT ABUSES US? IT'S LIKE A GAME. THESE  
13 PLAYERS HAVE NO SHAME. THEY COVER UP THEIR TRACKS. THEY GOT  
14 EACH OTHER'S BACKS. IT'S NOT ABOUT THE FACTS. IT'S ABOUT WHERE  
15 YOU'RE AT. WHAT YOU KNOW. GOT TO SAY. THERE'S SOMETHING WRONG  
16 WITH THAT. BUT I'LL PRAY FOR YOU. THE D.A., THE JUDGE AND  
17 EVERYONE YOU LIED TO. CAN'T HIDE FROM THE TRUTH. BECAUSE GOD'S  
18 LIGHT SHINES RIGHT THROUGH. AFTER BEING BRUTALLY BEATEN AND  
19 STILL SEEKING JUSTICE AFTER TWO YEARS, I URGE YOU TO TAKE  
20 ADVANTAGE OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO BE A MODEL FOR THE NATION AT  
21 THIS VERY CRUCIAL MOMENT WHERE MISTRUST IS ON THE RISE AND  
22 LACK OF ACCOUNTABILITY EXISTS. STOP DELAYING. STOP DELAYING.  
23 STOP DELAYING. [APPLAUSE]

24

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1 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA  
2 BRADLEY? LINDA BRADLEY.

3

4 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, POINT OF ORDER.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

7

8 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST THE FOLLOWING  
9 THAT THERE ARE RULES OF DECORUM IN THE BOARDROOM. AND IT HAS  
10 BEEN MADE CLEAR WHAT THE MANNER IN WHICH YOU NEED TO CONDUCT  
11 YOURSELF IS. RAISE THE ROOF. THERE IS NO CHEERING. THERE IS NO  
12 APPLAUDING AND THE LIKE IN THE BOARDROOM. ONE SET OF RULES FOR  
13 EVERYONE. MR. CHAIRMAN, MAYOR, I WOULD HOPE THAT EVERYONE  
14 COULD GOVERN HIM OR HERSELF, THEMSELVES ACCORDINGLY. THAT WAY  
15 WE DON'T HAVE ISSUES. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP LINDA BAILEY. YES,  
18 MA'AM.

19

20 **ROSITA CASTELAR:** HI, MY NAME IS ROSITA CASTELAR, MY DAUGHTER  
21 WAS THE ONE WHO JUST SPOKE NOW. I'M NOT ONLY SPEAKING FOR  
22 ALONI BONILLA, I'M SPEAKING BY ALL THE MOTHERS SINCE I STARTED  
23 FIGHTING THIS FIGHT WHO HAVE CRIED ON MY SHOULDERS. PEOPLE WHO  
24 HAVE NEVER, EVER SPOKEN AGAINST WHAT HAPPENED TO THEM BECAUSE  
25 THEY WERE AFRAID. WHO WERE THEY GOING TO BELIEVE? ME OR YOU?

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1 GENOCIDE. I HEARD THE BEGINNING OF THE OPENING WHEN I CAME IN  
2 AND I SAID ARE THEY TALKING ABOUT WHAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?  
3 WE'RE LIVING IN FEAR. YOU HAVE PEOPLE WHO ARE LIVING IN FEAR,  
4 ARE AFRAID, NOT ONLY ARE THE PEOPLE IN FEAR, THERE IS GOOD LAW  
5 ENFORCEMENT THAT IS TIRED, AS WELL. AND THEY DON'T KNOW WHO TO  
6 GO TO. AND YOU'RE MAKING THOSE POLICE OFFICERS, THOSE LAW  
7 ENFORCEMENT AFRAID. NOT ONLY THE PEOPLE, BUT LAW ENFORCEMENT  
8 IS AFRAID. WHO DO WE TURN TO?

9

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

11

12 **ALEX ALVAREZ:** OH, SORRY. HELLO, MY NAME IS ALEX ALVAREZ AND  
13 I'M ORGANIZER WITH DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. I AM VERY HAPPY THAT  
14 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL BE VOTED ON ONCE AGAIN AND I AM  
15 CONFIDENT THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL PASS BECAUSE IT WILL BE  
16 BENEFICIAL FOR THE COMMUNITY OF LOS ANGELES AS AFFECTED BY THE  
17 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND SPECIFICALLY FOR THE PEOPLE THAT ARE  
18 AFFECTED BY THE HORRIBLE COUNTY JAIL SYSTEM. THIS INCLUDES  
19 TRANSGENDER AND QUEER FOLKS IN AND OUTSIDE OF THE COUNTY JAIL.  
20 THIS YEAR ALONE THERE HAVE BEEN SO MANY DEATHS OF TRANS FOLKS  
21 THAT HAS DEVASTATED THE TRANS COMMUNITY. ALSO ACKNOWLEDGING  
22 THAT QUEER AND TRANS FOLKS INSIDE OF JAILS ARE ALSO VICTIMS OF  
23 SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE AND CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT WILL NOT LEAVE THEM  
24 IN THE DARK. TO MAKE IT KNOWN I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE IT KNOWN  
25 THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS NOT THE END. IT IS ONLY THE

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1 BEGINNING TO END STATE VIOLENCE NOT ONLY LOS ANGELES BUT THE  
2 REST OF THE COUNTRY. WE AS THE COMMUNITY WANT TO MAKE SURE  
3 THAT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT HAS THE FIVE NON-NEGOTIABLE DEMANDS  
4 THAT DIGNITY AND POWER NOW AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S  
5 VIOLENCE INSIDE OF L.A. COUNTY JAILS HAS AGREED TO. THANKS.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. EVAN BUNCH. JAMES PORTER.  
8 ROBERT TARDENTIA. YES, MA'AM.

9

10 **PATRICIA RUSSELL:** MY NAME IS PATRICIA RUSSELL AND I'M A MEMBER  
11 OF THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE ON MENTAL ILLNESS. MY SON WAS IN L.A.  
12 COUNTY JAIL ON THE MENTAL HEALTH PART OF THE JAIL WHERE HE  
13 ALMOST DIED OF KIDNEY FAILURE. IT'S A MIRACLE THAT HE'S STILL  
14 BREATHING. I DIDN'T HAVE ANYONE TO GO TO TO LET THEM KNOW WHAT  
15 HAPPENED TO HIM SO IT WOULDN'T HAPPEN TO OTHERS INMATES. I'M  
16 SO GLAD THAT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION I BELIEVE IS GOING TO  
17 PASS AND I CONGRATULATE THE NEW BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, SHEILA  
18 KUEHL AND HILDA SOLIS. AND I APPRECIATE MR. THOMAS' EFFORTS  
19 AND DIGNITY AND POWER NOW. THIS WILL GIVE FAMILIES A PLACE TO  
20 GO IF THEY KNOW THAT THEIR LOVED ONES ARE IN DANGER. AND IT  
21 WOULD GIVE THEM HOPE. THANK YOU.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. WE CALL UP JERRY SILVA.  
24 YES, SIR.

25

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1 **EVAN BUNCH:** MY NAME IS EVAN BUNCH. ORGANIZER FOR DIGNITY AND  
2 POWER NOW. THERE'S NO DOUBT ABOUT CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD ABOUT  
3 ENDING SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN LOS ANGELES JAILS. DIGNITY AND  
4 POWER NOW STARTED. THE WORK OF THE CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD TWO  
5 YEARS AGO A CONSEQUENCE OF PATRICE CULLORS' EX-BROTHER MONTY  
6 WAS BEAT IN A POOL OF HIS OWN BLOOD BY SHERIFFS. I COME NEW TO  
7 LOS ANGELES FROM NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE BEGINNING OF NOVEMBER  
8 1ST. AND DURING OUTREACH, MANY IMPACTED FOLKS HAVE MENTIONED  
9 THE ROUTINE FLASHLIGHT TREATMENT, THE SHERIFF GAME CALLED THE  
10 3,000 BOYS WHO ARE SHERIFFS ON THE THIRD FLOOR WHO WOULD TAKE  
11 YOU OFF CAMERA TO BEAT YOU SENSELESSLY. AND JUST RECENTLY ONE  
12 OF OUR NEW MEMBERS, HER HUSBAND WAS RECENTLY GUNNED DOWN IN  
13 HIS OWN DRIVEWAY. THIS CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD IS LONG OVERDUE.  
14 AND MISS LANA, WHOSE HUSBAND WAS KILLED, SAID THAT THANKS TO  
15 THE SHERIFFS, HER HUSBAND'S DREAMS HAVE BEEN CUT AWAY.

16

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

18

19 **EVAN BUNCH:** SO WHO TOOK THE CUT FOR YOU?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CANEK PENA-VARGAS AND SIDNEY ROSS-  
22 RILDEN. YES SIR.

23

24 **JAMES PORTER:** CAN WE START? MY NAME IS JAMES. AND I AM WITH  
25 THE LOS ANGELES COMMUNITY ACTION NETWORK KNOWN AS L.A. CAN. WE

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1 ARE HERE ONCE AGAIN TO CALL ON THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO NOT  
2 ONLY SUPPORT A CIVILIAN REVIEW BOARD OF THE SHERIFF'S  
3 DEPARTMENT BUT TO IMPLEMENT ONE THAT IS TRULY SUPPORTED BY AND  
4 REFLECTIVE OF THE NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY. THIS MEANS INCLUDING  
5 FIVE NONNEGOTIABLE CONDITIONS PRESENTED BY DIGNITY AND POWER  
6 NOW. I WORKED AND LIVE IN SKID ROW. AND EVERY DAY I HEAR  
7 STORIES OF ABUSE IN JAIL. I EXPERIENCED IT MYSELF. IT MUST  
8 STOP. WE ARE HERE TO WELCOME THE NEW SUPERVISORS AND ARE  
9 EXCITED TO HAVE SUPPORT FROM THE BOARD. NOW WE MUST MAKE SURE  
10 IT IS A BODY THAT CAN TRULY HOLD THE SHERIFF ACCOUNTABLE. THE  
11 ABUSE AND VIOLENCE HAS TO STOP. WE SUPPORT DIGNITY AND POWER  
12 NOW.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. I ALSO CALL UP BRANDY  
15 BROWN. BRANDY BROWN? YES, SIR.

16

17 **ROBERT ZARDENETA:** MY NAME IS ROBERT ZARDENETA, I'M THE FOUNDER  
18 OF CALO YOUTH BUILD AND I'M ALSO LIFE LONG RESIDENT OF THE  
19 FIRST DISTRICT. I WANT TO FIRST APPRECIATE ALL MY YOUNG FOLKS  
20 AND MY STAFF WHO HAVE WORKED TIRELESSLY OVER THE PAST TWO  
21 YEARS TO ADVOCATE FOR THE COMMISSION. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT  
22 SUPERVISOR RIDLEY THOMAS' AND SOLIS' MOTION TO CREATE THE  
23 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION FOR THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I ALSO WANT  
24 TO RECOGNIZE THE MEMBERS OF MY COMMUNITY WHO ARE VICTIMS OF  
25 POLICE VIOLENCE: JOURNALIST RUBEN SALAZAR, LA CALO YOUTH

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1 GRADUATE EDUARDO BARUMES, RICARDO LARA, CARLOS OLIVAS, IZEL  
2 FORD, STEVEN RODRIGUEZ AND LA CASA GRADUATE ROBERT CADILLO AND  
3 HIS BROTHER GABRIEL WHO ARE LITERALLY THE FACE OF SHERIFF'S  
4 VIOLENCE IN L.A. COUNTY JAILS. I HOPE THAT MY YOUNG FOLKS WHO  
5 MANY OF WHOM LIVE IN COMMUNITIES WHERE THEY'RE THE VICTIMS OF  
6 SUCH VIOLENCE ARE ABLE TO BE EMPOWERED TO BE A PART OF THIS  
7 COMMISSION. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. LET ME CALL UP ROBERT  
10 GORDH. YES, SIR.

11

12 **CANEK PENA-VARGAS:** HI, MY NAME IS CANEK PENA-VARGAS AND I'M  
13 HERE REPRESENTING YOUTH BUILD BOYLE HEIGHTS AND THE ACADEMY  
14 AND THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE IN L.A. JAILS. I'M  
15 HERE TO SUPPORT ITEM NO. 2 FOR THE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD.  
16 REASON BEING SIMPLE I SUPPORT DEMOCRACY AND I SUPPORT HUMAN  
17 RIGHTS. FOR TWO AND A HALF YEARS I'VE BEEN WORKING WITH YOUNG  
18 PEOPLE ON THE EAST SIDE ON BOYLE HEIGHTS AROUND THIS ISSUE AND  
19 I'VE HEARD MANY TESTIMONIES ABOUT THE VIOLENCE, THE ABUSE, THE  
20 CORRUPTION, THE TORTURE THAT HAPPENS IN THE JAILS AS WELL AS  
21 ON THE STREETS. I'VE LIVED THROUGH THE EXPERIENCE OF HAVING  
22 LOST SEVERAL MEMBERS OF OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO SHERIFF  
23 VIOLENCE. AND RECENTLY YOUTH BUILD GRADUATE. EARLIER IT WAS  
24 MENTION THAT HAD ABUSE AND SCANDAL HAPPEN AT A HEIGHT OF  
25 OVERSIGHT. HOWEVER, OVERSIGHT DID NOT CAUSE THE ABUSE. IT SHED

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1 LIGHT ON AN ISSUE WHICH EXISTED FOR SOMETIME NOW. WE NEED TO  
2 IMPROVE AND EMPOWER OVERSIGHT TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION AND TO  
3 BEGIN TO HEAL OUR COMMUNITY. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT SHOULD ALSO  
4 INCLUDE THESE FIVE NONNEGOTIABLE PIECES. THE COMMISSION SHOULD  
5 INCLUDE SUBPOENA POWER, NINE MEMBERS, FOUR OF WHICH ARE  
6 COMMUNITY PARTNERS. WE'RE LOOKING TO HILDA SOLIS. WE'RE SO  
7 GLAD YOU'RE WITH US NOW TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE THAT  
8 REPRESENTATION FROM THE COALITION TO END SHERIFF VIOLENCE IN  
9 L.A. JAILS. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

10

11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. TANNISHA DINNARD. YES,  
12 MA'AM.

13

14 **SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN:** MY NAME IS SIDNEY ROSS-RISDEN FROM THE  
15 GLOBAL WOMEN'S STRIKE L.A. AND WE JOIN IN URGING YOU TO CREATE  
16 AN INDEPENDENT OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. CONTINUING VIOLENCE BY  
17 SHERIFFS IN OUR AND VIOLENCE AND CORRUPTION IN L.A.'S JAILS  
18 ARE WELL DOCUMENTED. AS THE WOMEN'S ORGANIZATION, WE UNDERLINE  
19 THE NEED FOR A CITIZEN'S CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT TO ADDRESS  
20 VIOLENCE IN THE WOMEN'S JAIL IN LYNWOOD. VIOLENCE INCLUDING  
21 RAPE AND SEXUAL ASSAULT WHICH HAS INCREASED OVER THE PAST  
22 YEAR. AS WELL, WOMEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED MUST BE ASSURED  
23 ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH CARE AND OTHER SERVICES. CIVILIAN  
24 OVERSIGHT IS A CRITICAL START. WE ALSO CONTINUE TO URGE YOU TO  
25 STOP THE MULTIBILLION DOLLARS NEW JAIL CONSTRUCTION PLAN,

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1 INCLUDING THE NEW WOMEN'S VILLAGE AND USE THE MONEY THAT'S  
2 SAVED TO ADDRESS THE CRUSHING POVERTY IN L.A.'S COMMUNITIES,  
3 MANY OF THEM COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WHICH RESULT IN THE  
4 CRIMINALIZATION OF SO MANY WOMEN. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ROBERT CHRISTO. YES, MA'AM?

7

8 **BRANDY BROWN:** HI, MY NAME IS BRANDY BROWN AND I WAS A YOUTH  
9 JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE BECAUSE FOR EFFECTIVE CITIZEN  
10 OVERSIGHT OF THE SHERIFFS. IT'S BEEN TOO MANY KILLINGS GOING  
11 ON IN OUR BLACK AND BROWN COMMUNITIES. I HAVE TALKED TO  
12 FAMILIES AND MARCHED WITH FAMILIES FOR JUSTICE. BUT I KNOW ONE  
13 THING. WE CAN'T GET JUSTICE WITHOUT CHANGE. THAT'S WHY WE NEED  
14 EFFECTIVE CITIZEN OVERSIGHT BECAUSE I WILL NOT BURY MY CHILD.  
15 IT'S SAD ENOUGH I HAVE TO BURY SOME OF MY FRIENDS. SO I THANK  
16 SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SOLIS FOR PUTTING THIS TOGETHER. THANK  
17 YOU.

18

19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. ABRAHAM KOLUNGA? YES, SIR.

20

21 **BOB GORDH:** MY NAME IS BOB GORDH. I'M FROM L.A. NO MORE JAILS.  
22 I RECENTLY READ A BOOK CALLED "THE LUCIFER EFFECT" BY DR.  
23 PHILIP ZIMBARDO THAT WAS LARGELY ABOUT THE ABUSES THAT ABU  
24 GHRAIB, THE PRISON IN IRAQ. THE BOOK MAKES IT CLEAR HOW EASY  
25 IT IS FOR A CULTURE OF LAWLESSNESS TO SET IN WITH AMONG THOSE

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1 WHO IMPRISON OTHER HUMAN BEINGS. AND IN THIS KIND OF CULTURE,  
2 IT BECOMES COMMON AND ACCEPTED TO TREAT THOSE WHO ARE  
3 IMPRISONED AS LESS THAN HUMAN BEINGS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE  
4 THAT THAT'S NOT HAPPENING UNDER OUR WATCH AND IN OUR NAMES IN  
5 L.A. COUNTY. THEREFORE, I APPLAUD THE MOTION TO CREATE THE  
6 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. PETER DE LA PENA. MORGAN  
9 WILLIAMS. AND MICHELLE WATSON. YES, MA'AM.

10

11 **TANISHA DENARD:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS TANISHA I'M WITH  
12 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. I'M HERE BECAUSE I'M IN SUPPORT  
13 OF ITEM NO. 2. WE ARE NOW AT NUMBER 601 IN L.A. COUNTY PEOPLE  
14 THAT WERE KILLED BY LAW ENFORCEMENT. IT IS TIME THAT WE  
15 IMPLEMENT A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. WE WANT TO HOLD PEOPLE  
16 ACCOUNTABLE SO IT'S IMPORTANT THAT WE INCLUDE COMMUNITY INSIDE  
17 OF THIS. SO I'D LIKE TO THANK SUPERVISOR THOMAS AND SOLIS FOR  
18 TAKING THIS INITIATIVE AND I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THIS  
19 LAYOUT. THANK YOU.

20

21 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. THE NEXT SPEAKER WILL  
22 BE CHRISTINE WANG. ARNOLD SACHS. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. DON STACK  
23 IF YOU COULD BE IN THE QUEUE AND BE PREPARED TO COME FORWARD  
24 THAT WOULD BE HELPFUL. PLEASE PROCEED.

25

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1 **ABRAHAM COLUNGA:** MY NAME IS ABRAHAM. THE REASON I'M HERE IS  
2 I'M IN FAVOR OF THE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE. I HAVE EXPERIENCE  
3 SHERIFF'S BRUTALITY WITH 3,000 BOYS AND 2,000 BOYS. THERE WAS  
4 NO ONE TO CRY TO. I WAS CONTINUALLY MOVED IN THE SYSTEM. I  
5 TRULY BELIEVED THAT IF THERE WAS A COMMITTEE OVERSIGHT IN THAT  
6 POINT IN TIME THE BEATINGS I TOOK AND OTHER INMATES TOOK WOULD  
7 HAVE NEVER TAKEN PLACE. IN ORDER FOR THE OVERSIGHT TO WORK IT  
8 NEEDS TO BE BY FIVE NONNEGOTIABLE SUBPOENA POWER AND  
9 INDEPENDENT LEGAL COUNSEL MADE UP OF NINE MEMBERS, FIVE  
10 APPOINTED BY THE BOARD, FOUR SELECTED FROM A POOL CREATED BY  
11 COMMUNITY PARTNERS AND DIRECT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OFFICE OF  
12 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY LAW ENFORCEMENT  
13 OR RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT. INVEST IN CIVILIAN REVIEW AND  
14 COMMUNITY-BASED SOLUTIONS, NOT MORE JAILS. THANK YOU.

15

16 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TESTIMONY. NEXT  
17 SPEAKER, PLEASE.

18

19 **PETER DE LA PENA:** MY NAME IS PETER DE LA PENA. I'M A DISABLED  
20 VETERAN, ALSO MEMBER OF THE FIRST DISTRICT FOR 65 YEARS AND  
21 CURRENTLY SERVED IN MOST OUR THEATERS AND HAVE COME A LONG  
22 WAYS JUST TO HEAR THIS SUBJECT MATTER. VERY SIMPLY, THE  
23 GENTLEMAN THAT CAME IN THAT DID YOUR REVIEW HAVE TOUCHED ON  
24 ALL THE POINTS THAT ARE CRITICAL AND QUESTIONABLE IN REGARDS  
25 TO THE LEGALITIES, LAUDE, LAUDE, LAUDE, BUT THE BOTTOM LINE IS

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1 THIS: THE NEW SHERIFF HAS MADE A PROMISE TO TAKE A DIFFERENT  
2 COURSE OF ACTION. AND WE HAVE TO TAKE HIM AT HIS WORD. WHY?  
3 BECAUSE THAT'S THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN RIGHT NOW. AND IF WE  
4 DON'T, YOU'LL HAVE THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DOWN HERE IN TWO  
5 MORE YEARS. NOW, AS FAR AS CASUALTIES, WE HAVE A LOT OF  
6 OFFICERS WE'VE LOST. AND WE'VE LOST A LOT, A LOT OF FAMILIES.

7

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

9

10 **MORGAN WILLIAMS:** HI, MY NAME IS MORGAN WILLIAMS AND I'M A  
11 YOUTH ORGANIZER WITH THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. CIVILIAN  
12 OVERSIGHT IS AN ENTITY THAT IS LONG OVERDUE IN LOS ANGELES AND  
13 THE REST OF THE COUNTRY. THREE MONTHS AGO, THE ORGANIZATION I  
14 WORK WITH YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION PUBLISHED A REPORT STATING  
15 THAT LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT HAS KILLED 587  
16 PEOPLE. AND JUST THREE SHORT MONTHS, THE NUMBER GREW TO OVER  
17 601 PEOPLE AS OF SUNDAY. MANY OF THESE KILLINGS ARE CAUSED BY  
18 COUNTY SHERIFFS. IT PAINS ME TO KNOW HOW MUCH MY BLACK AND  
19 BROWN BROTHERS AND SISTERS HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS COUNTRY  
20 YET WE HAVE THE LEAST AMOUNT OF SAY SO IN THE WAY THE SHERIFFS  
21 TREAT OUR PEOPLE WHEN WE ARE MOST AFFECTED. I STRONGLY FEEL  
22 THAT AMERICA IS A COUNTRY OF FALSE ADVERTISING, CLAIMING TO BE  
23 A NATION OF UNITED STATES, YET WE OUTCAST CITIZENS FOR THE WAY  
24 THEY LOOK. SO I JUST WANT YOU GUYS TO PLEASE DO WHAT'S RIGHT.  
25 THANK YOU.

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** YES, MA'AM.

3

4 **MICHELLE WATSON:** MY NAME IS MICHELLE WATSON AND I'M ALSO FROM  
5 YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE WAY THE MEDIA IS SET UP YOU WOULD  
6 THINK FERGUSON, MISSOURI, OR CHICAGO, ILLINOIS, OR NEW YORK,  
7 NEW YORK WAS THE POLICE CRIME CAPITAL OF THE WORLD. BUT THEY  
8 ARE NOT. LOS ANGELES IS THE POLICE CRIME CAPITAL OF THE WORLD  
9 AND LOS ANGELES LEADS THE NATION IN INJUSTICE. THE L.A.P.D.  
10 AND THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT LEAD THE NATION IN OFFICER-  
11 INVOLVED MURDERS AND BRUTALITIES. WE THE PEOPLE, WE THE  
12 COMMUNITY, WE THE FOUNDATION OF DEMOCRACY, WE DEMAND THAT  
13 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT THE WHICH WILL GIVE US SOME, JUST A LITTLE  
14 BIT OF POWER OVER THE POLICE AND OUR TAX DOLLARS. WE ALSO  
15 DEMAND TO DIVERT AT LEAST, AT LEAST 1 PERCENT OF THE L.A.  
16 COUNTY POLICE BUDGET BACK INTO THE COMMUNITY TO FUND 50 YOUTH  
17 CENTERS, 500 COMMUNITY INTERVENTIONISTS AND 25,000 YOUTH JOBS  
18 BECAUSE THE L.A. COMMUNITY IS FED UP AND CHANGE WILL PREVAIL  
19 BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY.

20

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

22

23 **CHRISTINE WANG:** HI, MY NAME IS CHRISTINE WANG. I'M WITH  
24 C.R.L.A. AND L.A. NO MORE JAILS. RIGHT NOW PRISON INDUSTRIAL  
25 COMPLEX, P.I.C. ABOLITIONISTS ARE IMAGINING A WORLD WITHOUT

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1 PRISONS AND JAIL. THE P.I.C. IS AN INSTITUTION THAT USES  
2 RAPIST LOGIC AND LAWS TO INTIMIDATE, INCARCERATE AND KILL  
3 PEOPLE OF COLOR. I HOPE A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL  
4 HELP INCARCERATED PEOPLE AND ALLEVIATE VIOLENCE. I HOPE THE  
5 COMMISSION WILL HAVE SUBPOENA POWER. I KNOW THAT IF YOU  
6 CONTINUE THE 2.3 BILLION JAIL EXPANSION, THE TASKS OF THE  
7 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WILL BE MORE DIFFICULT. I KNOW  
8 THAT YOU CANNOT REFORM THE SHERIFFS IN ONE HAND AND THEN IN  
9 YOUR OTHER HAND PERPETUATE STRUCTURAL VIOLENCE BY EXPANDING A  
10 SYSTEM THAT LOCKS UP POOR PEOPLE, HOMELESS PEOPLE AND MOTHERS.  
11 THANK YOU.

12

13 **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, DR. GENEVIEVE  
14 CLAVREUL. IT IS THE FIRST TIME I DON'T SPEAK ABOUT HEALTH AND  
15 IT'S BECAUSE I'M TOTALLY IN SUPPORT OF HAVING AN OVERSIGHT  
16 COMMITTEE. I THINK WE HAVE A NEW SHERIFF WHO HAS EXPRESSED HIS  
17 DESIRE TO DO THE RIGHT THING. WE HAVE TWO NEW SUPERVISORS WHO  
18 ARE COMING WITH NEW IDEAS. AND I THINK IT'S A TIME TO DO IT  
19 RIGHT. I THINK IN SOCIETY WITHOUT LAW DOES NOT PROSPER AND  
20 DOES NOT SURVIVE. SO I AM A STRONG BELIEVER TO DOING WHAT IS  
21 RIGHT. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

22

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

24

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1 **DON STECK:** GOOD MORNING, MAYOR ANTONOVICH. I AM DON STECK, THE  
2 PRESIDENT OF A.L.A.D.S., THE ASSOCIATION OF LOS ANGELES DEPUTY  
3 SHERIFFS AND I'M 16 YEAR VETERAN OF THE LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S  
4 DEPARTMENT. DEPUTY SHERIFF'S AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
5 INVESTIGATORS FULLY SUPPORT YOUR AIM OF PROMOTING  
6 TRANSPARENCY, RESTORING THE PUBLIC'S TRUST AND VALID REFORM  
7 EFFORTS. YOU'LL FIND NO GREATER PROPONENT OF HOLDING OUR  
8 SHERIFF DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTABLE. IF CIVILIAN  
9 OVERSIGHT IS ANOTHER MECHANISM CHOSEN BY YOUR BOARD THEN ON  
10 BEHALF OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY INVESTIGATORS WE ASK THAT YOU  
11 ALLOW OUR INPUT AS PART OF THE WORKING GROUP AND THE  
12 COMMISSION ITSELF. OUR DEPUTY SHERIFFS AND DISTRICT ATTORNEY  
13 INVESTIGATORS WOULD VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
14 HAVE INPUT AS THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS ARE MADE RATHER THAN  
15 POINTING OUT THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES AFTER THE CIVILIAN  
16 OVERSIGHT COMMISSION STRUCTURES ARE SET IN PLACE. ON BEHALF OF  
17 THE A.L.A.D.S. MEMBERS, WE THANK YOU FOR LISTENING TO US  
18 TODAY.

19

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

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

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL ALSO BRIAN MORIGUCHI AND  
25 REINA SCHMITZ.

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2 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU. JAIL VIOLENCE. GUN VIOLENCE. GUN  
3 VIOLENCE HAS THE BILL OF RIGHTS. CAMPUS SHOOTINGS. SCHOOL  
4 SHOOTINGS, GOING POSTAL. A.R.A. STANDS BEHIND THE BILL OF  
5 RIGHTS. WHAT ABOUT THE OFFICERS' BILL OF RIGHTS? WE HAVEN'T  
6 HEARD ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT. WHAT IS THE OFFICERS' BILL OF  
7 RIGHTS? DOES ANYBODY KNOW WHAT IT INCLUDES IN THE OFFICERS'  
8 BILL OF RIGHTS? YOU MAY KNOW. BUT DOES THE PUBLIC KNOW? PEOPLE  
9 TALK ABOUT SUBPOENAS. NOT A LOT THAT HELPS THE BILL OF RIGHTS,  
10 WHO WINS? MAX HUNTSMAN SAID HE COULD BE FIRED BY THE  
11 COMMISSION BUT HE WAS APPOINTED BY THE BOARD. SUPERVISOR  
12 KNABE, YOU DIDN'T CORRECT HIM. YET YOU CORRECTED SOME YOUNG  
13 LADY TALKING ABOUT HOW YOU BURIED SOME PEOPLE WHO MIGHT HAVE  
14 GONE THROUGH THE JAIL SYSTEM. MR. RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOU MENTIONED  
15 ONE SET OF RULES FOR ALL. NO APPLAUSE. DO YOU REMEMBER HOW THE  
16 MEETING STARTED TODAY? WITH APPLAUSE? AND CLAPPING? WHAT'S THE  
17 ONE SET OF RULES? IT'S WHAT YOU SAY. THAT'S NO RULES AND  
18 THAT'S NO COMMISSION.

19

20 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THE ONE SET OF RULES IS YOUR TIME HAS  
21 EXPIRED.

22

23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP JEFF JAGGERS.  
24 TERESA EILERS, YES, SIR.

25

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1 **BRIAN MORIGUCHI:** I'M SORRY. I APOLOGIZE. AS SOME OF YOU MAY  
2 REMEMBER, I CAME BEFORE THIS BOARD OVER 10 YEARS AGO ASKING  
3 FOR OVERSIGHT. I BELIEVE THAT TODAY. I BELIEVE THAT WE DO NEED  
4 OVERSIGHT BUT WHAT WE NEED IS EFFECTIVE OVERSIGHT. THIS BOARD  
5 HAS MADE MISTAKES IN THE PAST BY CREATING OVERSIGHT THAT HAS  
6 BEEN INEFFECTIVE. YOU ARE PUTTING THE CART BEFORE THE HORSE  
7 TODAY. YOU HAVE A WORKING GROUP WHICH IS A GOOD IDEA. THEY'RE  
8 THE ONES THAT NEED TO PRESENT FACTS BACK TO YOU SO THAT YOU  
9 CAN MAKE A DECISION ON WHETHER CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS THE RIGHT  
10 COURSE OF ACTION. ALL WE ASK IS THAT YOU MAKE THE RIGHT  
11 DECISION HERE AND NOT LET POLITICS OR EMOTION DRIVE YOUR  
12 DECISION. THANK YOU.

13

14 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** NAME FOR THE RECORD, PLEASE?

15

16 **BRIAN MORIGUCHI:** BRIAN MORUGUCHI, PRESIDENT OF THE  
17 PROFESSIONAL PEACE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

18

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

20

21 **ROBERT CRISTO:** HI, MY NAME IS ROBERT CRISTO. I AM AN ORGANIZER  
22 THE YOUTH JUSTICE COALITION. THE BOARD OWES INCARCERATED  
23 PEOPLE HUMANE TREATMENT. FOR FAR TOO LONG, THOSE INCARCERATED  
24 HAVE BEEN DENIED THIS. VIOLENT ABUSES AT THE HANDS OF THEIR  
25 JAILERS HAVE BECOME COMMON PRACTICE. THIS INSTITUTIONAL

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1 VIOLENCE HAS SPILLED OVER INTO THE STREETS. IT HAS NAMES SUCH  
2 AS JOHNNY MARTINEZ, RICARDO LARA AND EDUARDO MUNEZ WHOSE  
3 FAMILIES' LIVES HAVE NOW BEEN FOREVER CHANGED AT THE HANDS OF  
4 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. I ASK THE BOARD'S SUPPORT A CIVILIAN  
5 REVIEW BOARD SO THAT SHERIFFS CAN THINK TWICE BEFORE PULLING  
6 THEIR BATONS AND PULLING THE TRIGGER. THANK YOU.

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP PETER ELISABURG  
9 AND JABRIEL MUHAMMAD.

10

11 **REINA SCHMITZ:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS REINA SCHMITZ: AND I  
12 HAVE LIVED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF LA PUENTE FOR OVER 28  
13 YEARS AND I'M HERE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT IT'S EXTREMELY  
14 IMPORTANT FOR ME AS A RESIDENT OF THE COUNTY NOT ONLY TO BE  
15 SUPPORTED BY MY SUPERVISOR AND THE DISTRICT I LIVE IN BUT BY  
16 ALL OF YOU. AND KNOWING THAT THERE WOULD BE TRANSPARENCY IN  
17 L.A. COUNTY, IT WOULD GIVE US A LOT OF PEACE OF MIND NOT ONLY  
18 IN THE COMMUNITIES THAT WE LIVE IN BUT ALSO FOR INDIVIDUALS  
19 WHO ARE INCARCERATED FOR WHATEVER REASON. THANK YOU VERY MUCH  
20 AND WE SUPPORT THIS.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME ALSO CALL UP -- YES, SIR.

23

24 **JEFF JAGGERS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, MY NAME IS JEFF JAGGERS. I AM  
25 FOUNDER AND GENERAL MANAGER OF K.T.N.G. 860 A.M., VOICE OF THE

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1 VOICELESS RADIO, INTERNET RADIO, THAT IS. AND MOST  
2 IMPORTANTLY, I AM A UNITED STATES MAY MARINE CORPS VETERAN,  
3 FOUR YEARS, SUFFERING FROM POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER AND  
4 MOST IMPORTANTLY ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE. THEREFORE, THE  
5 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT BOARD SHOULD GO THROUGH BECAUSE IT IS  
6 NECESSARY. ANY TIME THE FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE CAN MAKE  
7 RULES TO GOVERN A SET BODY TO INFLICT PAIN, MISERY AND  
8 DISCRETIONARY VIOLENCE, I MEAN DISCRETIONARY, IT REALLY  
9 DOESN'T SOUND MUCH BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY IT SOUNDS MORE LIKE  
10 TOTALITARIAN OPPRESSION THAT IS UPON THE PEOPLE. BOTH BLACK  
11 AND BROWN. NOT ONLY DO I SERVE THE LOS ANGELES CHAMBER OF  
12 COMMERCE IN COMPTON BUT I ALSO WORK THERE, AS WELL AND IN NINE  
13 OTHER DISTRICTS. SO THEREFORE MY VOICE IS EVERYWHERE. BUT MOST  
14 IMPORTANTLY MOST IMPORTANTLY --

15

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

17

18 **PETER ELIASBERG:** PETER ELIASBERG, I'M THE LEGAL DIRECTOR OF  
19 THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE STRONGLY SUPPORT THE  
20 MOTION BEFORE THE BOARD TODAY. BUT THERE'S TWO SMALL POINTS I  
21 WANT TO MAKE SPECIFICALLY. ONE IS SUPERVISOR KUEHL, I THINK  
22 YOU'RE EXACTLY RIGHT. WHATEVER THE LIMITATIONS THAT ARE  
23 CURRENTLY UNDER LAW FOR CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION, THERE'S  
24 NO QUESTION THAT IT CAN SERVE A TRANSPARENCY FUNCTION, THAT IT  
25 CAN CALL AND HAVE THE INSPECTOR GENERAL COME AND GIVE PUBLIC

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1 REPORTS. AND IN THE I THINK 15-YEAR HISTORY OF MERRICK BOBB  
2 BEING A SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, I'M NOT  
3 AWARE OF HIS EVER ONCE BEING CALLED BEFORE THE BOARD TO GET  
4 THE PUBLIC REPORT. YOU HAVE MANY DIFFERENT FUNCTIONS BUT THE  
5 CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION CAN SPECIFICALLY PROVIDE FOR  
6 TRANSPARENCY AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY FOR THE INSPECTOR  
7 GENERAL TO PRESENT. THE SECOND POINT I'D SAY IS WE TALKED A  
8 LOT ABOUT THE LIMITATIONS BUT I HEARD THIS BOARD MANY, MANY  
9 TIMES SAY LET'S GET IN TOUCH. LET'S SEE WHAT WE CAN DO IN  
10 SACRAMENTO TO CHANGE THINGS. IF THIS WORKING GROUP FINDS THAT  
11 THERE ARE LIMITATIONS THAT THEY FEEL NEED TO BE OVERCOME, THEY  
12 CAN GO TO SACRAMENTO AND ASK THE LEGISLATURE TO GIVE CIVILIAN  
13 OVERSIGHT BOARD MORE POWER.

14

15 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** LET ME CALL SO CALL OF JOHN WALSH AND  
16 WAYNE SPINDLER. YES, SIR.

17

18 **JABRIEL MUHAMMAD:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS. THIS IS JABRIEL  
19 MUHAMMAD FOR JUSTICE MOVEMENT. WE'D LIKE TO SAY WE FULLY  
20 SUPPORT THE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. IT'S THE ULTIMATE AND  
21 EVERYONE ELSE INVOLVED. BUT WHAT WE WANT TO KNOW IS WHAT ARE  
22 THEY GOING TO DO WITH THE BACKLOG OF CASES THAT WE ARE SUBJECT  
23 TO AS WE SPEAK? AND THE RESULTS, WHEN DO THEY START WORK? WHEN  
24 CAN WE LOOK FORWARD TO SOME RESULTS GIVING THE CONDUCT THAT WE  
25 KNOW THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS RESPONSIBLE FOR AS FAR

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1 AS FORCE? SO THESE ALREADY EXIST IN TERMS OF EXCESSIVE FORCE  
2 WE WOULD LIKE VERY MUCH FOR THE POLICE OVERSIGHT COMMISSION TO  
3 GIVE US AN UPDATE AND BLESS US TO BE INFORMED. I MEAN JUST AS  
4 A BODY OF PEOPLE COMING TO THE BOARD MEETINGS.

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU. RICHARD RYAN. YES, MA'AM?

7

8 **JOSE CASTRO:** MY NAME IS JOSE CASTRO, I'M A STUDENT AT CALO  
9 YOUTH BUILD AND I'M HERE TO SUPPORT CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT OF THE  
10 L.A. COUNTY JAIL. GIVEN FACT THAT PEOPLE ARE LOSING THEIR  
11 LIVES DUE TO VIOLENCE AND THESE OFFICERS WALK AWAY WITH NO  
12 CHARGES, JUST LIKE MY TWO UNARMED MEN LOST THEIR LIVES TO  
13 SHERIFF'S VIOLENCE, EDUARDO [INAUDIBLE] AND RICARDO  
14 [INAUDIBLE]. WHO WILL BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE FOR THEIR DEATHS?  
15 BEING A YOUTH FROM WATTS POLICE HARASSMENT AND VIOLENCE IS A  
16 REGULAR OCCURRENCE THAT WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH. THE CIVILIAN  
17 OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE WOULD HELP L.A. YOUTH TO LIVE FREE OF FEAR  
18 OF THE SHERIFFS. CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT IS LONG OVERDUE. IT NEEDS  
19 TO INCLUDE FIVE NONNUSHABLES, ONE SUBPOENA POWER, INDEPENDENT  
20 LEGAL COUNSEL TO BE MADE UP OF NINE MEMBERS WITH FOUR FROM THE  
21 COMMUNITY. THAT IT DIRECT THE FUNCTION OF THE OFFICE OF THE OF  
22 THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AND LAST THAT IT SHOULD NOT HAVE ANY LAW  
23 ENFORCEMENT [INAUDIBLE].

24

25 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU, SIR. SPINDLER?

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1

2 **JOHN WALSH:** JOHN WALSH BLOGGING AT HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

3 IT'S ALREADY GOT THREE VOTES, OKAY? IT'S GOING TO PASS. I'VE

4 BEEN COMING TO THESE MEETINGS SINCE 1980, OKAY? AND THESE

5 THINGS ALWAYS PASS. AND THE LIBERALS ALWAYS GET IT AND

6 EVERYONE GOES OUT, OH, WE GOT A BIG VICTORY AND NOTHING

7 CHANGES EXCEPT IT GETS WORSE WITH THE SHERIFFS. LIVE IN THE

8 REAL WORLD. AND THE REAL WORLD IS THEY JUST DON'T CONTROL THIS

9 BUILDING; THEY CONTROL THE WHOLE WORLD. OKAY? SO THEY -- ALL

10 THESE LIBERALS CAN GET UP HERE AND PASS ANYTHING THEY WANT,

11 BUT THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS IF YOU DON'T HAVE MY COLOR SKIN,

12 YOU ARE IN DANGER IN THE STREETS OF L.A. EVERY SINGLE SECOND.

13 AND I'M HAPPY THAT I WAS BORN WHITE BECAUSE IT GIVES ME THE

14 PROTECTION FROM RACISM AND I AM HAPPY ABOUT MY WHITE SKIN.

15 HOLLYWOODHIGHLANDS.ORG.

16

17 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** HERMAN HERMAN?

18

19 **WAYNE SPINDLER:** CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT AND GRAND JURIES DON'T HELP

20 MUCH. I WAS ON THE INTERNET THE OTHER DAY. I SEE A BIG BLACK

21 MAN OVER THERE IN NEW YORK: CAN'T BREATHE! I CAN'T BREATHE!

22 AND THAT'S MURDER WHERE I COME FROM. BUT APPARENTLY TO A GRAND

23 JURY IT'S NOTHING WAS DONE WRONG. NOW WE GET ANOTHER PERSON

24 FOR SELLING CIGARETTES. SO IF YOU SELL CIGARETTES AND DON'T

25 PAY THE TAX, THE PENALTY IS DEATH. THAT'S BASICALLY MODERN

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1 AMERICA. SO THIS BOARD YOU'RE GOING TO SET UP, YOU'RE GOING TO  
2 PUT THEN CRONIES ON THERE. EVERYTHING IS STILL GOING TO BE THE  
3 SAME. BUT WHAT YOU NEED TO DO: STOP EXECUTING BLACK PEOPLE.  
4 THAT HAS TO BE OUTLAWED. PUT IT RIGHT IN THE CITY CHARTER, THE  
5 COUNTY CHARTER. THANK YOU.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** CALL UP ESTHER LIM AND ERIC PREVEN.

8

9 **RICHARD RYAN:** HONORABLE MAYOR, MY NAME IS RICHARD RYAN. AND I  
10 WORK FOR THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR ALMOST 16 YEARS, MUCH  
11 OF THE TIME WORKING ON ANTI-VIOLENCE PROJECTS ENACTED AS THE  
12 COCHAIR OF THE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNCIL FOR ALMOST EIGHT  
13 YEARS. I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING UP THIS ISSUE. I  
14 WANTED TO SPECIFICALLY THANK SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS AND  
15 SUPERVISOR SOLIS BECAUSE THIS ISSUE IS SO IMPORTANT. I THINK  
16 SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND RIDLEY-THOMAS, YOUR COMMENTS ABOUT MR.  
17 DROOYAN'S COMMENTS AND HIS TESTIMONY, YOUR COMMENTS WERE SPOT  
18 ON. THIS IS AN ISSUE REALLY WHICH I SAW THE CITY OF WEST  
19 HOLLYWOOD FROM OTHER COMMUNITIES WAS ACCESSED FOR EVERYDAY  
20 PEOPLE TO TALK TO SOME PUBLIC OFFICIAL ABOUT THE ISSUES THEY  
21 MIGHT OR MIGHT NOT HAVE WITH THE SHERIFF; IN WEST HOLLYWOOD,  
22 WE HAVE A VERY ACTIVE PUBLIC AND VERY ACCESSIBLE CITY COUNCIL.  
23 BUT THERE WERE MANY TOWNS THAT DON'T. MANY PLACES IN THE  
24 COUNTY. SO I THANK YOU FOR THIS.

25

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

2

3 **HERMAN HERMAN:** REGARDS, MR. MAYOR, OF OVERSIGHT IT'S NOT JUST  
4 A MATTER OF OVERSIGHT FROM THE DISCRIMINATION AND PREJUDICE OF  
5 WHAT'S HAPPENING, THE ISSUE IS: HOW TO PREVENT FUTURE  
6 OCCURRENCES OF THE PROBLEM? AND THAT PROBLEM HAS TO DO WITH  
7 THOSE OF YOU WITHIN THE DISTRICTS WHO CAN CONTROL THE ISSUE.  
8 IT WILL NEVER BE FIXED. AND CAN'T CORRECTED. IT CAN ONLY BE  
9 ADJUSTED TO A FORMULA THAT YOU CAN PREVENT AND NOT BECOME SO  
10 INVISIBLE TO THE PROBLEM OF THE ISSUE. LET'S NOT TALK ABOUT A  
11 PROBLEM OF RACISM. LET'S TALK ABOUT A PROBLEM OF WHAT YOU'RE  
12 GOING TO DO TO PREVENT THE FUTURE PEOPLE BACK THERE FROM  
13 SPEAKING OUT AND MAKING THEIR STATEMENTS VISIBLE TO THE NON  
14 ANTI-SEMITIC PROBLEMS THAT THIS COUNTY IS GOING THROUGH. THANK  
15 YOU.

16

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

18

19 **ERIC PREVEN:** ERIC PREVEN, THE COUNTY RESIDENT FROM DISTRICT 3.  
20 IT'S BEEN A VERY LONG TIME COMING. SUPERVISOR KUEHL AND --  
21 [SILENCE.] SELF-REGULATION DOESN'T WORK VERY WELL. I THINK IT  
22 WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT. SO I THINK THAT  
23 THERE SHOULD BE REAL INDIVIDUALS WHO KNOW THE DIFFERENCE  
24 BETWEEN RIGHT AND WRONG WEIGHING IN ON THE IMPORTANT DECISIONS  
25 THAT OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT FACE ON A REGULAR BASIS. AND I THINK

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1 THE ATTORNEY/CLIENT PRIVILEGE THAT WE HAVE DEALT WITH FOR A  
2 LONG TIME WITH MAYOR ANTONOVICH IS FREQUENTLY INVOKED. AND  
3 THAT PREVENTS ANY LIGHT FROM SHINING ON SOME OF THESE PROBLEMS  
4 THAT HAVE BEEN GOING ON TO BECOME SYSTEMIC. AND I ONLY USE YOU  
5 AS THE EXAMPLE BECAUSE YOU HAVE BEEN HERE THE LONGEST, SIR.  
6 THERE IS PLENTY OF CULPABILITY GOING AROUND. IN TERMS OF  
7 ACCOUNTABILITY GOING FORWARD I THINK BRINGING PEOPLE INTO THE  
8 MIX WILL CLEAR UP EVERYTHING. SUNSHINE IS A GREAT DISINFECTANT  
9 AND THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE IN OUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
10 AND OTHER LAW ENFORCEMENT DESERVE THE RESPECT OF THE PEOPLE  
11 AND THE PEOPLE DESERVE THE RESPECT OF THE LAW ENFORCEMENT AND  
12 BY BRINGING PEOPLE IN, WE WILL CLEAN UP THE MESS QUICKLY.  
13 THANK YOU.

14

15 **ESTHER LIM:** GOOD AFTERNOON. ESTHER LIM WITH THE A.C.L.U. OF SO  
16 CAL, JAILS PROJECT DIRECTOR. FIRST I'D LIKE TO COMMEND MARK  
17 RIDLEY-THOMAS FOR KEEPING THIS CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT ON THE  
18 AGENDA AND FOR SUPERVISORS KUEHL AND SOLIS FOR ALSO SUPPORTING  
19 THIS ISSUE. I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT IT'S NOT REALLY JUST ABOUT  
20 THE THE CREATION OF A CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION BUT IT'S  
21 ABOUT EQUIPPING THE COMMISSION WITH THE TOOLS NECESSARY FOR IT  
22 TO BE EFFECTIVE. WE HAVE SEEN O.I.R. AND SPECIAL COUNSEL  
23 MERRICK BOBB AND IN FACT MAX HUNTSMAN CONCLUDED THEIR  
24 CONTRACTS DUE TO THEIR INEFFICIENCY. WE NEED THE BOARD OF  
25 SUPERVISORS TO LOBBY THE LEGISLATURE TO TAKE THE STEPS

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1 NECESSARY TO GIVE THE POWER TO THE COMMISSION TO ALLOW TO DO  
2 WHAT IT'S SUPPOSED TO DO, ENSURE THAT IT HAS THE MECHANISMS IN  
3 PLACE THAT SAFEGUARD AGAINST ABUSE. CHECK SHERIFF'S AUTONOMY,  
4 ALLOW OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON VIOLENCE AND  
5 CORRUPTION IN THE DEPARTMENT AND MAKE SURE THAT THE L.A.  
6 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT IS COMPLYING WITH THE LAW. THANK YOU.  
7 SUPERVISOR?

8

9 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR AND TO  
10 THOSE WHO OFFERED THEIR TESTIMONY. LET ME JUST SIMPLY SAY WE  
11 SHOULDN'T PREDETERMINE THE COMPOSITION OF THE WORKGROUP OR  
12 MAKE ANY ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT WHAT THAT PRODUCT WILL BE. I WANT  
13 TO BE CLEAR FOR THE RECORD THIS SHOULD NOT BE CONCEIVED OF AS  
14 AN EFFORT THAT IS AGAINST THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT. IT IS AN  
15 EFFORT TO DO TWO THINGS: ADVANCE ACCOUNTABILITY AND TO PROVIDE  
16 THE SUPPORT AND ASSISTANCE NEEDED TO THIS SHERIFF TO HELP MAKE  
17 THIS DEPARTMENT ALL OF WHAT IT CAN BE CONSISTENT WITH THE BEST  
18 PRINCIPLES AND PRACTICES OF 21ST CENTURY CONSTITUTIONAL  
19 POLICING. THE DICE AREN'T LOADED, IF YOU WILL. THEY'RE  
20 ESSENTIALLY TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE IN A DEFENSIBLE POSITION  
21 WITH RESPECT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT PRACTICES IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
22 ANGELES. THE TESTIMONY HAS REFLECTED A VARIETY OF VIEWS. THERE  
23 IS A DIVERGENCE OF VIEWS HERE ON THIS BOARD AND THAT'S  
24 APPROPRIATE. ALL THAT WILL BE WORKED THROUGH, HAMMERED OUT,  
25 VETTED IN THE CONTEXT OF THE WORKGROUP. IT'S WITH THAT, MR.

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1 MAYOR, I TRUST THAT WE CAN MOVE THE MATTER FORWARD AND I WOULD  
2 SO MOVE.

3

4 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** WE HAVE A MOTION AND A SECOND ON THIS.  
5 I WOULD ASK THAT WE DIVIDE THE QUESTION SO THAT I HAVE NO  
6 PROBLEM SUPPORTING THE CREATION OF THE WORKING GROUP. BUT I  
7 HAVE A PROBLEM WITH APPROVING AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION WE  
8 HAVEN'T RECEIVED THE REPORT BACK FROM THE WORKING GROUP AS TO  
9 WHAT IS IN THERE. AND THE DIRECTING COUNCIL TO REPORT BACK IN  
10 90 DAYS WITH THE ORDINANCE LANGUAGE WHEN WE DON'T HAVE  
11 INFORMATION FROM THE WORKING GROUP FOR US TO --

12

13 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** I UNDERSTAND YOUR POINT OF VIEW, MR.  
14 MAYOR, IF YOU WISH TO DIVIDE THE QUESTION, THAT'S FINE TO  
15 DIVIDE THE QUESTION. ULTIMATELY, THE THRUST OF THE MOTION IS  
16 TO ADOPT THE CONCEPT AND MOVE FORWARD WITH THE IMPLEMENTATION  
17 OF A COMMISSION, AN INDEPENDENT COMMISSION, THE DETAILS TO  
18 COME BACK WITH US IN ORDINANCE FORM FOR THE ADOPTION OF SUCH.  
19 I WOULD SIMPLY ADD THERE'S AN ABUNDANCE OF DUE DILIGENCE THAT  
20 HAS BEEN DONE BY THE INSPECTOR GENERAL AS WELL AS THE  
21 SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH RESPECT TO THE PROS AND CONS AND THE  
22 LIKE, WITH RESPECT TO A COMMISSION. IT'S NOW TIME TO MOVE  
23 FORWARD. I RESPECT THE WISHES OF THE MAYOR TO DIVIDE THE  
24 QUESTION. I THINK IT IS REAL CLEAR AS TO HOW I WILL VOTE  
25 ACCORDINGLY.

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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** ONE POINT ON THE 90 DAYS, YOU WANT THE  
3 COMMISSION FROM THE WORKING COMMITTEE TO COME BACK WITHIN 90  
4 DAYS?

5

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

7

8 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH THAT POINT. SO  
9 THAT WE HAVE A DOCUMENT. WE DIVIDE THE FIRST PART OF THE  
10 QUESTION IS THE CREATION OF AN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION. CALL THE  
11 ROLL ON THAT. SUPERVISOR

12

13 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

14

15 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

16

17 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

18

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

20

21 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

22

23 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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1

2 **SUP. KNABE:** NO.

3

4 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

5

6 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** NO. SO ORDERED. OKAY ESTABLISH A  
7 WORKING GROUP. CALL THAT ROLL.

8

9 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR SOLIS?

10

11 **SUP. SOLIS:** AYE.

12

13 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR RIDLEY-THOMAS?

14

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

16

17 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KUEHL?

18

19 **SUP. KUEHL:** AYE.

20

21 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

22

23 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

24

25 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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1

2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** AYE. AND THEN REPORT BACK IN 90 DAYS?  
3 THERE IS NO OPPOSITION TO THAT. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

4

5 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. MAYOR.

6

7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** THANK YOU SUPERVISORS FOR ALL YOUR  
8 PATIENCE. [APPLAUSE]

9

10 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** MR. MAYOR, IF IT'S APPROPRIATE, WE HAVE AN  
11 ADDITIONAL SPECIAL TO CALL FOR CONSIDERATION AND IT'S HELD 43-  
12 C. MR. MAYOR, I THINK IT'S REASONABLE TO REALIZE THAT THIS HAS  
13 SUBSTANTIAL IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF A LITIGATION SCENARIO,  
14 IT'S A REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION. SO MAY I MOVE THAT WE TAKE THE  
15 ITEM UP AFTER HAVING GONE INTO CLOSED SESSION SO THAT IT HAS  
16 APPROPRIATE BEARING ON THE MATTER BEFORE US, AND IF THAT'S  
17 CONSISTENT WITH YOUR WISHES, I WOULD SO MOVE.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH, MAYOR:** OKAY. WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.  
20 GO IN EXECUTIVE SESSION NOW?

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22 **SUP. RIDLEY-THOMAS:** ITEM NO. 7.

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24 **CLERK LORAYNE LINGAT:** 5.

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