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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SOUTHERN DIVISION

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DEFENDANTS.)	APRIL 2, 2019
)	SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA
)	(8:35 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M.)

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BEFORE THE HONORABLE DAVID O. CARTER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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ALSO PRESENT:

THE HONORABLE JAMES L. SMITH
SPECIAL MASTER

1 SANTA ANA, CALIFORNIA; APRIL 2, 2019; 8:35 A.M.

2 THE COURT: GOOD MORNING.

3 AND FOR ALL YOU FOLKS, YOU'RE MORE THAN WELCOME TO
4 STAND. IF NOT, THERE ARE SEATS NEXT DOOR. WE'LL BRING YOU
5 OVER. BUT IT WAS ESSENTIAL FOR THE COURT TO GET CERTAINLY THE
6 POLICE CHIEFS, THE MAYORS, YOUR CITY COUNCIL PEOPLE, YOUR
7 DECISION-MAKERS, YOUR CITY MANAGERS AND HOPEFULLY YOUR CITY
8 ATTORNEYS IF YOU NEEDED ANY CONSULTATION, WHICH YOU WON'T
9 TODAY, BY THE WAY, INTO ONE COURTROOM.

10 SO, WELCOME. I'M NOT GOING TO CALL THE ROLL. I'M
11 NOT GOING TO ASK THAT THE PLAINTIFFS ARE HERE. YOU'RE HERE.
12 OR THE DEFENDANTS. AND THAT WOULD TAKE AN HOUR TO DO.

13 SO, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO WELCOME YOU. AND I
14 APOLOGIZE FOR THE LACK OF SEATING. THERE'S SPACE NEXT DOOR.
15 AND WE'LL BRING YOU BACK AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. BUT I WANT TO
16 START ON A VERY POSITIVE NOTE.

17 I'VE BEEN READING THE PRESS. JUDGES CAN ACTUALLY
18 READ. AND THERE'S A LOT OF THINGS THAT ARE FLYING AROUND THIS
19 COUNTY THAT ARE JUST HEARSAY. AND IT'S A GREAT CHANCE FOR OUR
20 COMMUNITY TO GET TOGETHER AND HAVE A FRANK DISCUSSION, BY THE
21 WAY, ALL IN THE PRESENCE OF EACH OTHER, QUITE FRANKLY. AND YOU
22 CAN ASK THE TOUGH QUESTIONS. AND I'LL ASK SOME TOUGH
23 QUESTIONS.

24 BUT BY AND LARGE, I WANT TO START ON A VERY POSITIVE
25 NOTE. YOU'VE DONE AN OUTSTANDING JOB. LET ME JUST START WITH

1 THAT.

2 AND IT MAY BE FROM THE ADVOCATES' PERSPECTIVE OR
3 OTHER PEOPLES' PERSPECTIVE A LITTLE BIT TOO SLOW OR TOO LATE.
4 AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT SOME PARTICULAR AREAS THAT WE WANT TO
5 RESOLVE. BUT, YOU KNOW, THIS COUNTY SHOULD BE EXTRAORDINARILY
6 PROUD OF ITSELF. AND I WANT TO STATE THAT PUBLICLY. AND I
7 HOPE THE PRESS IS HEARING THIS. AND THAT'S NOT TO KOWTOW TO
8 THE CITIES OR THE COUNTY. BUT YOU'VE MADE SOME SUBSTANTIAL
9 PROGRESS HERE THAT YOU SHOULD BE PROUD OF, BOTH IN TERMS OF THE
10 STATE -- AND QUITE FRANKLY, AS A MODEL FOR THE FEDERAL
11 GOVERNMENT.

12 AND I'LL START BY JUST SAYING YOU DON'T HAVE
13 HEPATITIS A OUTBREAKS IN THIS COUNTY LIKE SAN DIEGO. YOU DON'T
14 HAVE 400 PEOPLE WITH HEPATITIS. AND YOU DON'T HAVE 40 PEOPLE
15 DEAD. GOOD FOR YOU. THAT'S A PUBLIC HEALTH PROBLEM.

16 YOU MOVED AN ENCAMPMENT. THE PLANNING WASN'T THE
17 GREATEST. BUT THE SHERIFF DID AN OUTSTANDING JOB.

18 AND I HOPE DON BARNES IS HERE BECAUSE I'LL COMPLIMENT
19 HIM ACROSS THE COUNTRY FOR THE PROFESSIONALISM. BECAUSE I'LL
20 SAY ONCE AGAIN REDUNDANTLY THAT YOUR SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT MOVED
21 DOWN THE RIVER WITH THE HELP OF THE ADVOCATES. AND YOU CLEARED
22 BASICALLY AND HUMANELY AN ENCAMPMENT OF ABOUT 1500 PEOPLE.

23 AND I KNOW THE PRESS THINKS IT'S 500, ET CETERA.
24 NOPE. IT'S WELL OVER A THOUSAND OF PEOPLE WALKING AWAY FOR A
25 LONG TIME. THAT'S A TREMENDOUS CREDIT TO THIS COUNTY.

1 WAS IT, YOU KNOW, ALL THE THINGS WE HAD HOPED FOR.
2 NO. BUT I DON'T KNOW OF ANY OTHER ROLE MODEL IN THE COUNTRY
3 THAT'S DONE THAT.

4 AND GO TO SAN FRANCISCO -- AND I'M NOT PICKING ON SAN
5 FRANCISCO -- BUT APPARENTLY THEY'VE GOT A FECS GUIDE UP THERE
6 NOW. THAT HAS TO HURT THEIR CONVENTIONS, QUITE FRANKLY, AND
7 THEIR CITIZENS. THE RETAIL ISN'T AS GOOD AS YOU'D LIKE UP IN
8 SAN FRANCISCO. FOR GOODNESS SAKES, I GREW UP IN PORTLAND,
9 OREGON. FIFTY-ONE PERCENT OF OUR POLICE TIME IN PORTLAND,
10 OREGON IS DEVOTED TO HOMELESS ISSUES.

11 SEATTLE GOES WITHOUT DESCRIPTION.

12 I MEAN, WHEN YOU LOOK AROUND, AND YOU DRIVE INTO L.A.
13 -- WITHOUT PICKING ON L.A. -- GOSH, I THINK HE'S A GREAT
14 MAYOR. IT'S NOT A POLITICAL STATEMENT -- DOING A HECK OF A
15 JOB. BUT THERE'S ENCAMPMENTS EVERYWHERE. JUST DRIVE DOWN THE
16 FREEWAY AND TAKE A LOOK.

17 SO, TAKE A LOOK AROUND YOUR COUNTY. YOUR BEACHES ARE
18 BASICALLY OPEN STILL. AND WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT.

19 YOUR PARKS ARE BASICALLY COMING BACK, WHETHER IT'S
20 DELHI OR WHATEVER. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THAT.

21 AND THERE'S SOME -- THERE'S SOME ROADBLOCKS RIGHT NOW
22 THAT A COURT CANNOT RESOLVE FOR YOU. REMEMBER, MY POWER IS A
23 NEGATIVE POWER. IT'S THE LAST POWER THAT I WANT TO USE. AND
24 IF I EVER HAVE TO USE THAT POWER, I FAILED. AND I WANT TO SAY
25 THAT.

1 ALSO, I'LL SAY THAT A LARGE PART OF THE
2 RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY FAILURE FALLS ON THE COURT'S PART. AND
3 LET ME START AND TELL YOU WHY VERY HUMBLLY BECAUSE THIS HAS BEEN
4 A JOURNEY THAT'S BROUGHT ME TO MY KNEES. AND I HAVE TO TELL
5 YOU THAT IN A VERY HUMBLE WAY -- NOT AN ARROGANT WAY.

6 I NEVER DREAMED OF WALKING DOWN A RIVER BECAUSE I
7 BELIEVED I STARTED WITH A BIAS. AND LET ME DISCLOSE THAT BIAS.

8 I THOUGHT -- AND I SAY THIS TO THE ADVOCATES WITH THE
9 ACLU -- I THOUGHT THAT THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE I WOULD SEE
10 COMING FROM MY BACKGROUND, -- BROOK, WOULD BE OF PEOPLE WHO
11 WERE ALWAYS STRUNG OUT ON NARCOTICS. THAT WAS MY PERCEPTION.

12 AND IF I OWN THAT, AND I SAY THAT OPENLY TO YOU, THAT
13 THAT'S THE KIND OF THE TRANSPARENCY I THINK I -- HOPEFULLY,
14 I'VE SHARED WITH YOU.

15 IT DRAMATICALLY CHANGED BECAUSE, YES, THERE ARE
16 CRIMINALS OUT THERE. BUT THIS IS A CROSS-SECTION OF AMERICA.

17 AND I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU LOTS OF PICTURES TODAY.

18 SO, FOR EVERY CRIMINAL YOU THROW AT ME, I'M GOING TO
19 THROW AT YOU A LITTLE GIRL LIVING IN A BOX ON THE RAILROAD
20 TRACK. I'M GOING TO CHANGE YOUR PERCEPTION.

21 I'M GOING TO CHANGE YOUR PERCEPTION ABOUT WOMEN OUT
22 THERE AND HOW AMERICA CAN LET WOMEN -- AND THAT'S A GENDER-BIAS
23 STATEMENT -- LIVE IN THESE CONDITIONS, SUBJECT TO RAPE AND
24 ABUSE -- IT'S BEYOND ME.

25 I STARTED A LONG TIME AGO WHEN WE FIRST MET BY ASKING

1 WHY MY COUNTRY CAN SPEND THIS KIND OF MONEY IN A PLACE CALLED
2 REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA -- BECAUSE I DO A LOT OF COUNTER-TERRORISM
3 WORK ACROSS THE WORLD -- IN AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN. THIS IS
4 IN GEORGIA, NEAR SOUTH OSSETIA WHEN THE RUSSIANS CAME DOWN.
5 GUESS WHO BUILT IT? AMERICA BUILT THIS. THIS IS YOUR MONEY.

6 AND IF WE CAN PUT THAT UP OVER NIGHT, YOU HAVE TO
7 WONDER WHY WE CAN'T GET THAT KIND OF HELP FROM STATE, FEDERAL
8 OR COUNTY GOVERNMENT, CITIES, ET CETERA TO PUT UP THIS KIND OF
9 STRUCTURE. SO, YOU'VE HEARD ME SAY THIS BEFORE IF YOU WERE
10 HERE BEFORE. AND I WON'T WASTE YOUR TIME WITH IT. OKAY.

11 BUT BY GOD, THIS IS A GREAT COUNTRY. AND IT'S A
12 GREAT COUNTRY. AND WE'RE A VERY INDEPENDENT COUNTRY. AND I HAVE
13 THE FEELING OFTENTIMES THAT WE DON'T FIGHT GOVERNMENT. OKAY.
14 YEAH. BUT IT'S GOING TO REQUIRE OUR COOPERATION, QUITE
15 FRANKLY, WORKING TOGETHER.

16 BECAUSE THE COURT CAN DO SO MUCH IN A NEGATIVE POWER
17 -- AND I'M GOING TO RAISE SOME QUESTIONS TO YOU AND ASK
18 QUESTIONS -- NOT DEMAND, NOT BE OVERBEARING WITH YOU, BUT JUST
19 ASK WHAT THE COMMUNITY CAN DO TO GO A LITTLE BIT FURTHER.
20 BECAUSE WE'RE STARTING TO BUILD THE SHELTERS. BUT THESE
21 SHELTERS ARE TURNING INTO PERMANENT ESTABLISHMENTS IN A SENSE.

22 SO, I READ THE ACLU REPORT THE OTHER DAY. AND IT WAS
23 A PRETTY HEAVY-HANDED REPORT. I THINK I WAS MEETING WITH
24 SUPERVISOR DO.

25 AND I THINK, ANDREW, I CAN SHARE THAT YOU WERE A

1 LITTLE BIT TAKEN ABACK BECAUSE YOU MADE A COURAGEOUS STAND,
2 BUILT THE FIRST SHELTER HERE, SLEPT IN IT, CAME FROM AN
3 IMMIGRANT BACKGROUND. AND I THINK YOUR FEELINGS WERE HURT BY
4 THE CRITICISM OF THE COUNTY IN THAT REGARD. BUT THAT REPORT
5 WAS WELL TAKEN.

6 IF YOU LOOK AT THE NEW SHELTERS THAT THE CITIES HAVE
7 BUILT IN ANAHEIM AND TUSTIN OR COSTA MESA, IN SANTA ANA, THOSE
8 SHELTERS ARE -- ARE BEYOND BELIEF. THERE'S JUST EXCELLENT AND
9 HUMANE SHELTERS.

10 AND TODAY WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE COURTYARD A
11 LITTLE BIT. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT WISE PLACE, ET CETERA,
12 AND SEE WHAT WE CAN DO AS A COMPOSITE GROUP IN TERMS OF
13 TIMELINE. AND IF WE'RE WILLING TO KIND OF ALLEVIATE THAT KIND
14 OF -- LET'S SAY, PRESSURE, IF YOU WILL, IN A HUMANE WAY.

15 I WANT TO START WITH A TAPE BECAUSE THIS IS WHAT YOUR
16 COUNTY LOOKED LIKE ON THE RIVERBED.

17 IT'S NOT THERE ANYMORE.

18 THIS IS WHAT YOUR RAILROAD TRACKS LOOK LIKE IN YOUR
19 VARIOUS CITIES.

20 I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE RAILROADS AND THEIR
21 RESPONSIBILITY TODAY OR NON-RESPONSIBILITY. IT'S GOING TO BE A
22 VERY TRANSPARENT -- ASK WHO'S PAYING THOSE COSTS, WHY THEY'RE
23 NOT POLICED.

24 AND AT THE END OF THE DAY I HOPE TO COME UP WITH SOME
25 THOUGHTFUL GUIDELINES, ET CETERA, AND WHAT YOU BELIEVE YOU CAN

1 DO AS GOVERNMENT AND HOW THE COURT CAN HELP YOU.

2 AND, LASTLY, LET ME SAY THIS. THE COURTS ARE AT
3 FAULT.

4 WE -- WE HAVE A DEEP RESPONSIBILITY TO YOU BECAUSE
5 YOU DON'T KNOW WHICH ONE OF 29 FEDERAL JUDGES IN THE CENTRAL
6 DISTRICT YOU'LL DRAW. AND IF THESE CASES WERE DISPERSED
7 AMONGST 29 DIFFERENT FEDERAL COURTS WITH A SEPARATE LAWSUIT,
8 YOU AND THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY WOULD ALWAYS BE REACTING TO
9 EITHER THE MOST PROGRESSIVE OR CONSERVATIVE OR MIDDLE OF THE
10 ROAD. YOU'D NEVER KNOW WHAT TO DO.

11 SO, WHAT YOU ALWAYS HAVE TO DO AS LOCAL GOVERNMENT IS
12 WORRY ABOUT THE MOST PROGRESSIVE OR TAKE HEART IN THE MOST
13 CONSERVATIVE OR VICE-VERSA. YOU HAVE NO GUIDELINES.

14 SO, WHEN THIS BROKE OUT, I WISH I WOULD HAVE GOTTEN
15 THE CITY OF LAGUNA BEACH LAWSUIT, QUITE FRANKLY. I WISH IT
16 WOULD HAVE BEEN IN ONE COURT. IT WENT TO ANOTHER COURT, A
17 GREAT JURIST. MADE GOOD DECISIONS, ET CETERA. BUT IT GOT
18 SEPARATED FROM THIS COURT.

19 SO, WHAT YOU HAVE TO KNOW IS THAT I WENT DOOR TO DOOR
20 TO MY COLLEAGUES AND SAID, WOULD ANY OF YOU LIKE TO BE THE
21 HOMELESS JUDGE.

22 GUESS WHAT THE ANSWER WAS?

23 NO.

24 WHY DON'T YOU TAKE IT, OLD TIMER. SO, I'M YOUR
25 HOMELESS JUDGE.

1 AND, THEREFORE, HOPEFULLY, WORKING WITH YOU WE'VE GOT
2 SOME MODICUM OF WORKING TOGETHER SO YOU KNOW WHAT THE
3 EXPECTATIONS ARE ON MY PART AND I KNOW WHAT THE EXPECTATIONS
4 ARE ON YOUR PART.

5 AND WHETHER WE AGREE OR NOT, AT LEAST WE HAVE A
6 BASELINE. BECAUSE OTHER JUDGES MIGHT HAVE HAD INJUNCTIVE
7 RELIEF BEFORE AND SIGNED IT LITERALLY THE FIRST MONTH. OTHER
8 JUDGES MAY NOT HAVE EVER SIGNED INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

9 YOU DON'T KNOW HOW THAT PLAYS OUT. OR YOU CAN GET A
10 SPLIT DECISION, WHICH IS WHAT LAGUNA BEACH PERCEIVED HAPPENED
11 TO THEM. THEY BELIEVED THAT THEY BUILD A SHELTER, QUITE
12 FRANKLY, THAT THEY DID THE RIGHT THING. AND THEN THEY GOT SUED
13 AGAIN. AND THAT HAD TO SPREAD A LOT OF FEAR AND CONCERN
14 AMONGST THE CITIES. WHAT'S OUR BASELINE OF OPERATING HERE WITH
15 OUR PUBLIC.

16 AND LET ME TELL YOU LASTLY HOW DEEPLY I RESPECT YOU.

17 IT DOESN'T MATTER WHETHER YOU TAKE SOME OF THE
18 SETTLEMENT THOUGHTS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH OTHER CITIES OR NOT.
19 THIS IS A DEMOCRACY. YOU HAVE DIFFERENT CONSTITUENCIES. YOU
20 HAVE DIFFERENT GROUPS OF PEOPLE IN YOUR OWN COMMUNITY THAT MAY
21 REACT IN DIFFERENT WAYS. I RESPECT THAT. LET ME JUST SAY
22 THAT. YOUR -- YOUR COUNTY GOVERNMENT.

23 SO, I'VE HEARD I DON'T HAVE JURISDICTION. YES, I DO
24 IN THIS SENSE. I DON'T HAVE JURISDICTION TO SAY ANYTHING TO
25 YOU ABOUT WHERE YOU BUILD A SHELTER, HOW YOU BUILD A SHELTER,

1 YOUR FINANCING, LOCATION, ET CETERA.

2 BUT WHEN WE HAVE THE NUMBER OF DEATHS WE HAVE --
3 WHICH IS 255 IN THIS COUNTY. THEN, THE EIGHTH AMENDMENT AND
4 FIFTH AMENDMENT AND DUE PROCESS AND THE FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT
5 SAYS -- THE CONSTITUTION MAKES ROOM FOR THAT KIND OF TRAGEDY.
6 AND HERE'S THE TRAGEDY.

7 WE'RE WORKING WELL TOGETHER. WHAT WE'RE GOING TO
8 ANSWER I HOPE TODAY IS HOW WE CAN DO BETTER IN TERMS OF THESE
9 DEATHS FOR ONE REASON. SAN DIEGO HAS A HUNDRED DEATHS WITH A
10 HEPATITIS A OUTBREAK WHICH ACCOUNTED FOR ABOUT 40 OF THOSE
11 DEATHS. WE HAVE 255 DEATHS IN ORANGE COUNTY. SOMETHING IS
12 WRONG.

13 AND I THINK THAT THAT'S BEEN SOLVED WITH THE
14 LEADERSHIP OF MIKE SCHRADER, DR. YOST, ANDREW DO AND THE BOARD.

15 WHERE'S RICHARD SANCHEZ?

16 WE'VE HAD A SERIES OF REALLY GOOD MEETINGS,
17 HARD-FOUGHT MEETINGS, QUITE FRANKLY, WITH TREMENDOUS
18 DISAGREEMENTS.

19 BUT TODAY I'M HOPEFUL THAT YOU AND THE CITIES HEAR A
20 COUPLE OF THINGS THAT WILL MAKE YOUR EARS PICKED UP. WE'VE GOT
21 MONEY. ISN'T THAT REFRESHING?

22 NOW, I DON'T WANT TO OVERSELL THAT BECAUSE I'M NOT
23 CERTAIN QUITE WHAT I'M GOING TO HEAR. BUT AS OF SATURDAY
24 NIGHT, I THINK WE'VE GOT SOME FOLKS STEPPING FORWARD WITH A
25 VERY BOLD PLAN.

1 AND I HOPE THAT YOU ENJOY AS MUCH AS I HOPE TO ENJOY
2 THE PRESENTATION IN JUST A FEW MOMENTS.

3 I WON'T TAKE MUCH MORE TIME BUT TO TELL YOU MY OTHER
4 GOAL TODAY IS TO LEAVE THIS WITH A NEW SENSE OF COMMITMENT TO
5 YOU AND A NEW SENSE OF COMMITMENT ON YOUR PART TO KEEP GOING
6 WITH THIS.

7 THERE WILL BE LITIGATION WITH SOME OF THE CITIES.

8 AND I'M GOING TO ASK THE PLAINTIFFS THE FOLLOWING.

9 I DIDN'T KNOW THIS WHEN I SET THIS DATE FOR APRIL 2ND
10 BECAUSE YOU HAD SERVED A COMPLAINT -- OR YOU FILED A COMPLAINT.
11 BUT YOU HADN'T SERVED A COMPLAINT.

12 AND, SO, I SET APRIL 2ND, TODAY, WITH --

13 HOLD ON. YOU'RE NOT IN TROUBLE. YOU'RE OKAY.

14 BUT I SET APRIL 2ND ON THE EXPECTATION THAT YOU WOULD
15 HAVE SERVED THE COMPLAINT. AND I HAVE THE FIVE SOUTH COUNTY
16 CITIES THAT WERE NAMED AND THE COUNTY HERE TO TALK ABOUT A
17 REASONABLE TRIAL SCHEDULE WITH YOU AND THEM.

18 IF THEY'RE NOT HERE TODAY, THAT'S NOT THEIR FAULT.
19 THEY MAY DECIDE TO CONSCIOUSLY NOT TO BE HERE. I DON'T KNOW IF
20 THEY'RE HERE. ONE OR MORE MAY BE HERE. THAT'S FINE. THEY'RE
21 NOT IN TROUBLE IF THEY'RE NOT. BUT I HAD ORDERED THEM IN ON
22 THE EXPECTATION THAT YOU HAD OBVIOUSLY SERVED THEM. YOU HAVE
23 NOT.

24 SO, IF ANY OF YOU CITIES ARE HERE FROM SOUTH COUNTY
25 WHO IN A SENSE HAVE BEEN -- HAVE A COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST YOU,

1 YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE HERE TODAY. I HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER
2 YOU. THEY HAVEN'T SERVED YOU. BUT I WOULD ENCOURAGE YOU TO
3 STAY. I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A VERY INTERESTING CONVERSATION
4 AND SOMETHING THAT MAY BENEFIT YOUR COMMUNITY.

5 MICHAEL, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO START OFF FOR A
6 MOMENT. IF YOU WOULDN'T MIND -- AND DR. YOST. AND I JUST
7 APPRECIATE BOTH OF YOU COMING FORWARD.

8 NOW, LET ME TELL YOU. CAL OPTIMA IS AN EXCELLENT
9 AGENCY. IT PROVIDES SERVICES FOR OVER 800,000 PEOPLE. THEY DO
10 A VERY GOOD JOB. EXCEPT WE'VE HAD SOME THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSIONS
11 ABOUT THE HOMELESS ISSUE.

12 AND WITHOUT DISCUSSING THAT ISSUE, I'D LIKE TO TURN
13 THIS OVER TO YOU, DR. YOST AND MICHAEL, AND HAVE YOU LEAD THIS
14 DISCUSSION TODAY.

15 AND I WANT -- AND WOULD YOU IDENTIFY THE BOARD
16 MEMBERS WHO ARE HERE SO I COULD PERSONALLY THANK THEM.

17 DR. YOST: ABSOLUTELY.

18 WE HAVE RON DI LUIGI --

19 THE COURT: RON.

20 DR. YOST: RON, WOULD YOU STAND UP.

21 RIA BERGER --

22 THE COURT: PLEASURE. IT'S NICE SEEING YOU. IT'S A
23 PLEASURE.

24 DR. YOST: SUPERVISOR DO IS HERE.

25 THE COURT: SUPERVISOR.

1 DR. YOST: AND DOUG CHAFFEE IS OUR ALTERNATE FOR OUR
2 BOARD AS WELL.

3 THE COURT: EXCELLENT.

4 DR. YOST: AND I ALSO WANT TO RECOGNIZE DAVID
5 RAMIREZ, WHO'S OUR MEDICAL DIRECTOR, WHO HAS DONE AN ABSOLUTELY
6 FABULOUS JOB OF ANALYZING THIS DATA AND HELPING US TO
7 UNDERSTAND WHAT THE CAUSE OF HOMELESS DEATH IS AND TO HELP US
8 TO SET A PLAN GOING FORWARD. BECAUSE WE ARE DETERMINED. AND
9 WE WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THIS.

10 YOU KNOW, WE HAVE SET FORWARD A VERY AGGRESSIVE PLAN,
11 A VERY INNOVATIVE PLAN WORKING WITH THE FEDERALLY QUALIFIED
12 HEALTH CLINICS TO FIND A WAY TO BRING HEALTHCARE INTO THE
13 HOMELESS AREAS WHERE THE HOMELESS PEOPLE ARE.

14 AND WE DO KNOW A FEW THINGS ABOUT HOMELESS DEATHS.

15 WE DO KNOW THAT IF YOU'RE HOMELESS YOU HAVE ABOUT A
16 FOUR-TIME INCREASED CHANCE OF DYING JUST FROM BEING HOMELESS.

17 THE COURT: RIGHT.

18 DR. YOST: WE KNOW THE NUMBER ONE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR
19 THE HOMELESS IS NATURAL CAUSES AT ABOUT 40 PERCENT. HOWEVER,
20 NATURAL CAUSES IS THE CAUSE OF DEATH FOR 80 PERCENT OF OUR
21 REGULAR POPULATION.

22 THE COURT: RIGHT.

23 DR. YOST: THE NUMBER TWO CAUSE OF DEATH IS OVERDOSE
24 AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE.

25 NUMBER THREE AND FOUR ARE VIOLENCE AND SUICIDE.

1 AND, SO, WE REALLY NEED TO WORK ON SEVERE MENTAL
2 HEALTH ISSUES.

3 AND WHAT WE'RE DETERMINED TO DO IS TO FIND WAYS TO
4 DEAL WITH THAT -- TO SET OUR METRICS FOR WHAT WE'RE DOING.
5 WE'RE GOING TO MANAGE THESE PATIENTS IN-HOUSE. WE'RE SETTING
6 UP OUR OWN HOMELESS HEALTHCARE NETWORK. WE'RE DEDICATING A
7 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS TOWARD DOING THIS.

8 THE COURT: OKAY. NOW, LET'S SLOW WAY DOWN. I DON'T
9 WANT THAT LOST.

10 DR. YOST: OKAY. AND WE'RE --

11 THE COURT: I WANT TO JUST SLOW THIS WAY DOWN BECAUSE
12 FOR YOUR CITIES, YOU'RE STRAPPED FOR MONEY.

13 AND ONE OF THE GOALS IN OUR DISCUSSION HAS BEEN HOW
14 WE COULD POTENTIALLY START FREEING UP SOME MONEY FOR OUR
15 CITIES. OKAY.

16 SO, I WANT TO SLOW DOWN FOR A MOMENT. I WANT TO GO
17 TO PAGE 9 OF YOUR PROPOSAL.

18 DR. YOST: GO AHEAD.

19 THE COURT: AND THEN I WANT TO GO TO PAGE 14, THE
20 FIRST BULLET POINT.

21 DR. YOST: OKAY. GO AHEAD.

22 THE COURT: OKAY.

23 DR. YOST: DO YOU WANT TO -- DO YOU WANT TO -- I HAVE
24 A COPY, BUT --

25 THE COURT: WELL, LET'S -- JUST TO HAVE A

1 CONVERSATION LIKE WE DID IN CHAMBERS.

2 DR. YOST: SURE.

3 THE COURT: WE ONLY HAVE 300 OF OUR BEST FRIENDS
4 HERE.

5 DR. YOST: SURE.

6 (LAUGHTER.)

7 DR. YOST: YES, SIR.

8 THE COURT: CAN YOU COME UP WITH A HUNDRED MILLION
9 DOLLARS?

10 DR. YOST: YES.

11 THE COURT: YES.

12 BUT IF YOU'RE SMART, WE NEED PROGRAMS THAT ARE
13 MEANINGFUL.

14 DR. YOST: CORRECT.

15 THE COURT: SO, WE DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE AFGHANISTAN
16 EXPERIENCE, WHAT I GO THROUGH, WHERE THEY THROW CIA MONEY UP
17 AGAINST THE WALL, RIGHT?

18 WE WANT TO TAKE A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IN
19 THOUGHTFUL PROGRAMS. SO, WE'RE GOING TO SPACE THAT OVER --

20 DR. YOST: WELL, AT LEAST AT A MINIMUM OF THREE
21 YEARS.

22 THE COURT: THREE YEARS.

23 DR. YOST: YEAH.

24 THE COURT: NOT FIVE?

25 DR. YOST: THREE.

1 THE COURT: THREE.

2 DR. YOST: BUT IF IT'S UP TO ME -- I CAN'T MAKE ANY

3 --

4 THE COURT: NOW, I'LL TELL YOU WHAT.

5 DR. YOST: I HAVE TO TELL YOU. FIRST OF ALL --

6 THE COURT: WATCH MY FINGERS.

7 DR. YOST: YEAH. I CAN'T -- I CAN'T MAKE ANY

8 COMMITMENTS ON BEHALF OF MY BOARD.

9 THE COURT: I KNOW THAT. BUT WE'RE GOING TO --

10 DR. YOST: YEAH.

11 THE COURT: -- PRESENTATION ACCORDING TO JUDGE SMITH

12 AND OUR SATURDAY NIGHT CALLS --

13 DR. YOST: YEAH.

14 THE COURT: -- AND OUR SUNDAY NIGHT CALLS --

15 DR. YOST: YEAH.

16 THE COURT: -- FOR THREE YEARS.

17 NOW -- NOW, WHY DOES THAT MAKE SENSE. IN THREE YEARS

18 IT ALLOWS ALL OF US TO COME UP WITH THOUGHTFUL PROGRAMS. BUT

19 THAT MONEY IS NON-REFUNDABLE AS I UNDERSTAND IT.

20 IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S NO CHANCE --

21 LISA, COME ON IN. AND WELCOME, BY THE WAY. IT'S

22 NICE TO HAVE YOU.

23 IN FACT, WE'VE GOT A -- OH, COME UP HERE AND SIT WITH

24 JUDGE SMITH. I'M JUST KIDDING YOU. THAT'S FINE.

25 (LAUGHTER.)

1 DR. YOST: AND BY THE WAY, LISA -- LISA SMITH IS A
2 FORMER BOARD MEMBER OF CAL OPTIMA, TOO, AND SERVED AS WELL.

3 THE COURT: LOOK -- LOOK, THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF TALK
4 ABOUT SLOW WALKING IN THE PAST. AND THAT MAY BE CONSCIOUS OR
5 NON-CONSCIOUS. BUT THE BENEFIT IS THAT THERE'S A HUNDRED
6 MILLION DOLLARS ON THE TABLE. AND THAT'S NON-REFUNDABLE.
7 THEN THAT MONEY IS FOR THE HOMELESS. AND IT'S NOT GOING BACK
8 TO CAL OPTIMA.

9 SO, WHETHER WE CAN GET THAT TO THE CITIES FOR SOME OF
10 THE SHELTERS THAT ARE BEING BUILT TO HELP OFFSET THE SPACE, OR
11 WHETHER WE GET THAT TO THE -- WHAT I CALL THE AMBULATORY
12 SERVICES, OR WE PUT NURSES IN HOSPITALS, OR WE RECONNECT WITH
13 E.R. CONNECT, THAT WHATEVER WE'RE DOING IT GIVES US TIME. BUT
14 WE'VE GOT A TIMELINE BECAUSE THAT MONEY IS GONE.

15 DR. YOST: AND --

16 THE COURT: AND THAT'S THE BENEFIT. AND MY DEEP
17 APPRECIATION TO YOU MAKING THIS PRESENTATION.

18 SO, ANDREW -- OR SUPERVISOR DO, I'VE LISTENED TO YOUR
19 STATEMENT. I'VE LISTENED TO ALL THE AUDIO OF ALL THE CAL
20 OPTIMA HEARINGS.

21 MY LAW CLERK AND I CAN ALMOST RECITE IT TO YOU. AND
22 WE CAME UP WITH THIS THOUGHT BETWEEN US. AND I REALLY
23 COMPLIMENT YOU FOR BEING THE LEADERSHIP IN THIS -- THAT A
24 HUNDRED MILLION IS ON THE TABLE. AND IT'S FOR HOMELESS.

25 AND THE SECOND THING IS ON PAGE 14 YOU HAVE WHAT I --

1 TURN TO PAGE 14 AT THE TOP --

2 YOU HAVE SOME INCREDIBLE OPPORTUNITIES HERE.

3 IN THE PAST YOUR PROVIDERS HAD A WHOLE MECHANISM

4 WHERE I AS A HOMELESS PERSON WOULD GO TO A DOCTOR IN A

5 DIFFERENT AREA WHICH HAD TO -- THEN DIDN'T WANT TO TREAT ME

6 BECAUSE THEY DIDN'T GET PAID FOR THREE OR MORE MONTHS.

7 THEY'RE PROPOSING IN A SENSE WHAT I'M GOING TO CALL A

8 "CARVE OUT," WHICH IS VERY COMPLICATED, BY THE WAY. BUT NOW

9 THERE'S GOING TO BE THE OPPORTUNITY FOR DIRECT PAYMENT IN A

10 SENSE RIGHT TO THAT DOCTOR IN WHAT WE CALL A "FAST-TRACK

11 SYSTEM," WHICH WILL ENCOURAGE THE TREATMENT OF THE HOMELESS.

12 THAT'S GOING TO SAVE A LOT OF LIVES.

13 IS THAT MY UNDERSTANDING?

14 SUPERVISOR DO: SO -- WAIT. SO, WE'RE TAKING TO THE

15 BOARD ON THURSDAY A PROPOSAL TO COMMIT A HUNDRED MILLION

16 DOLLARS FOR HOMELESS HEALTH. OF THAT --

17 THE COURT: ACTUALLY, 140 MILLION.

18 SUPERVISOR DO: OF THAT --

19 THE COURT: ACTUALLY, 140 MILLION. SO, WALK THROUGH

20 THAT WITH US FOR A MOMENT.

21 DO YOU WANT ME TO PUT THE FIGURE UP ON THE BOARD?

22 SUPERVISOR DO: SURE.

23 THE COURT: SURE.

24 SUPERVISOR DO: SURE.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 LET'S PUT THIS UP FOR A MOMENT. AND WE'LL EVEN SHOW
2 YOU THE NEGOTIATIONS. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU.

3 COULD YOU HELP ME WITH THIS. I'M LOOKING FOR --
4 YEAH, CAL OPTIMA, PAGE 9.

5 ALL RIGHT. NOW, THIS IS IMPORTANT TO YOU CITIES.
6 OKAY. YOU'RE ALWAYS ASKING FOR MONEY. AND WE THINK WE'RE
7 STARVING TO DEATH.

8 ALL RIGHT. YOU CAN'T READ THAT. BUT LET'S START
9 WITH LINE 1. THAT'S THE BE WELL -- THAT'S THE BE WELL CLINIC.
10 THAT'S ORANGE COUNTY.

11 DAN YOUNG, THAT'S \$11 MILLION. OKAY. ALL RIGHT.
12 THEN WE HAVE THE RECUPERATIVE CARE SHOULD BE ABOUT 11
13 MILLION.

14 RIGHT --

15 DR. YOST: RIGHT.

16 THE COURT: -- DOCTOR.

17 DR. YOST: CORRECT. YES.

18 THE COURT: EXCELLENT. AND I DON'T WANT TO UNDERSSELL
19 WHAT YOU'RE DOING BECAUSE I THINK IT'S EXTRAORDINARY.

20 DR. YOST: AND WE'VE NEVER -- WE'VE NEVER DEDICATED
21 THIS -- THESE TYPES OF FUNDS FOR A PROGRAM LIKE THIS IN OUR
22 HISTORY.

23 THE COURT: I THINK IT'S BOLD. AND I DON'T THINK
24 ANY OTHER ENTITY HAS DEDICATED THIS ACROSS THE STATE OR THE
25 COUNTRY.

1 DR. YOST: YEAH.

2 THE COURT: I THINK YOU'RE GOING TO BE A ROLE MODEL,
3 FRANKLY.

4 DR. YOST: YEAH.

5 THE COURT: AND I DON'T THINK THAT'S THE WAY OUR
6 DISCUSSION STARTED, BUT I THINK IT'S BEEN A VERY GOOD
7 DISCUSSION AND A VERY PRODUCTIVE DISCUSSION. I WANT TO
8 COMPLIMENT YOU.

9 THEN YOU'VE GOT THE RESPONSE TEAM -- AND I HAD SAID
10 TO YOUR CEO, I DON'T EXPECT EIGHT TEAMS IN PLACE. WE WERE
11 GOING TO START WITH A COUPLE BECAUSE WE'LL MAKE MISTAKES --

12 DR. YOST: RIGHT.

13 THE COURT: AS LONG AS WE STARTED, I THINK I WISH IT
14 WAS 7 TO 9 DAYS AGO. AND YOU'VE TRIED TO MOVE ON THAT. AND
15 THEN I HEARD SUPERVISOR DO'S CRITICISM. WELL TAKEN. LOOK, YOU
16 PROMISED, BUT IT'S NOT IN PLACE.

17 AND YOU SAID IT WOULD BE UP AND OPERATING BY APRIL
18 1ST. AND YOUR RESPONSE ON -- ON FEBRUARY 7TH DISCUSSION.

19 THEN YOU'VE GOT OVER FIVE YEARS -- WHICH WE'RE
20 CHANGING OF COURSE TO THREE -- THE 2 MILLION TO COORDINATE IN
21 THE HOSPITALS. BUT THEN IN THAT INITIATIVE THERE'S A HUNDRED
22 MILLION. SO, WHEN YOU ADD THIS UP THERE'S ABOUT \$140 MILLION.

23 NOW, HERE'S THE PROBLEM. CAL OPTIMA NEEDS TO COVER
24 ITSELF UP AT THE STATE LEVEL. THEY CAN'T JUST -- SO, THEY'RE
25 GETTING A SECOND LEGAL OPINION, AN OUTSIDE OPINION. AND WHAT

1 THAT OPINION IS GOING TO DO AS I UNDERSTAND IT THROUGH JUDGE
2 SMITH --

3 TALKING TO YOU, MICHAEL, SATURDAY, SUNDAY --

4 MR. SCHRADER: RIGHT.

5 THE COURT: -- ET CETERA. ME MEETING WITH YOU OVER
6 THE WEEKENDS -- IS IT'S GOING TO GIVE THEM HOPEFULLY CLEARANCE
7 THAT THIS CAN BE USED FOR PROVIDER SERVICES.

8 SO, -- YOU'RE OUT IN ANAHEIM. YOU'RE PAYING \$2
9 MILLION A YEAR, LET'S SAY, OUT AT THE LA MESA.

10 MAYOR PULIDO, YOU'RE OVER IN SANTA ANA. YOU'RE
11 PAYING 1.6 OVER AT THE LINK.

12 SALVATION ARMY, YOU'RE PAYING ABOUT 2 MILLION OUT.

13 WELL, IF I ADDED UP ALL MY SHELTERS WITH TUSTIN,
14 COSTA MESA, AND --

15 IS MAYOR FOLEY HERE? BECAUSE I REALLY WANT TO
16 COMPLIMENT HER.

17 THE CLERK: SHE'S ON HER WAY.

18 THE COURT: SHE'S ON THE WAY. AND I KNOW CHUCK FROM
19 -- FROM TUSTIN IS HERE.

20 THANK YOU, CHUCK.

21 AND I KNOW YOU ALL BY FIRST NAME.

22 THAT'S GOING TO BE A TREMENDOUS BENEFIT TO OUR CITIES
23 FOR A CHANGE BECAUSE SO FAR IT'S OFTENTIMES BEEN THE IMPRESSION
24 THAT THE COUNTY HAS GOT THE MONEY. THERE'S BEEN A LOT OF
25 CONFLICT, QUITE FRANKLY.

1 AND I WANT TO PUT THAT TRANSPARENTLY ON THE TABLE SO
2 WE'RE HAVING A GOOD DISCUSSION TODAY.

3 AND THE COUNTY FEELS THAT THEY'VE STEPPED UP. THE
4 CITIES FEEL THAT THEY HAVEN'T STEPPED UP, THAT THEY'RE THE
5 LEADERSHIP IN TERMS OF TRYING TO GET MONEY, ET CETERA. AND
6 I'VE HEARD THAT BACK AND FORTH IN OUR DISCUSSIONS.

7 IF WE CAN GET THAT SECOND OPINION -- WHICH WE THINK
8 ANY GOOD ATTORNEY -- LET ME WRITE THAT DOWN, JUDGE SMITH -- ANY
9 DECENT ATTORNEY. BUT, OF COURSE, AS SECOND COUNSEL GIVE US THE
10 CHANCE FOR PROVIDER SERVICES --

11 JUDGE SMITH: THAT MAY BE AN OXYMORON, JUDGE.

12 THE COURT: YEAH. YEAH.

13 (LAUGHTER.)

14 THE COURT: YEAH.

15 (LAUGHTER.)

16 THE COURT: THEN WITH THAT CLEARANCE I THINK YOU CAN
17 GO TO THE STATE, QUITE FRANKLY, IN GOOD FAITH. AND WE COULD
18 GET SOME MONEY.

19 AND IF WE ADDED ALL THAT UP, THAT'S ABOUT \$10 MILLION
20 A YEAR. I DON'T WANT TO SAY THAT THAT'S CHUMP CHANGE, BUT
21 THAT'S CHUMP CHANGE. THAT SHOULD BE AN INCENTIVE TO BUILD OUR
22 SHELTERS, TO TAKE AWAY ANY EXCUSE THAT WE DON'T HAVE MONEY,
23 THAT THE CITIES ARE MINIMALLY GETTING HELPED, YOU KNOW, WITH
24 THIS PROVIDER SERVICES EVERY YEAR. THAT'S THE GOAL. THAT'S
25 THE GOAL. AND IT'S A CITY GOAL.

1 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT?

2 NOW, YOU'VE HAD A TRUE CHAMPION FOR YOUR CITY.

3 MICHELLE MARTINEZ, STAND UP. THAT'S AN ORDER NOT A
4 REQUEST.

5 (LAUGHTER.)

6 THE COURT: SHE'S THE FORMER VICE MAYOR. AND SHE'S
7 GOTTEN IN AND PITCHED FOR EVERY CITY IN THIS COUNTY. OKAY.
8 SHE HAS GONE TO BAT.

9 AND I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO STAY INVOLVED ON BEHALF
10 OF THE CITIES.

11 I'M GOING TO ASK DR. HANDLER TO STAY INVOLVED AND ED
12 -- IN TERMS OF JUST HELPING ME UNDERSTAND THIS.

13 WE'RE GOING TO WORK WITH YOUR BOARD, MICHAEL.

14 BECAUSE YOU'RE THE GUIDING LIGHT, DR. YOST. IT'S
15 YOUR BOARD. OKAY.

16 BUT I CERTAINLY WANT TO THANK -- MARK -- YEAH, MARK
17 REFOWITZ AND ED COSSIX.

18 SO, MARK, JUST WAVE YOUR HAND FOR A MOMENT. YOU'VE
19 BEEN A VERY --

20 AND DICK CHAMBERS.

21 A LOT OF FOLKS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO TALK TO ME A LITTLE
22 BIT ABOUT CAL OPTIMA AS WELL AS CAL OPTIMA.

23 AND I WANT TO THANK RON FOR MEETING WITH US AT AD HOC
24 COMMITTEE AND THE OTHER GENTLEMAN -- THE OTHER TWO GENTLEMEN.

25 DR. YOST: LEE PENROSE. LEE PENROSE.

1 THE COURT: LEE -- LEE PENROSE. YEAH. AND THE OTHER
2 -- AND A DOCTOR.

3 DR. YOST: YES. DR. RAMIREZ. YEAH, HE'S HERE.

4 THE COURT: YEAH. AND THE DOCTOR.

5 AND I APOLOGIZE. DOCTOR, THANK YOU.

6 THE OTHER PRESUMPTION WAS THIS. I WANT TO GIVE YOU A
7 HYPOTHETICAL. THIS IS WHAT'S COSTING US MONEY. IN MY HUMBLE
8 OPINION, YOU HAVE TO SOLVE IT. I CAN'T.

9 I'M HOMELESS DAVE, AND I'M ON THE -- I'M LIVING ON
10 THE RAILROAD TRACK. I MAY HAVE A DAUGHTER HERE LIVING ON THE
11 RAILROAD TRACK WITH ME, BUT I MAY BE BY MYSELF.

12 I ONLY KNOW ONE PLACE TO GO WHEN I'VE GOT PNEUMONIA.
13 AND I'VE GOT MILD BIPOLAR.

14 HI, MAYOR, COME ON IN. MAYOR FOLEY, I WAS JUST
15 COMPLEMENTING YOU.

16 HAVE A SEAT. OKAY.

17 NOW, I ONLY KNOW ONE PLACE TO GO. WHERE DO I GO? --
18 THE E.R. ROOM, RIGHT? I GET TREATED. BUT BECAUSE WE DIDN'T
19 HAVE THE TRACKING SYSTEM, BECAUSE WE ABANDONED E.R. NET AND
20 SAFENET BACK IN 2016 WHERE WE WERE SUPPOSED TO TRACK PEOPLE
21 COMING OUT OF THE HOSPITAL, I GO RIGHT BACK TO THE RAILROAD
22 TRACKS. NOW I GET SCABIES AND I GET PNEUMONIA AGAIN.

23 AND, BY THE WAY, PEOPLE ARE DYING OF HYPOTHERMIA. IF
24 YOU'RE IN THE MILITARY, YOU KNOW ONE THING. WHEN IT RAINS, AND
25 YOU COMBINE IT WITH COLD, THAT'S AN EXPONENTIAL FACTOR THAT

1 CAUSES DEATH.

2 YOU CAN GET REALLY COLD, FOLKS. I DON'T THINK YOU
3 HAVE TO -- MEDALS IN THE MARINE CORPS TRAINING. WE'LL GET YOU
4 COLD. YOU'LL LIVE. YOU WON'T LIVE WITH RAIN. AND YOU WON'T
5 LIVE WITH HYPOTHERMIA.

6 NOW, WHAT HAPPENS? I NORMALLY KNOW ONE PLACE TO GO.
7 I GO RIGHT BACK TO THE E.R. ROOM, DON'T I? AND I GET TREATED.
8 BUT I'M BACK OUT ON THE STREET. THAT'S COSTING YOU AN AVERAGE
9 OF \$400,000 A YEAR.

10 AND, SO, YOUR PROVIDERS, YOUR HOSPITALS ARE DOING A
11 GREAT JOB. BUT UNTIL YOU'VE STEPPED FORWARD NOW LIKE YOU'RE
12 STEPPING FORWARD, THAT WAS GOING TO BE A REDUNDANT SYSTEM WITH
13 \$3.7 BILLION DOLLARS THAT CAL OPTIMA HAS THAT WE REALLY HADN'T
14 GOTTEN TOGETHER AS A COURT. AND THAT'S MY FAULT -- NOT
15 REACHING OUT TO YOU. I BEAR THAT RESPONSIBILITY. IF ANYTHING
16 GOES WRONG, IT'S ME, NOT YOU.

17 BUT YOUR RECEPTIVENESS TO THAT NOW CARVES OUT AT
18 LEAST A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS OF THAT THAT STOPS THAT CYCLE.

19 AND THAT'S WHAT UNITED WAY IS TALKING ABOUT WHEN WE
20 CAN REDUCE THAT FROM \$400,000 DOWN TO \$50,000.

21 AND ARE THE HOSPITALS AND THE E.R. HURT? HECK, NO.
22 THEY'RE GETTING A LOT OF MONEY. WE CAN AFFORD TO TAKE A
23 HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS OUT OF THAT E.R. SERVICE, IF YOU WILL,
24 AND DEVOTE IT TO HOMELESS BECAUSE THAT'S GOING TO REDUCE OUR
25 COST DOWN FOUR TIMES. AND IT'S GOING TO STOP OUR DEATH TOLL.

1 AND IT'S GOING TO LET US TRACK PEOPLE.

2 NOW, IF YOU UNDERSTAND THAT, IT TOOK JUDGE SMITH --
3 WHAT? -- TWO DAYS AND ME TWO MONTHS TO UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT
4 THAT'S THE SIMPLEST HYPOTHETICAL. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU.

5 THE OTHER PRESUMPTION IS THIS.

6 WHERE'S RON SANCHEZ -- OR SANCHEZ? WOULD YOU STAND
7 UP BECAUSE I WANT TO THANK YOU.

8 WHERE IS MR. SANCHEZ?

9 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: RICHARD?

10 THE COURT: WOULD YOU GET HIM.

11 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: HE'S IN OVERFLOW.

12 THE COURT: YEAH. WELL, NO. HE CAN'T BE OVERFLOW.
13 HE'S IMPORTANT.

14 DR. YOST: AND, JUDGE CARTER, I MEAN, THAT -- WHAT
15 YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT IS RIGHT IN OUR WHEELHOUSE. AND --

16 THE COURT: YEAH.

17 DR. YOST: -- WE FULLY INTEND TO DEAL WITH THAT.
18 WE'RE GOING TO MANAGE THESE PATIENTS IN-HOUSE. WE HAVE SET UP
19 A SYSTEM TO TRACK THEM. BECAUSE WE DO KNOW THAT THE HOMELESS
20 ARE SEVEN TIMES MORE LIKELY TO VISIT THE E.R. THAN --

21 THE COURT: YEAH.

22 DR. YOST: -- THAN OUR REGULAR POPULATION.

23 THE COURT: YEAH. AND I COMPLIMENT YOU FOR THAT.

24 DR. YOST: AND THAT -- YEAH. AND THAT WILL BE ONE OF
25 THE METRICS THAT WE WILL TRACK BECAUSE YOU'RE RIGHT. E.R. CARE

1 IS THE MOST EXPENSIVE CARE.

2 THE COURT: YEAH.

3 DR. YOST: IF WE CAN FIND A WAY TO TREAT THOSE --
4 THOSE PATIENTS IN THE FIELD, IF WE CAN FIND THEM TO TREAT THEM
5 CLOSER TO THEIR HOMES TO BRING THE HEALTHCARE TO THEM, THAT IS
6 A MUCH MORE EFFICIENT MUCH BETTER WAY TO DELIVER HEALTHCARE.

7 THE COURT: NOW, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE COURTS CAN'T
8 DO THAT.

9 YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? BUT WE'VE HAD SOME REALLY GOOD
10 DISCUSSIONS ABOUT THAT.

11 SO, RICHARD, COME ON IN FOR A SECOND. AND WE WANT TO
12 GIVE A HYPOTHETICAL.

13 THIS IS JUST A HYPOTHETICAL, FOLKS. I WON'T NAME THE
14 HYPOTHETICAL HOSPITAL. BUT WE SAW THIS A NUMBER OF TIMES. AND
15 THIS IS WHAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO CURE IN GOOD FAITH.

16 AND I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'VE HAD SOME REALLY GOOD
17 MEETINGS LATELY, RICHARD, IN THE COUNTY. AND YOU'VE HAD SOME
18 REALLY GOOD MEETINGS WITH CAL OPTIMA. SO, THIS IS A VERY
19 POSITIVE STATEMENT. BECAUSE I CAN'T BRING BACK THE PAST. BUT
20 WE WANT TO DECREASE THE DEATHS.

21 AN 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN COMES OUT OF A HOSPITAL -- I
22 WON'T NAME THE HOSPITAL. IT'S A VERY PROMINENT HOSPITAL. A
23 HOSPITAL HERE ABOUT A MONTH AGO ON A FRIDAY EVENING DOESN'T
24 KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH THE 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WHO IS SYMPATHETIC,
25 BABBLING, NOT A HEROIN OR DOPE ADDICT. AND THEY PUT HER IN AN

1 UBER AND DRIVE HER OVER TO A PROVIDER WHICH CAN'T TAKE HER.

2 IT'S A CITY PROVIDER.

3 AND THE CITY HAS LIMITATIONS -- LIKE SANTA ANA OR
4 ANAHEIM HAVE TRIED TO TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN BECAUSE THERE'S
5 TREMENDOUS PUSH-BACK IF THEY'RE TAKING IN OTHER PEOPLE.

6 THE 82-YEAR-OLD IS DROPPED OUT. THERE'S A
7 DISCUSSION. WE CAN'T RESOLVE IT, ET CETERA. FINALLY, THANK
8 GOD, THE PROVIDER STEPS IN AND GETS A PLACE ON THEIR OWN DIME
9 FOR THE 82-YEAR-OLD WOMAN.

10 NOW, THAT HAPPENED TO US OUT AT THE BAYMONT BECAUSE I
11 STOOD IN THE PARKING LOT AND WATCHED IT.

12 WE HAD AN OLD CONFLICT -- WHICH IS NOT CHASTISING YOU
13 -- WHERE CAL OPTIMA SAID, LOOK, THEY'RE MILD. OKAY. OR THE
14 COUNTY DID. THEY'RE MILD. YOU TREAT THEM.

15 AND CAL OPTIMA SAID, NO, THEY'RE CHRONIC. YOU TREAT
16 THEM. AND WE HAD THAT CLASH. SO, THAT'S NOT A CRITICISM.

17 BUT I'VE HEARD THAT YOU'VE BEEN ABLE TO WORK THAT OUT
18 WITH THE HELP OF SUPERVISOR DO VERY RECENTLY.

19 IS THAT TRUE?

20 MR. RAMIREZ: CORRECT.

21 THE COURT: I WON'T GET INTO THE PAST BECAUSE IF YOU
22 DWELL IN THE PAST YOU CAN'T MOVE TO THE FUTURE, RIGHT? SIMPLE
23 AS THAT.

24 IF YOU'RE WORKING TOGETHER, THAT ALLEVIATES A
25 TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY TODAY.

1 AND IF YOU'LL CONTINUE THAT RELATIONSHIP SO I DON'T
2 HAVE THOSE GAPS -- BECAUSE I'M BECOMING FIRMLY CONVINCED -- AND
3 THIS IS NOT A JUDICIAL FINDING -- THAT ONE OF THE CAUSES OF
4 DEATH WAS OUR INABILITY -- A WELL-INTENTIONED BUREAUCRACY AND
5 THAT OVERLAP THAT CAUSED THE CHRONIC AND THE MILD TO BE PUSHED
6 BACK AND FORTH TO EACH OTHER.

7 SO, INSTEAD OF CHASTISING YOU, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT
8 YOU.

9 ISN'T THAT REFRESHING?

10 (LAUGHTER.)

11 THE COURT: THAT'S REFRESHING. OKAY. SO, THE PAST
12 IS FORGOTTEN. LET'S MOVE FORWARD. OKAY.

13 RICHARD, THANK YOU. DO YOU HAVE ANYTHING YOU WANT TO
14 SAY? ARE YOU OKAY?

15 MR. RAMIREZ: NO. WE'RE GOOD.

16 THE COURT: OKAY.

17 (LAUGHTER.)

18 THE COURT: GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS POSSIBLE,
19 YEAH.

20 BY THE WAY, HE'S GOING TO RETIRE SOON. AND I MAY BE
21 ASKING ANDREW AND LISA IF I CAN CALL UP RICHARD ON OCCASION,
22 ALSO.

23 THE OTHER PRESUMPTION WAS THIS. IN THE PAST WE
24 TALKED A LOT ABOUT A PRESUMPTION. AND HERE WAS THE PROBLEM.

25 I THINK YOU HAD 11,484 IN YOUR 2016 REPORT WHEN THE

1 -- WE WERE DEALING WITH E.R. NET, ET CETERA. AND IT'S ON PAGE
2 37. OKAY.

3 AND YOU'LL SEE THEN YOU HAD ABOUT 5,000--SOME PEOPLE
4 WHO CAME INTO THE HOSPITALS ON MORE THAN ONE OCCASION AND A
5 THOUSAND ON MULTIPLE OCCASIONS. OKAY.

6 AND I CAN GET OUT THAT, YOU KNOW, IF YOU WANT TO.
7 IT'S IN THE -- I WON'T WASTE TIME WITH IT, BUT I CAN FIND IT
8 VERY EASILY.

9 THE PRESUMPTION IN THE PAST WAS, LOOK, I'M -- THE
10 BABBLING DAVE OUT ON THE RAILROAD SYSTEM AGAIN.

11 AND CAL OPTIMA HAD A GOOD POSITION. AND THAT IS,
12 WELL, YOU HAVEN'T SIGNED UP FOR CAL OPTIMA. BUT GUESS WHAT,
13 FOLKS. IF YOU TELL ME TO SIGN UP FOR CAL OPTIMA, REMEMBER,
14 I'VE GOT BIPOLAR. I'M LIVING ON THE RAILROAD TRACKS. AND YOU
15 TELL ME TO GO TO SANTA ANA OR SOME PLACE. I CAN'T FIND SANTA
16 ANA. AND IF YOU GIVE ME A CARD, I'M GOING TO EAT THE CARD.
17 I'M NEVER GOING TO SHOW UP, IN OTHER WORDS. SO, WE'RE CHANGING
18 THAT PRESUMPTION.

19 AND, DOCTOR, I WANT TO COMPLIMENT YOU BECAUSE THAT
20 WAS SOMETHING THAT YOU AND RICHARD SANCHEZ AND SUPERVISOR DO
21 AND I TALKED ABOUT. AND THAT IS A MODEL FOR THE NATION. AND
22 THAT PRESUMPTION IS CHANGING THAT THESE FOLKS ARE ALL
23 CAL OPTIMA TO BEGIN WITH. AND THAT THE FEW THAT AREN'T, WE'RE
24 GOING TO OPT-OUT. AND THAT'S GOING TO SAVE AN INCREDIBLE
25 AMOUNT OF MONEY AND AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF LIVES.

1 AND I UNDERSTAND FROM JUDGE SMITH THAT THAT'S THE
2 OTHER PROCESS YOU'RE PUTTING FORWARD, THIS PRESUMPTIVE PROCESS,

3 MR. RICHARD RAMIREZ: YOU WANT ME TO TAKE THAT --

4 THE COURT: AND IF I'M NOT, I WANT YOU TO CORRECT ME.

5 MR. RICHARD RAMIREZ: YEAH. SURE. WE'RE WORKING
6 WITH FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS SO THAT WE CAN SERVE
7 THROUGH OUR CLINICAL FIELD TEAMS WHEN WE SEND THESE DOCTORS AND
8 MEDICAL ASSISTANTS OUT INTO THE FIELD TO VISIT THE PARK OR TO
9 VISIT A RIVERBED OR TO VISIT A SHELTER, THAT IF THERE'S A
10 HOMELESS INDIVIDUAL THAT NEEDS MEDICAL -- MEDICAL CARE, THAT
11 IT'S NOT GOING TO MATTER IF THEY'RE A CAL OPTIMA MEMBER OR NOT
12 -- THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET THE CARE. AND THAT IF IT IS A
13 CAL OPTIMA MEMBER, THAT FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTER WILL
14 BE ABLE TO BILL CAL OPTIMA. AND IF IT'S NOT, THE FED -- THOSE
15 HEALTH CENTERS GET FEDERAL FUNDING FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT
16 INSURANCE.

17 SO, WE MET WITH THE --

18 THE COURT: EXCELLENT --

19 MR. RICHARD RAMIREZ: -- FOUR -- ALL FIVE OF THE
20 FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH CENTERS LAST THURSDAY TO TALK ABOUT
21 THE CLINICAL FIELD TEAMS AND THE ROLLOUT AND -- AND APPRECIATE
22 THAT THEY NEED TO -- THEY POTENTIALLY NEED TO PURCHASE
23 VEHICLES, AMBULANCE-LIKE VEHICLES, SO THAT THEY -- WHEN THEY
24 VISIT SOMEONE IN THE PARK, INSTEAD OF JUST TREATING THEM ON THE
25 GRASS -- COME INTO THE VEHICLE. YOU'RE GOING TO GET SOME SENSE

1 OF PRIVACY. WE HAVE EQUIPMENT IN THE VEHICLE.

2 THE COURT: GREAT.

3 MR. RICHARD RAMIREZ: WE CAN TAKE CARE OF YOU. WE
4 HAVE PRE-PACKAGED MEDICATIONS. WE -- WE CAN DO POINT-OF-CARE
5 LABS TO CHECK YOU FOR DIABETES, FOR A LOT OF DIFFERENT AILMENTS
6 -- THAT THEY'RE GOING TO GET FULLY TREATED IN THE FIELD.

7 THE COURT: EXCELLENT.

8 MR. RICHARD RAMIREZ: AND THAT THEY'RE GOING TO BE
9 ENCOURAGED LET'S GET YOU TO A CLINIC WHERE YOU CAN GET SOME
10 REAL CARE, BE SEEN BY SPECIALISTS. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET YOU
11 TO A CLINIC. BUT WE'RE GOING TO PROVIDE THAT BASIC CARE IN THE
12 FIELD. AND IT WILL BE FOR ALL HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS REGARDLESS.

13 THE COURT: LET ME TOSS A COUPLE OF THOUGHTS FOR BOTH
14 OF YOU.

15 DR. YOST: SURE.

16 THE COURT: AND JUST REMEMBER YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO
17 THIS. OKAY.

18 DR. YOST: YEAH. WELL, I WOULD JUST ADD ON TO THAT
19 THAT, YOU KNOW, YOU ONLY HAVE TWO REQUIREMENTS TO BE A MEMBER
20 OF CAL OPTIMA. IT'S BASICALLY WHETHER YOU'RE A RESIDENT, YOU
21 KNOW, OF THE UNITED STATES AND YOUR INCOME LEVELS.

22 THE COURT: RIGHT.

23 DR. YOST: SO, YOU CAN ASSUME THAT MOST OF THEM ARE.

24 HOWEVER, WE CAN'T DO THAT WITH PAYMENT FOR
25 CAL OPTIMA. HOWEVER, WE ARE WORKING WITH THE COUNTY THROUGH

1 S.S.A. TO GET AS MANY PEOPLE SIGNED UP AS WE CAN.

2 WE'VE BEEN VERY EFFECTIVE I THINK AT THAT IN THE
3 HOMELESS SHELTERS AND GETTING PEOPLE SIGNED UP AND GETTING THEM
4 INTO THE SYSTEM.

5 THE COURT: YEAH.

6 DR. YOST: AND THEN GETTING THEM INTO OUR OWN
7 HOMELESS NETWORK WHERE WE CAN MANAGE THE CARE WITHIN HOUSE.

8 AND WE'RE GOING TO MANAGE THIS POPULATION INSIDE OUR
9 OWN ORGANIZATION AND USE CAL OPTIMA DIRECT TO DO THAT.

10 BUT PARTNERING WITH FEDERALLY QUALIFIED HEALTH
11 CLINICS WAS FOR US THE BEST WAY TO BE ABLE TO TREAT PEOPLE,
12 WHETHER THEY'RE A MEMBER OR NOT. AND I EVEN HAVE TO ASK THAT
13 QUESTION SO THAT WE CAN BRING THE CARE DIRECTLY TO THEM.

14 AND KUDOS TO STAFF FOR -- FOR RECOMMENDING THAT AND
15 DOING THAT AND PUTTING THAT TOGETHER.

16 THE COURT: THAT'S EXCELLENT.

17 I'M GOING TO ASK THE FOLLOWING JUST FOR YOU TO
18 CONSIDER. REMEMBER, I CAN'T ORDER ANYTHING.

19 ONE, THAT WISE PLACE CERTAINLY IS A PLACE THAT YOU
20 WOULD VISIT. AND I'VE HEARD RECENTLY YOU -- YOU'VE BEEN THERE.
21 THAT YOU GO TO THE LINK. THAT YOU GO TO THE LA MESA, THE NEW
22 SHELTER, THAT YOU GET OUT TO SALVATION ARMY, WHICH YOU'LL HEAR
23 ABOUT. YOU'D CERTAINLY GET TO OUR TRANSPORTATION.

24 I HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF WALKING WITH THE NEW
25 SUPERVISOR DOUG CHAFFEE THE RAILROAD TRACKS WITH HIS LOVELY

1 WIFE OUT IN FULLERTON. AND THAT TRANSPORTATION CENTER IS A
2 MESS OUT THERE, QUITE FRANKLY.

3 THOSE ARE ALL CAL OPTIMA PEOPLE.

4 THE SECOND THING I SAW IN THE RIVERBED WAS -- AND
5 DISCUSSING WITH FRANK KIM --

6 IS FRANK HERE?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: NO.

8 THE COURT: OKAY.

9 LEON, YOU WERE THERE AT THE TIME. ONE OF THE
10 PROBLEMS WE HAD AT THE RIVERBED LITERALLY IS THAT WE WOULD
11 CLEAN UP THE RIVERBED ONE EVENING. WE WERE OUT THERE. AND WE
12 HAD TO STOP BECAUSE THE WORKERS WERE UNIONIZED.

13 REMEMBER? IT WAS FIVE O'CLOCK. AND YOU AND I WANTED
14 TO WORK 'TILL MIDNIGHT.

15 I'M JUST KIDDING YOU. YEAH.

16 (LAUGHTER.)

17 THE COURT: AND, SO, THE UNION SAID YOU HAVE TO STOP.

18 AND WE WERE KIND OF APPALLED BECAUSE WE WANTED TO GET
19 DOWN AS FAR AS -- I FORGET, BALL ROAD OR ORANGE, WHEREVER IT
20 WAS. WE WANTED TO GET TO THAT INTERSECTION.

21 THE HOMELESS DON'T KEEP HOURS OF 8:00 TO 5:00. LET
22 ME REPEAT THAT BECAUSE I'VE BEEN OUT IN THE SANTA ANA --

23 JIM -- WHAT? -- 4:00 IN THE MORNING WE STARTED?
24 YEAH, 4:00 IN THE MORNING.

25 THE HOMELESS START MOVING ABOUT 5:00 OR 5:30. THE

1 REASON FOR THAT IS FOR THOSE CITIES ENFORCING, THEY'RE AFRAID
2 OF ENFORCEMENT. SO, THEY'RE UP OUT OF THEIR TENTS. AND
3 THEY'RE MOVING ON YOU EARLY IN THE MORNING OR THEY'RE JUST
4 MOVING BECAUSE THE SUN IS COMING UP.

5 IF WE'RE GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE SOMEHOW, WE HAVE TO
6 WORK DIFFERENT HOURS.

7 DR. YOST: RIGHT.

8 THE COURT: AND I SAW THAT OUT IN MAXWELL PARK
9 STANDING THERE WITH MAYOR SIDHU. YOU AND I SAW WHAT WAS
10 HAPPENING. WE SAW THAT WITH MAYOR PULIDO OVER HERE. THESE
11 HOMELESS ARE NOT GOING ON 8:00 TO 5:00 SCHEDULES. SO, IF WE'RE
12 GOING TO BE EFFECTIVE, I'M JUST IMPLORING YOU TO START AT 5:30
13 OR 6:00 IN THE MORNING TO GET THESE FOLKS SIGNED UP, ET CETERA,
14 AND GET CARE. MAYBE KNOCK OFF AT THREE O'CLOCK IN THE
15 AFTERNOON INSTEAD. BUT IT WON'T WORK FROM 8:00 TO 5:00. OKAY.

16 DR. YOST: YES.

17 THE COURT: JIM, DOES THAT COVER YOUR DISCUSSIONS
18 WITH -- AND I WANT TO MAKE SURE YOU STATE BACK EVERYTHING. BUT
19 PLEASE JOIN IN. AND USE THE MICROPHONE.

20 JUDGE SMITH: THE JOINDER, THE INTERVENTION -- THE
21 INTERVENTION --

22 THE RECORDER: I'M SORRY?

23 THE COURT: WHY DON'T YOU GO AHEAD AND STATE IT, JIM.

24 JUDGE SMITH: YES.

25 THE COURT: YEAH. GO AHEAD AND SAY IT.

1 JUDGE SMITH: WELL, I THINK THERE'S AN AGREEMENT IN
2 PRINCIPLE THAT CAL OPTIMA WILL COME INTO THE LAWSUIT THROUGH --
3 VOLUNTARILY THROUGH A PETITION OR COMPLAINT OR WHATEVER YOU
4 MIGHT CALL IT, AN INTERVENTION, SO THAT AN AGREEMENT CAN BE
5 ENTERED INTO BETWEEN CAL OPTIMA AND THE PARTIES THAT WILL BE
6 ENFORCEABLE BY THE COURT BECAUSE THE COURT ANTICIPATES
7 RETAINING JURISDICTION FOR THREE YEARS.

8 THE COURT: AND THAT MEANS I'M HOPING TO HEAD OFF A
9 LAWSUIT.

10 DO PLAINTIFFS HEAR THAT? -- TRY TO AVOID THE
11 LAWSUITS. OKAY.

12 SO, ONE OF THE GOALS IS LET'S GET AHEAD OF THIS IN
13 TERMS OF WASTING MONEY IN LITIGATION FOR 10 YEARS, SEEING WHO
14 IS RIGHT OR WRONG. AND NOBODY WINS, ET CETERA.

15 AND HELP ME, DOCTOR, IF YOU HAVE ANYTHING ELSE TO
16 SAY.

17 DR. YOST: I WOULD JUST SAY THAT HAS TO GO TO OUR
18 FULL BOARD. THE FULL BOARD HAS TO UNDERSTAND THAT, GET LEGAL
19 COUNSEL ON THAT.

20 AND OUR DUTY OF LOYALTY IS TO CAL OPTIMA. AND THESE
21 ARE, YOU KNOW, FEDERAL AND STATE TAXPAYER DOLLARS THAT ARE
22 DEDICATED TO HEALTHCARE. AND WE'RE RESPONSIBLE FOR HOW THEY
23 ARE SPENT. AND WE TAKE THAT JOB EXTREMELY SERIOUSLY.

24 THE COURT: YEAH.

25 DR. YOST: SO, THAT WILL HAVE TO GO TO OUR FULL

1 BOARD.

2 I DON'T THINK THERE'S ANY KIND OF AGREEMENT IN
3 PRINCIPLE AT THIS POINT UNTIL THE FULL BOARD HEARS THAT --

4 THE COURT: WELL, YOU CAN'T.

5 DR. YOST: -- AND HEARS ALL OTHER OPTIONS.

6 THE COURT: WELL, YOU CAN'T. ALL YOU COULD DO IS
7 MAKE A GOOD-FAITH REPRESENTATION.

8 DR. YOST: RIGHT.

9 THE COURT: YOU CAN'T VIOLATE THE BROWN ACT.

10 DR. YOST: RIGHT.

11 THE COURT: I UNDERSTAND THAT. BUT I HAVE EVERY
12 CONFIDENCE THIS WILL BE DONE ON THURSDAY.

13 AND THIS RECOMMENDATION --

14 DR. YOST: IT WILL COME TO --

15 THE COURT: -- WILL BE MADE AS YOU STATED TO ME
16 TODAY.

17 DR. YOST: IT WILL COME TO OUR BOARD ON THURSDAY.
18 YES.

19 THE COURT: THE RECOMMENDATION WILL BE MADE AS YOU'VE
20 STATED TO ME TODAY.

21 IS THAT CORRECT?

22 DR. YOST: THIS WILL COME TO OUR BOARD ON THURSDAY.
23 YES. CORRECT.

24 THE COURT: WILL THE RECOMMENDATION BE MADE TO YOUR
25 BOARD AS YOU'VE STATED TO ME TODAY IN COURT?

1 DR. YOST: RECOMMENDATION TO THEM?

2 THE COURT: YES. THE HUNDRED MILLION --

3 DR. YOST: MY RECOMMENDATION TO THEM WILL THEY --

4 WILL BE THAT THEY --

5 THE COURT: -- PLUS THE 40, 140 MILLION --

6 DR. YOST: -- LISTEN --

7 THE COURT: -- WITH THE COURT, ET CETERA, IN A

8 THREE-YEAR PERIOD OF TIME.

9 DR. YOST: THE -- THE CODE BAR AS LISTED IN OUR
10 PACKET THAT'S NOTICED TO THE PUBLIC, AND WE HAVE TO ABIDE BY
11 THAT, IS FOR \$100 MILLION TO BE DEDICATED FOR HOMELESS
12 HEALTHCARE. AND THAT IS GOING TO OUR BOARD AS POSTED AND
13 PUBLISHED.

14 THE OTHER ITEMS THAT WERE MENTIONED BY JUDGE SMITH
15 WILL BE BROUGHT TO OUR BOARD FOR CONSIDERATION, YES.

16 (PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS.)

17 THE COURT: LET'S MAKE SURE WE'RE HEARING THIS --

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I -- I --

19 JUDGE SMITH: I THINK IF I MIGHT --

20 THE COURT: BECAUSE YOU NEGOTIATED SOME --

21 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I THINK IF I MIGHT --

22 JUDGE SMITH: I THINK IF I MIGHT --

23 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: THERE ARE FOUR -- FOUR -- FOUR
24 REQUESTS --

25 JUDGE SMITH: IF I COULD -- IF I COULD JUMP IN HERE

1 --

2 THE COURT: JUST A MOMENT.

3 JUDGE SMITH: -- I THINK WHAT THE COURT IS PERHAPS
4 ASKING FROM YOU IS A COMMITMENT ON THE PART OF YOU FOLKS, THAT
5 YOU'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT ACTION TO THE BOARD.

6 NOW, THE BOARD CAN TELL YOU YOU'RE FULL OF MUDDY
7 CANAL WATER AND LITTLE GREEN MINNOWS, I GUESS.

8 BUT WE WANT A GOOD-FAITH REPRESENTATION FROM THE
9 PARTIES THAT ARE HERE REPRESENTING CAL OPTIMA, THAT THAT
10 SOLUTION THAT THE COURT HAS OUTLINED, AND THAT I SUPPLEMENTED,
11 IS ONE THAT IS GOING TO BE STRONGLY RECOMMENDED TO THE BOARD OF
12 DIRECTORS.

13 IS THAT A CORRECT STATEMENT?

14 MR. SCHRADER: YES. THAT AS WE DISCUSSED, WE'RE
15 GOING TO TAKE THE FOUR REQUESTS TO THE BOARD, WHICH IS, ENTER
16 THE CASE AS AN INTERVENOR.

17 SHARE THE ATTORNEY-CLIENT PRIVILEGED MEMORANDUM ON
18 THE ALLOWABLE -- FROM THE OUTSIDE ATTORNEY ON THE ALLOWABLE
19 USES FOR MEDI-CAL DOLLARS IS -- IS HELPING CITIES WITH SHELTERS
20 ON ALLOWABLE USE OF MEDI-CAL DOLLARS. DON'T KNOW AT THIS
21 POINT.

22 NUMBER THREE TAKING THE -- THAT AMOUNT FOR NEW
23 INITIATIVES. IT'S 60 TODAY. MAKING THAT A HUNDRED.

24 THE COURT: OKAY.

25 MR. SCHRADER: SO THAT THE TOTAL IS 140.

1 THE COURT: COULD YOU PUT THAT BACK UP --

2 MR. SCHRADER: WE'RE GOING TO -- WE'RE GOING TO MAKE
3 THAT REQUEST KNOWN TO THE BOARD SO THAT THE BOARD CAN CONSIDER
4 THAT.

5 AND THEN NUMBER FOUR, YOUR REQUEST WAS TO ALLOCATE
6 THE -- THE DOLLARS FOR NEW INITIATIVES, WHATEVER THE AMOUNT.

7 THE COURT: RIGHT.

8 MR. SCHRADER: SIXTY OR 100, WITHIN THREE YEARS.

9 SO, WE'LL BE MAKING ALL THREE -- ALL FOUR OF THOSE
10 REQUESTS --

11 DR. YOST: AND -- AND HAVE CAL OPTIMA --

12 MR. SCHRADER: -- TO THE BOARD.

13 DR. YOST: AND TO HAVE CAL OPTIMA ENTER AS AN
14 INTERVENOR.

15 MR. SCHRADER: CORRECT.

16 THE COURT: AND SO REALLY --

17 MR. SMITH: THE REPORTER HAS INDICATED THAT SHE WOULD
18 APPRECIATE IT IF YOU FOLKS WOULD STATE YOUR NAMES FOR THE
19 RECORD --

20 DR. YOST: SURE.

21 MR. SMITH: SO WE CAN GET AN IDENTIFICATION.

22 DR. YOST: SURE. PAUL YOST, M.D. I'M CURRENTLY THE
23 CHAIR OF THE CAL OPTIMA BOARD.

24 THE COURT: OKAY.

25 MR. SCHRADER: MICHAEL SCHRADER, CEO OF CAL OPTIMA.

1 THE COURT: AND REALLY, I THINK YOU'VE DONE MORE THAN
2 THE 100 MILLION. I'M GIVING YOU CREDIT FOR 140 MILLION.
3 BECAUSE THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED 11 MILLION FOR WHAT I'M
4 GOING TO CALL THE FIRST LINE ITEM. AND THAT IS "BE WELL
5 CLINIC, ORANGE COUNTY." YOU DESERVE CREDIT FOR THAT.

6 MR. SCHRADER: YES.

7 THE COURT: THIS ISN'T A HUNDRED MILLION. THIS IS
8 140 MILLION THAT YOU'RE COMING FORWARD THAT YOU'VE ALREADY
9 COMMITTED PREVIOUSLY TO RECUPERATIVE CARE. AND I DON'T WANT
10 THE PUBLIC TO LOSE SIGHT ON THAT COMMITMENT.

11 MR. SCHRADER: YEAH.

12 THAT COURT: THAT'S ALREADY BOARD APPROVED.

13 DR. YOST: NOW, THE BOARD HAS ALREADY APPROVED 25
14 MILLION TOWARD HOMELESSNESS --

15 THE COURT: YEAH. YOU'VE GOT --

16 DR. YOST: -- ALREADY. THAT'S ALREADY APPROVED AND
17 IS WORKING ON BEING --

18 THE COURT: EXACTLY. LET'S GO DOWN THE LIST.

19 DR. YOST: -- THOSE PROGRAMS ARE BEING IMPLEMENTED.
20 CORRECT.

21 THE COURT: CLINICAL SERVICES. YOU'VE GOT I THINK
22 4.8 BY THE TIME WE'RE DONE OR 1.8.

23 YOU'VE GOT 4.8 THAT YOU'VE ALREADY PROMISED.
24 ALTHOUGH, IT MAY NOT BE BOARD APPROVED. AND WHEN YOU ADD ALL
25 THAT UP IN A SENSE YOU'VE GOT ABOUT \$40 MILLION THAT YOU'VE

1 ALREADY COMMITTED TO. YOU'RE ADDING ON THIS 100 MILLION
2 DOLLARS. SO, IT'S NOT A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. YOU DESERVE
3 MORE CREDIT THAN THAT. IT'S \$140 MILLION BECAUSE I'M GOING TO
4 COUNT WHAT YOU ALREADY HAVE COMMITTED, ALSO. OKAY. AND THAT'S
5 THREE YEARS.

6 OKAY. JIM. GOOD.

7 DR. YOST, GOOD?

8 DR. YOST: YEAH.

9 THE COURT: MR. SCHRADER, GOOD?

10 MR. SCHRADER: GOOD.

11 THE COURT: OKAY.

12 MR. SMITH: COULD I ADD, YOUR HONOR, MY THANKS TO THE
13 CAL OPTIMA FOLKS.

14 THE COURT: YEAH.

15 MR. SMITH: MICHAEL AND DR. YOST THEY'VE BEEN VERY,
16 VERY PLEASANT TO DEAL WITH. AND NOT ALWAYS IN AGREEMENT BUT
17 ALWAYS RATIONAL AND RESPONSIVE.

18 THE COURT: WELL --

19 MR. SMITH: AND I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THEM.

20 THE COURT: AND I DO TOO, ALSO. I APPRECIATE THOSE
21 EARLY MORNING MEETINGS AT 6:00 AND 6:30. VERY MUCH APPRECIATE
22 IT SO WE CAN GET BUSINESS DONE.

23 NOW, I'VE LISTENED ALSO TO YOUR BOARD PRESENTATIONS.

24 AND I KNOW THAT THERE'S BEEN A CATALYST, ALSO.
25 THERE'S BEEN DISAGREEMENT.

1 AND SUPERVISOR DO ASKED TO SPEAK RIGHT AFTER YOU DID.
2 I DON'T KNOW THAT HE WAS AWARE, YOU KNOW, OF WHAT WAS OCCURRING
3 HERE. I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S HAPPENING IN YOUR OWN BOARD AND YOUR
4 OWN COMMUNICATION.

5 SO, I WANT TO AFFORD HIM THAT COURTESY BECAUSE
6 THERE'S BEEN SOME DISCOURSE BACK AND FORTH.

7 SO, SUPERVISOR DO, IF --

8 DR. YOST: YEAH. AND I WOULD SAY THAT SUPERVISOR DO
9 HAS BEEN A CHAMPION AND HAS BROUGHT MANY OF THE ITEMS THAT ARE
10 IN THAT CODE BAR THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN APPROVED TO THE BOARD.
11 AND HE'S BEEN A STALWART CHAMPION IN THIS AREA AND HAS REALLY
12 STEERED THE BOARD IN THAT DIRECTION.

13 SO --

14 THE COURT: OKAY.

15 DR. YOST: -- SUPERVISOR DO.

16 SUPERVISOR DO: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: GOOD MORNING.

18 SUPERVISOR DO: ANDREW DO, SUPERVISOR FOR THE FIRST
19 DISTRICT AND ALSO DIRECTOR FOR THE ORANGE COUNTY -- FOR THE CAL
20 OPTIMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

21 THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
22 THIS MORNING.

23 A LITTLE OVER A YEAR AGO WE TOOK REAL CHANGE IN
24 DIRECTION, YOU AND I, WITH A LOT OF THE PARTICIPANTS HERE.

25 WHEN THE COUNTY STEPPED UP AND SAID, LOOK, WE COULD

1 DO THINGS BETTER WITH M.H.S.A. AND WITH THAT ADMISSION WE --
2 WE LOOKED AT THE WAY WE OPERATED, MADE A LOT OF CHANGES. AND
3 IT AFFECTED MORE THAN JUST M.H.S.A.

4 WITH THAT IN MIND, MOST OF WHAT YOU SEE TODAY WITH
5 BE WELL O.C., THE HOUSING TRUST, WITH A LOT OF THE SUPPORTIVE
6 HOUSING PROJECTS WE HAVE DONE, THE SYSTEM OF CARE THAT WE HAVE
7 BUILT, AND THE COLLABORATION WITH A LOT OF CITIES IN PUTTING
8 TOGETHER OUR REGIONAL APPROACH TO HOMELESSNESS.

9 WE ARE SO FAR AHEAD OF THE GAME NATIONALLY. AND WE
10 SHOULD ALL REALLY LOOK DEEP WITHIN OURSELVES AND FEEL THE
11 GRATIFICATION THAT WE ARE THE MODEL AROUND THE COUNTRY THAT
12 PEOPLE LOOK AT.

13 THE CHAIR AND I, CHAIR SUZARA BARTLETT AND I, JUST
14 SPOKE AT A NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES CONFERENCE. AND IT
15 WAS A STANDING-ROOM ONLY FORUM WHEN THE TWO OF US SPOKE ON
16 HOMELESSNESS AND WHAT WE DID WITH THE ENCAMPMENTS AND THE
17 SYSTEM OF CARE.

18 DOZENS OF PEOPLE APPROACHED US AFTERWARDS WANTING TO
19 LEARN FROM OUR EXPERIENCE.

20 KENT COUNTY FROM MICHIGAN CONTACTED OUR STAFF WANTING
21 SPECIFICALLY TO LEARN ON HOW DID WE PUT TOGETHER THE P-3
22 PROJECT THAT LED TO BE WELL O.C.

23 THE COURT: COULD YOU WAIT FOR JUST A MOMENT UNTIL
24 THE COUNTY -- UNTIL WE GET TO THAT PORTION.

25 SUPERVISOR DO: SURE.

1 THE COURT: COULD YOU REMAIN. BECAUSE I'VE GOT SOME
2 -- SOME GOOD QUESTIONS BUT SOME REALLY TOUGH QUESTIONS TO ASK
3 YOU --

4 SUPERVISOR DO: RIGHT.

5 THE COURT: -- AND SUPERVISOR BARTLETT ABOUT THAT.

6 SUPERVISOR DO: SO, WITH CAL OPTIMA, LET ME FOCUS ON
7 THIS.

8 OF THE 140-MILLION-DOLLAR LIST OF PROJECTS, IT'S A
9 HUNDRED -- YOU UPPED IT TODAY TO 140. SO --

10 THE COURT: UH-HMM.

11 SUPERVISOR DO: -- WE'LL MODIFY THAT AND DISCUSS THE
12 NEW NUMBERS WITH THE BOARD. BUT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT.

13 THE FOCUS ON THE NEW INITIATIVES, THAT'S THE ITEM
14 THAT RIGHT NOW IT'S LISTED AS 60 MILLION. AND YOU UPPED IT TO
15 A HUNDRED MILLION.

16 THE COURT: IT'S 100.

17 SUPERVISOR DO: RIGHT.

18 AND WHAT DOES THAT MEAN? IT SAYS MEDICAL SERVICES
19 FOR CURRENT MEMBERS. OKAY.

20 SO -- SO, THIS IS THE CHICKEN-AND-EGG DEBATE THAT I
21 HAVE BEEN HAVING WITH CAL OPTIMA STAFF.

22 THE COURT: RIGHT.

23 LET'S DO THIS, SUPERVISOR.

24 SUPERVISOR DO: AND WHY -- WHY --

25 THE COURT: WHY DON'T WE CONTINUE TO WORK TOGETHER

1 FOR THIS REASON.

2 I TRUST YOUR BOARD. I THINK YOU'RE THE EXPERTS.
3 CERTAINLY, THE COURT IS NOT.

4 I'D JUST APPRECIATE DR. HANDLER AND CHAMBER AND I
5 APPRECIATE ED AND MARK MAKING ME MORE KNOWLEDGABLE. BUT YOU'RE
6 MY EXPERTS.

7 ALL I CARE ABOUT IS THIS IS WE GET THIS MONEY OUT ON
8 THE STREET QUICKLY -- WHICH WAS WHY THE REQUEST -- THREE YEARS
9 -- AND WE'VE LOST THAT MONEY. SO, IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT
10 GOES TO THE CITY. THERE'S NO INCENTIVE FOR THE CITIES NOT TO
11 GET THIS. THERE'S NO INCENTIVE NOT TO BUILD A GOOD PROGRAM IF
12 IT'S AMBULANCE SERVICES AND PAY BACK TO THE CITY.

13 SUPERVISOR DO: BUT THIS IS CRITICAL BECAUSE IT GOES
14 TO THAT QUESTION THAT YOU JUST ASKED --

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 SUPERVISOR DO: -- IS HOW QUICK WILL THE MONEY GET ON
17 THE STREET.

18 AND I HAVE DAN YOUNG HERE ON BE WELL O.C. TO SUPPORT
19 ME ON THIS.

20 THE \$11.4 MILLION THAT THE BOARD VOTED TO SUPPORT
21 ANITA DRIVE, DO YOU KNOW AT THIS POINT THAT UNLESS CAL OPTIMA
22 CHANGES ITS POSITION, THAT MONEY IS NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO
23 USED FOR ANITA DRIVE. WHY? BECAUSE STAFF TAKES THE POSITION
24 THAT THAT MONEY CAN ONLY BE PAID FOR TWO SERVICES, WHICH IS
25 WITHDRAWAL MANAGEMENT -- OR DETOX CENTER, AND PEER SUPPORT.

1 THAT'S IT.

2 YOU KNOW HOW MANY YEARS IT WOULD TAKE FOR US TO SERVE
3 THOSE TWO SERVICES ONLY TO CAL OPTIMA MEMBERS IN ORDER TO -- TO
4 GET THE \$11.4 MILLION. IT WILL TAKE US YEARS. NO WAY WE CAN
5 EVEN MEET THAT WITHIN THREE OR EVEN FIVE YEARS.

6 SO, FOR ALL INTENTS AND PURPOSES, THAT MONEY IS NOT
7 AVAILABLE TO BE WELL O.C.

8 SO, DESPITE WHAT WE SEE UP THERE, THERE'S NO
9 GUARANTEE.

10 AND, SO, WHEN WE LOOK AT WHERE CAL -- CAL OPTIMA'S
11 STAFF, THE POSITION THEY HAVE TAKEN, WHICH IS, THAT CAL OPTIMA
12 -- THAT MEDICAID FUNDS CANNOT BE USED FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENTS
13 OR HOUSING-RELATED EXPENSES. OKAY.

14 SO, THEREFORE, WHEN YOU -- WHEN YOU LOOK AT THE
15 LIMITATION, FIRST, THAT IT HAS TO BE CAL OPTIMA MEMBERS; AND
16 TWO, THAT IT CANNOT BE USED FOR CAPITAL INVESTMENT OR
17 HOUSING-RELATED EXPENSES, THAT TOOK IT OUT OF THE REALM OF MOST
18 OF THE SERVICES YOU SEE UP THERE.

19 THE -- THE RECUPERATIVE CARE ASPECT OF IT THAT I
20 FOUGHT FOR IN I.T.T. FUNDS, THAT WAS LIMITED BY STAFF TO MEAN
21 THAT WE COULD ONLY USE I.T.T. FUNDS FOR.

22 WHAT YOU ARE ASKING FOR IS TO USE CAL OPTIMA GENERAL
23 FUNDS FOR IT. AND RIGHT NOW, BASED ON THE LACK OF INFORMATION
24 THAT WE HAVE -- AND WE STILL DON'T HAVE A LEGAL OPINION FROM
25 COUNSEL -- OKAY, FROM IN-HOUSE COUNSEL OR OUTSIDE COUNSEL. I

1 STILL DON'T -- THE BOARD HAS NEVER HAD A MEMO.

2 WE STILL DON'T KNOW WHAT LEGALLY WE ARE REQUIRED TO
3 DO. SO, WE ARE BEING ASKED TO CONSIDER ALL THESE THINGS IN A
4 VACUUM.

5 THE COURT: UH-HMM.

6 SUPERVISOR DO: BUT I WANTED TO MAKE THIS MEETING
7 HERE PRODUCTIVE.

8 SO, WHAT DID I DO IS -- AND I'M GOING TO HAVE -- I'M
9 GOING TO FILE MY STATEMENT WITH THE COURT WITH AN EXHIBIT.

10 I WENT OUTSIDE ON THE COUNTY'S DIME.

11 THE COURT: OKAY.

12 SUPERVISOR DO: WE CONSULTED AN OUTSIDE COUNSEL.

13 YOU WILL SEE IN THAT REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. AND
14 IT'S IN -- STATED IN MY STATUS CONFERENCE STATEMENT THAT I WILL
15 FILE WITH THE COURT TODAY.

16 IN ORDER FOR US TO REALLY MAKE HEADWAY, WE NEED TO
17 JUST HAVE SOLUTIONS.

18 AND, SO, WHAT WE HAVE BASED ON THE LEGAL OPINION I
19 JUST GOT LITERALLY LAST NIGHT IS THERE -- THERE ARE TOOLS THAT
20 WE CAN HAVE THAT WE CAN USE, SUCH AS UPWARD PAYMENT LIMITS,
21 PRESUMPTIVE ELIGIBILITY, AND RETROACTIVE FEE-FOR-SERVICE
22 PAYMENTS FOR MEDICAID. THESE ARE MEDICAID DOLLARS.

23 THE COURT: UH-HMM.

24 SUPERVISOR DO: AND I'M USING THIS -- THIS FORUM IN
25 ORDER TO PAINT A PICTURE THAT WE HAVE TOOLS THAT WE CAN USE

1 THAT UP TO NOW WE HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED WITH.

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 SUPERVISOR DO: AND WE STILL HAVE NOT BEEN PROVIDED
4 WITH THAT.

5 AND, SO, IT NEEDS A READJUSTMENT IN THE ATTITUDE THAT
6 WE HAVE AT CAL OPTIMA.

7 I HAVE BEEN FIGHTING FOR A YEAR. IT'S LITERALLY A
8 YEAR AGO THIS MONTH. I ASKED STAFF WHAT CAN WE DO TO HELP THE
9 HOMELESS. AND DESPITE MY YEAR OF INSISTENT FIGHTING, GUESS
10 WHAT? WHEN WE HAVE THE HEALTH HOMES INITIATIVE THAT WAS
11 SUPPOSED TO START IN JULY, STAFF WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL ASKED
12 FOR AN EXTENSION UNTIL BEGINNING OF 2020.

13 THE COURT: I'M AWARE OF THAT.

14 SUPERVISOR DO: SO, WHEN WE SIT HERE TODAY I HAVE TO
15 DO ONCE AGAIN, YOUR HONOR, IT'S BEST -- IT'S BEST THAT WE
16 ACKNOWLEDGE THE GOOD THINGS WE HAVE DONE.

17 CAL OPTIMA IS THE BEST HEALTH PROGRAM IN THE STATE
18 FIVE YEARS WINNING. NO KNOCK AGAINST THAT. BUT WE'RE TALKING
19 ABOUT A VERY SPECIFIC ISSUE, A CRISIS THAT YOU HAVE BEEN
20 TALKING ABOUT. AND YOU AND I AND MANY PEOPLE HERE HAVE BEEN
21 LIVING WITH FOR A FULL YEAR AND FOR ME FOR FOUR YEARS.

22 THE COURT: YEAH. BY THE WAY, WE MEET AT SIX O'CLOCK
23 IN THE MORNING. AND BY THE WAY, LET ME STOP RIGHT THERE.

24 I NEEDED TO STOP THOSE MEETINGS. THAT'S WHY YOU
25 HAVEN'T HEARD FROM ME IN A MONTH. AND LET ME JUST INTERJECT.

1 UP TO THIS TIME, THE OLD CITIES IN THE OLD LAWSUIT
2 GAVE ME PERMISSION TO TALK TO ANYBODY EX PARTE. AND SO DID THE
3 PLAINTIFFS.

4 THAT CEASES AND HAS CEASED WITH THE EXCEPTION OF ONE
5 MEETING WHEN WE DISCUSSED THE OLD CASE. AS SOON AS THE NEW
6 CASE -- AS SOON AS YOU FILED, I THEN EXPECTED YOU TO SERVE.
7 SO, I'VE CEASED ALL COMMUNICATION WITH THE COUNTY BECAUSE I
8 DIDN'T KNOW WHAT THE POSITION WOULD BE. AND I HAD TO GO BACK
9 FROM BEING A SETTLEMENT JUDGE NOW AND TALKING TO THE COUNTY.
10 AND THAT'S WHY WE'VE HAD TO SEVER THAT RELATIONSHIP ABOUT A
11 MONTH AGO.

12 SUPERVISOR DO: SO, YOU HAVE A COMMITMENT FROM ME AS
13 A DIRECTOR. AND I WILL TALK TO MY FELLOW DIRECTORS --

14 THE COURT: OKAY.

15 SUPERVISOR DO: -- THAT WE WILL NEED TO EXPLORE THESE
16 OTHER AVENUES THAT WILL ALLOW US TO SERVE --

17 THE COURT: YEAH. BUT --

18 SUPERVISOR DO: -- THIS.

19 THE COURT: -- FOLKS, LET'S DO THIS. DON'T LET THE
20 PERFECT GET IN THE WAY OF THE GOOD. LET ME SAY THAT AGAIN.

21 YOU KNOW WHAT, IF YOU PLANNED WHAT I'M GOING TO CALL
22 THIS JUST BY VIRTUE OF THIS AMBULATORY SERVICE, AND YOU PLANNED
23 IT TO PERFECTION, YOU WILL NEVER GET IT OUT ON THE STREET.

24 IF YOU GO TO LAWYERS -- I'M A LAWYER. BILLABLE
25 HOURS. GREAT ADVICE. I CAN DRAG ANYTHING OUT. THE BEST WAY

1 TO KILL SOMETHING, EITHER BY COMMITTEE OR WELL-INTENTIONED
2 COUNSEL.

3 BECAUSE YOU'RE THE DYNAMIC FORCE AS THE BOARD WHO HAS
4 TO MOVE FORWARD. YOU'RE THE DECISION-MAKERS. LAWYERS DON'T
5 SOLVE PROBLEMS. WE'RE CAUTIOUS BY NATURE. THAT'S WHAT WE DO.
6 WE EXAMINE EVERYTHING. AND EVERY HORRIBLE THAT CAN OCCUR AND
7 TELL YOU WHY YOU CAN'T DO IT.

8 I'M TELLING YOU BE BOLD AND TAKE THE STEP FORWARD
9 BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT HUMAN LIFE ON THE LINE. SO, YOU'VE GOT MY
10 COMPLIMENTS.

11 AND THAT'S WHY I SAID TO YOU, DOCTOR, WHEN DO I WANT
12 THE AMBULANCE SERVICE? WHAT DID I SAY? -- 7 TO 9 DAYS, RIGHT?

13 DR. YOST: YES.

14 THE COURT: THAT WAS MY TIME PERIOD. IT WASN'T A
15 MONTH.

16 AND WHEN DID WE WANT TO GET THIS ON BOARD? -- EITHER
17 GET IT OFF THE GROUND AND MAKE THE REPRESENTATION TODAY IN
18 COURT OR TELL ME YOU'RE NOT GOING TO DO IT. AND WE'LL GET INTO
19 A DIFFERENT KIND OF DISCUSSION. SO, I THINK WE'RE TAKING A
20 STEP FORWARD.

21 SO, THEREFORE, THIS CATALYST, THIS DISCUSSION IS
22 HEALTHY. AND I'M GOING TO END IT AT THAT POINT. THAT'S UP TO
23 THE BOARD. LET'S JUST SAY I'M NOT THERE. BUT I'M STILL GOOD
24 OF HEARING. AND I'LL BE LISTENING.

25 OKAY.

1 SUPERVISOR DO: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 THROUGH THE REPRESENTATION, I CAN'T ORDER YOU TO DO
4 ANYTHING. BUT FOR GOD SAKES, GET IT OUT ON THE STREET NOW TO
5 THE HOMELESS. RIGHT NOW.

6 OKAY. AND THAT'S NOT CONNECTED WITH HEALTH HOME.
7 YOU DO WHATEVER YOU WANT TO IN THAT REGARD. I KNEW YOU DELAYED
8 THAT. I WAS PREPARED TO HIT YOU PRETTY HARD QUITE FRANKLY
9 TODAY ABOUT THAT.

10 I'M GOING TO LEAVE THAT KIND OF VITRIOLIC DISCUSSION
11 ON THE SIDE. I THINK WE'RE MAKING TREMENDOUS PROGRESS.

12 AND FOR YOU PLAINTIFFS, I DON'T THINK THAT THERE'S
13 ANY OTHER COUNTY OR GROUP THAT'S STEPPED UP IN THIS REGARD.
14 THIS -- THIS IS A FIRST. OKAY.

15 SO, GO GET THAT SECOND OPINION BECAUSE ANY ATTORNEY
16 WHO WANTS TO SAVE LIVES QUITE FRANKLY, IT'S THE WAY YOU ASK THE
17 QUESTION.

18 QUESTION -- JIM, WHAT'S 2 PLUS 2?

19 JUDGE SMITH: TWO PLUS TWO, IT DEPENDS ON WHO YOU
20 ASK.

21 (LAUGHTER.)

22 JUDGE SMITH: IF YOU ASK -- IF YOU ASK AN ATTORNEY,
23 THE ANSWER IS GOING TO BE WHAT DO YOU WANT IT TO BE.

24 (LAUGHTER.)

25 THE COURT: SO, THE END RESULT IS WE CAN GET THAT

1 OPINION. AND I KNOW YOU CAN GET THAT OPINION FOR GOODNESS
2 SAKES. YOU JUST NEED THAT TO COVER YOURSELF. OKAY.

3 SO, GO OUT AND ASK THE GOOD QUESTION. ALL RIGHT.

4 DOCTOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY HUMBLLY. AND I WANT
5 TO THANK THE BOARD.

6 DR. YOST: THANK YOU, JUDGE, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP IN
7 THIS ISSUE. IT REALLY IS CRITICALLY --

8 THE COURT: NO, NO, NO.

9 DR. YOST: -- IMPORTANT FOR OUR RESIDENTS.

10 THANK YOU.

11 THE COURT: NO. QUITE THE OPPOSITE. I'M NOTHING.

12 DR. YOST: AND ALSO --

13 THE COURT: AND IT'S THE FOLKS THAT I GET TO TALK TO,
14 YOU AND THE CITY GOVERNMENT AND COUNTY, YOU'RE THE TWO HEROES
15 AND HEROINES.

16 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17 ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A QUICK WALK-AROUND.

18 BECAUSE, SHERIFF, I KNOW YOU'VE GOT TO GO. I KNOW
19 YOU'VE GOT A STAFF.

20 SO, I'M GOING TO TAKE A WALK-AROUND THE COUNTY. AND
21 INSTEAD OF ALL THE HEARSAY FLOWING AROUND, I WANT YOU TO HEAR
22 FROM DIFFERENT CITIES.

23 AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT'S HAPPENED, FOLKS, IS THAT
24 THE COUNTY IN A LEADERSHIP POSITION HAS HAD PUSH-BACK FROM THE
25 CITIES. THERE'S A LOT OF CONTROVERSY THAT TAKES PLACE.

1 OH, I KNOW WE'RE ALL ONE HAPPY FAMILY. THAT'S
2 NONSENSE. THERE'S A LOT OF BICKERING THAT'S GONE ON BETWEEN
3 THE COUNTY AND THE CITIES IN A SENSE. AND NO MATTER WHAT
4 ANYBODY SAYS, THERE'S DISTRUST. THERE'S EVEN DISTRUST ON
5 OCCASION BETWEEN DIFFERENT CITIES. THAT'S LOCAL GOVERNMENT.
6 THAT'S DEMOCRACY. THAT'S GOOD. YOU REPRESENT DIFFERENT
7 CONSTITUENCIES.

8 SO, I'M GOING TO ASK SANTA ANA TO STEP UP FIRST. AND
9 THE REASON I'M GOING TO --

10 IS GOMINSKY HERE? MY GOD, YOU'VE GOT A SUIT ON. I
11 DON'T RECOGNIZE YOU.

12 (LAUGHTER.)

13 THE COURT: WELL, THIS IS THE --

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: THIS GUY --

15 THE COURT: WELL, THIS IS THE --

16 WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF TO THE GROUP.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY
18 WITH THE SANTA ANA POLICE DEPARTMENT, YOUR HONOR.

19 THE COURT: ALL RIGHT. NOW, LET ME JUST START.

20 SANTA ANA TOOK THE COURAGEOUS POSITION THAT THEY WERE
21 GOING TO CUT THEMSELVES LOOSE FROM THE COUNTY.

22 THEY WANTED TO DO THIS QUICKLY. IT'S NO DEROGATION
23 OF THE COUNTY. IT'S JUST THAT SANTA ANA NEEDED TO MOVE. THEY
24 HAD A HORRIFIC HOMELESS PROBLEM.

25 AND THAT COST THEM A LOT OF MONEY. THEY STRUNG

1 THEMSELVES OUT RIGHT ON THE FRONT SIDE. THIS WAS CITY MONEY.
2 THEY'RE NOT A WEALTHY CITY. I THINK THE BIGGEST TAX BASE IS
3 WITH IRVINE. THE SECOND IS ANAHEIM. AND THE THIRD IS WITH
4 SANTA ANA. AND ONE OF THE THINGS THAT SANTA ANA HAS IS
5 PROPOSITION 13, OLDER HOMES. SO, THEY DON'T HAVE THE INCOME
6 COMING IN, QUITE FRANKLY, OF SOME OF THE NEWER CITIES LIKE
7 IRVINE AND SOME OF THE SOUTH COUNTY CITIES. PRETTY TOUGH ACT.

8 MIGUEL PULIDO LED THAT EFFORT.

9 MICHELLE WAS THE ONE WHO GOT TURNED LOOSE, QUITE
10 FRANKLY, AND MADE THIS ABSOLUTELY GO ALONG WITH CLAUDE AND A
11 NUMBER OF OTHER PEOPLE INVOLVED IN THIS ROOM, PAST CITY
12 MANAGER.

13 THAT WAS A SIGHT TO BEHOLD BECAUSE IN 28 DAYS THEY
14 PUT UP THE LINK. AND IF YOU NOTICE THE ACLU REPORT THAT HIT
15 PRETTY HARD ON THE COURTYARD, KRAEMER AND HIT PRETTY HARD ON
16 WISE PLACE. THERE'S NOT ANY MENTION, NOR SHOULD THERE BE OF
17 THE LINK, OF SALVATION ARMY, OF TUSTIN, OF COSTA MESA.

18 AND ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE SOME PROCEDURAL BICKERING,
19 WATCH OUT, PLAINTIFFS, BECAUSE I'M FULLY ON BOARD BECAUSE I'VE
20 BEEN TO THOSE ESTABLISHMENTS. AND WE MAY HAVE PROCEDURAL
21 ISSUES, BUT WE DON'T HAVE HOUSING ISSUES OUT THERE.

22 SO, I WANT YOU TO LEAD OFF ON BEHALF OF SANTA ANA AND
23 TELL THESE FOLKS WHAT YOU WERE ABLE TO ACCOMPLISH. AND MY
24 GREATEST FEAR WAS THIS -- COMPLETE TRANSPARENCY.

25 IF SANTA ANA STARTED TO ENFORCE WHAT WE SAW WAS THIS.

1 FIFTY PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE WANTED TO COME INTO SHELTER. THEY
2 LITERALLY SAT THERE IN THE PARKS IN DELHI, ET CETERA. THEY
3 WANTED TO COME INTO SHELTER.

4 ABOUT 20 TO 30 PERCENT -- AND THOSE ARE ROUGH FIGURES
5 -- STARTED DECIDING SHELTER WAS A GOOD PLACE BETWEEN THE PARK
6 BENCH AND THE PATROL CAR.

7 NOW, OF THAT 20 OR 30 PERCENT -- AND THESE ARE ROUGH
8 NUMBERS -- YOU'RE GOING TO LOSE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF THOSE
9 PEOPLE. THEY'RE NOT GOING IN BECAUSE THEY FOUND GOD OR AUTO
10 SHOP. THEY'RE GOING IN BECAUSE THEY DON'T WANT TO GO TO JAIL.

11 THE OTHER -- SANTA ANA TOOK THE HUMANE POSITION THAT
12 THEY WERE GOING TO CITE AND RELEASE TO BEGIN WITH. AND THEN IF
13 YOU CAME INTO THE PARK THEY WERE GOING TO ARREST. SO, THAT LED
14 US TO COORDINATE WITH THE STATE HOMELESS COURT WHICH WAS HERE
15 IN SANTA ANA ALREADY.

16 NOW, WHAT ABOUT THE OTHER 20 PERCENT? WITH COMPLETE
17 TRANSPARENCY, I SHARED WITH THE MAYOR. WE HAD MANY DISCUSSIONS
18 THAT WE WERE CONCERNED ABOUT HOW THE ANAHEIM RIVER CLEARANCE
19 HAD PUSHED A CERTAIN POPULATION INTO THE ONLY SHELTER THAT WAS
20 A NON-BARRIER SHELTER WHICH WAS SANTA ANA.

21 AND THE FOLKS IN SANTA ANA GOT ANGRY. IF YOU HEARD
22 THAT LAST SESSION, IT WAS, HEY, WE BASICALLY CLEAN YOUR HOUSES,
23 ET CETERA. WE'RE THE HARD-WORKING PEOPLE OUT HERE.

24 AND BY THE WAY, YOU FLOODED OUR COMMUNITY WITH A LOT
25 OF PEOPLE FROM A LOT OF OTHER CITIES. WE'RE PRIMARILY A

1 HISPANIC CITY, BUT WE'VE GOT 85 TO 90 PERCENT CAUCASIANS
2 SITTING OVER THERE FROM ALL OVER THIS COUNTY -- BECAUSE IT WAS
3 THE ONLY PLACE. AND THAT COMMUNITY PUSHED BACK, QUITE FRANKLY.

4 AND I'LL SAY IT. THEY THOUGHT IT WAS RACIST. ALL
5 RIGHT. NO OTHER WORD FOR IT.

6 NOW, I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT IS OR NOT, BUT THAT WAS
7 THE STRONG INFERENCE AS PEOPLE GOT UP IN MY COURT AND SAID,
8 HEY, ENOUGH ABOUT DUMPING ON US.

9 WELL, I WAS WORRIED ABOUT ANAHEIM. BECAUSE WHEN THE
10 -- IT WAS CLEARED, MAYOR, YOU DIDN'T INTENTIONALLY MOVE PEOPLE
11 TO SANTA ANA. BUT I'VE GOT MY TWO MAJOR CITIES NOW PUSHING
12 AGAINST EACH OTHER. AND THEN YOU STEPPED UP, WHICH IS WHY I'M
13 GOING TO ASK YOU TO FOLLOW IMMEDIATELY. BECAUSE NOW THE TWO
14 CITIES DIDN'T PUSH AGAINST EACH OTHER. THAT'S HAD AN
15 UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE.

16 THE UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCE IS I'M GOING TO GUESS
17 ABOUT 20 PERCENT OF YOUR POPULATION IS STARTING TO MOVE. SO,
18 THE CITIES THAT AREN'T ENFORCING ARE GETTING SOME UNWELCOME
19 GUESTS. AND THOSE ARE SLOW MATRICULATION, MOVING TO DIFFERENT
20 PARTS OF THIS COUNTY THAT IS UNINTENDED. BUT THAT'S YOUR HARD
21 CORE.

22 AND, SO, I'LL SAY TO THIS DAY THAT THE BEST DEFENSE
23 IS THAT WE START ENFORCING THESE CAMPING ORDINANCES BECAUSE
24 THEY'RE A GOOD THING IF YOU BUILD SHELTERS AND YOU'RE NOT
25 INCARCERATING THE HOMELESS BY VIRTUE OF BEING HOMELESS. IF

1 THEY'RE CRIMINALS, INCARCERATE THEM. BUT OTHERWISE, YOUR
2 COMMUNITIES ARE ABOUT TO GET -- QUITE FRANKLY AND UNFORTUNATELY
3 -- SOME UNWELCOME GUESTS IF YOU CAN'T -- IF YOU CAN'T ENFORCE
4 IMMEDIATELY.

5 SO, KEN, YOUR TURN.

6 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

7 ON BEHALF OF MAYOR PULIDO AND MAYOR PRO TEM VILLEGAS
8 AS WELL AS OUR ACTING CITY MANAGER STEVEN MENDOZA, THANK YOU
9 FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO YOU TODAY.

10 WE HAVE HAD QUITE A BIT OF FORWARD MOVEMENT OVER THE
11 PAST SEVERAL MONTHS. BUT WE'VE ALSO REESTABLISHED SOME VERY,
12 VERY STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH SOME OF OUR LAW ENFORCEMENT
13 PARTNERS. WE HAD TALKED ABOUT UNINTENDED CONSEQUENCES IN
14 MOVING PEOPLE AROUND.

15 WE HAVE REESTABLISHED AN EXTREMELY STRONG
16 RELATIONSHIP, CHIEF VALENTIN HAS, WITH SHERIFF BARNES AND WITH
17 CHIEF CISNEROS FROM ANAHEIM P.D. AS WELL AS CHIEF KISELA FROM
18 ORANGE AS WE WORKED TOGETHER TO TRY TO ADDRESS THE CHRONICALLY
19 HOMELESS.

20 WE LOOKED AS A CITY AT A FRESH START.

21 ON SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2018 OUR CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE
22 BOLD MOVE, AN UNPRECEDENTED MOVE, TRULY, TO APPROVE AN
23 AGREEMENT WITH MERCY HOUSE LIVING CENTER TO OPERATE AN INTERIM
24 EMERGENCY HOMELESS SHELTER. THIS WAS, OF COURSE, COMPLETELY
25 CITY FUNDED.

1 WHEN I SAY "COMPLETELY CITY FUNDED," I MEAN WE ARE
2 NOT A RICH CITY. WE DON'T HAVE A LOT OF MONEY. BUT THE CITY
3 OF SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL TOOK THE BRAVE STEP TO GO FORWARD,
4 FIND MONEY SO THAT WE COULD TAKE PEOPLE OFF OF THE STREET
5 BECAUSE EVERYBODY DESERVES A CHANCE.

6 THIS COST THE CITY OF SANTA ANA -- WHICH, AGAIN, IS
7 NOT A RICH CITY -- OVER A MILLION DOLLARS. BUT WE FOUND A WAY
8 TO MAKE IT HAPPEN.

9 TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS LATER -- 28 DAYS, NOT MONTHS, NOT
10 YEARS -- 28 DAYS LATER THE LINK OPENED ON NOVEMBER 15TH OF
11 2018. TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS.

12 THIS IS A PICTURE OF THE LINK -- WITH SEPARATE
13 BATHROOMS FOR MEN AND WOMEN, WITH ADA COMPLIANCE. TWENTY-EIGHT
14 DAYS.

15 TWO HUNDRED BEDS. THIS 200-BED FACILITY IS CAPABLE
16 OF HOLDING 90 MEN, 60 WOMEN, 40 FAMILIES -- 40 FAMILIES, KIDS,
17 AND 10 COUPLES.

18 WE PLACED A HARM-REDUCTION POLICY IN PLACE IN AN
19 EFFORT TO ADDRESS ANYBODY AND EVERYBODY WHO WAS WILLING TO COME
20 AND ACCEPT HELP. THIS IS A LOW-BARRIER SHELTER NOT A
21 NO-BARRIER SHELTER.

22 IT PROVIDES THREE MEALS A DAY. SNACKS. SUNDAY
23 BRUNCH FROM VOLUNTEER GROUPS.

24 TRANSPORTATION ASSISTANCE TO MULTIPLE LOCATIONS WITH
25 BUST SITES.

1 TWENTY-FOUR HOUR SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE.
2 INDIVIDUAL LARGE STORAGE CONTAINERS. SMALL BED-SIZE STORAGE.
3 KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, SHOWERS, RESTROOMS, PETS, ADA COMPLIANCE.
4 TWENTY-EIGHT DAYS.

5 A GOOD-NEIGHBOR POLICY WITH COMMUNITY STANDARDS. WE
6 DON'T RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM THE NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES. WE
7 DO NOT RECEIVE COMPLAINTS FROM THE NEIGHBORING BUSINESSES
8 BECAUSE IT WAS DONE RIGHT.

9 NEXT.

10 WE HAVEN'T DONE THIS ALONE. THE COUNTY OF ORANGE HAS
11 BEEN INCREDIBLY HELPFUL. AND OUR PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY
12 OF ORANGE CONTINUES TO GROW STRONGER AND STRONGER.

13 WITH HELP FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY HEALTHCARE AGENCY
14 AND MENTAL HEALTH, SERVICE GROUPS CALLED "SERVE THE PEOPLE,"
15 "HEARTS FOR PETS," "RECOVERY, 12-STEP ALCOHOL ANONYMOUS
16 GROUPS," "CAREER WISE."

17 WE PROVIDE SUPPORTIVE SERVICES AS WE CAN TO THE
18 POPULATION. MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORTIVE SERVICES, MEDICAL HEALTH
19 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES.

20 MY HOPE IS THAT WHEN CAL OPTIMA BEGINS ITS MOVEMENT
21 INTO SUPPORTING THIS POPULATION IN THE FIELD, YOU'LL MAKE THE
22 LINK A DAILY STOP.

23 CASE MANAGEMENT AND HOUSING NAVIGATION SERVICES,
24 EMPLOYMENT AND JOB LINKAGE SERVICES, VETERAN'S SUPPORTIVE
25 SERVICES, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE REFERRALS, FAMILY SUPPORTIVE

1 PROGRAMS, BASIC NEEDS, INTAKE INTO THE COUNTY SYSTEM OF CARE
2 AND THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM.

3 THIS IS NOT A WAREHOUSE. THIS IS A PLACE PEOPLE CAN
4 GO TO MAKE A CHANGE.

5 WE HAVE HAD POSITIVE PRESS FOR OUR ACTIVITIES.

6 OBVIOUSLY, PEOPLE THINK THAT WHAT WE'RE DOING IS THE
7 RIGHT THING. THERE'S SUPPORT FOR DOING THE RIGHT THING.

8 WE WERE FEATURED ON THE APRIL 2019 COVER OF THE
9 WESTERN CITY'S MAGAZINE.

10 SPOKE AT THE NATIONAL ALLIANCE TO END HOMELESSNESS
11 SYMPOSIUM -- MUCH LIKE MR. DO, SUPERVISOR DO. A STANDING-ROOM
12 ONLY.

13 FEATURED AGAIN AT THE HOUSING -- CALIFORNIA HOUSING
14 SUMMIT. VISITED BY THE UNITED STATES INTERAGENCY COUNCIL ON
15 HOMELESSNESS.

16 VISITED BY THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA HOMELESS EMERGENCY
17 AID PROGRAM ADMINISTER. AND WE'VE ALSO HAD VISITED -- VISITS
18 FROM SENATOR FEINSTEIN.

19 NEXT.

20 ONE OF THE MAIN REASONS WE GOT INTO THE SHELTER
21 BUSINESS ON OUR OWN WAS SO THAT WE COULD ENFORCE THE LAW -- SO
22 THAT WE HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO TAKE BACK OUR STREETS TO THE
23 PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THIS CITY IN HOUSES AND APARTMENTS AND
24 MOBILE HOMES. BUT NOT ON THE STREET. THEY HAVE RIGHTS, TOO.

25 ON NOVEMBER 30TH UNTIL DECEMBER 7TH, THE SANTA ANA

1 POLICE DEPARTMENT IN COORDINATION WITH OUR QUALITY-OF-LIFE TEAM
2 BEGAN WHAT WAS REFERRED TO AS "OPERATION DIGNITY."

3 WE MOVED, TRANSPORTED, REACHED OUT TO HUNDREDS OF
4 INDIVIDUALS ON OUR STREETS. AND 130 OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS
5 DECIDED THEY'D TAKE US UP ON OUR OFFER AND THEY MOVED IN TO THE
6 LINK.

7 BETWEEN JANUARY 17TH AND JANUARY 22ND, WE AGAIN
8 CONTACTED HUNDREDS OF INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON OUR STREETS AND OUR
9 RAILROAD TRACKS. WE AGAIN OFFERED SERVICES. MORE PEOPLE CAME.

10 AND WE PROVIDE THESE SERVICES -- WE PROVIDE THIS
11 OUTREACH EVERY DAY. WE PROVIDE THIS OUTREACH IN COOPERATION
12 WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE WHO GIVES US HEALTHCARE WORKERS --
13 THE FAMOUS BLUESHIRTS WHO ARE MAKING SUCH A DIFFERENCE FOR THIS
14 PROBLEM EVERYWHERE IN THE COUNTY.

15 THE COURT: AND WITH THE COURT'S DEEP APPRECIATION TO
16 THEM.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: WE CONTINUE TO DO OUR
18 OUTREACH AND OUR ENFORCEMENT WITH CITY NET, ILLUMINATION
19 FOUNDATION, MERCY HOUSE.

20 NEXT.

21 IF YOU GO TO THE CITY OF SANTA ANA'S WEBPAGE YOU
22 WOULD SEE A DATA DASHBOARD. THAT'S BECAUSE WE'RE PROUD OF THE
23 FACT THAT WE'RE DOING SOMETHING. OVER 400 REFERRALS TO "THE
24 LINK." DAILY INTAKE NUMBERS, AN AVERAGE OF OVER 170 PEOPLE
25 ENROLLED. ON AVERAGE, 160 PEOPLE SPEND THE NIGHT THERE

1 EVERYDAY. ABOUT 80 MEN, 60 WOMEN, 20 CHILDREN. TWENTY KIDS IN
2 THIS SHELTER EVERY NIGHT. NOT ON THE STREET, NOT IN THE PARK,
3 NOT IN A CAR.

4 COUPLE AND FAMILY BEDS ARE ALWAYS FILLED. AND WE
5 HAVE AN AVERAGE OF 10 DOGS. SOMEBODY WANTED A SQUIRREL. WE
6 SAID NO.

7 (LAUGHTER.)

8 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: ONE OF THE ABSOLUTE MOST
9 PROUD THINGS THE CITY OF SANTA ANA HAS TO STATE ABOUT "THE
10 LINK," SINCE ITS INCEPTION AND WITHIN THE FIRST HUNDRED DAYS, A
11 TOTAL OF 78 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN CONNECTED TO PERMANENT
12 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. SEVENTY-EIGHT PEOPLE WHO ARE ON THE STREET
13 LESS THAN 100 DAYS AGO ARE NO LONGER THERE. BECAUSE THE CITY
14 OF SANTA ANA SPENT THE MONEY AND HAD THE WHERE FOR ALL TO MAKE
15 A DIFFERENCE.

16 TEN CHILDREN UNDER THE AGE OF 18 ARE NO LONGER ON THE
17 STREETS AND IN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING.

18 A TOTAL OF 26 INDIVIDUALS HAVE BEEN HOUSED WITH
19 SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. SEVEN INDIVIDUALS REUNIFIED WITH THEIR
20 FAMILIES OR ENTERED INTO ADDITIONAL AFFORDABLE FAMILY HOUSING.
21 NINE ATTAINED HOUSING IN APARTMENTS THROUGH "RAPID REHOUSING
22 RENTAL SUBSIDY" THROUGH THE COUNTY'S COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM.
23 TWO ATTAINED APARTMENTS THROUGH STABILIZED EMPLOYMENT AND
24 INCOME.

25 AN ADDITIONAL 23 INDIVIDUALS WERE CONNECTED TO THE

1 CITY OF SANTA ANA EMERGENCY SOLUTION GRANTS. WE USED OUR
2 MONEY. REHOUSING RENTAL SUBSIDY.

3 AN ADDITIONAL 29 INDIVIDUALS ARE MATCHED TO SECTION 8
4 VOUCHERS. AND WE'RE WORKING WITH MERCY HOUSE TO FIND THEM
5 LONG-TERM PLACES TO LIVE.

6 SANTA ANA'S CONTINUED BURDEN.

7 A REVIEW OF THE COUNTY CORONER REPORT RECENTLY
8 REQUESTED BY THIS COURT SHOWS THAT THERE ARE THREE CITIES THAT
9 HAD A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF INDIVIDUALS CURRENTLY EXPERIENCING
10 HOMELESSNESS DIE. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO LOOK AT WHERE THEY
11 DIED. HOSPITALS, EMERGENCY ROOMS.

12 SANTA ANA, ORANGE AND ANAHEIM HAVE CONCENTRATIONS OF
13 HOSPITALS IMPACTED BY THIS HOMELESS POPULATION. BETTER IF YOU
14 SIT DOWN AND LOOK AT EACH INDIVIDUAL, YOU'LL FIND THAT THEY'RE
15 NOT FROM ANAHEIM. THEY'RE NOT FROM ORANGE. AND THEY'RE NOT
16 FROM SANTA ANA.

17 IN ACTUALITY, IN LOOKING AT DRIVER'S LICENSES, PAST
18 CRIMINAL AND CIVIL CONTACTS, CLEARLY ILLUSTRATES THESE MEN AND
19 WOMEN WERE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY OF ORANGE. THEY WERE BORN,
20 GREW UP, MOVED AROUND AND LIVED ALL THROUGHOUT THE COUNTY OF
21 ORANGE. NOT JUST WITHIN THOSE THREE CITIES.

22 THE CITY OF SANTA ANA CONTINUES EXPERIENCING ENTITIES
23 DROPPING OFF INDIVIDUALS WITHIN OUR CITY. IT IS AN EXPERIENCE
24 THAT WE FIGHT EVERY SINGLE DAY.

25 MOST RECENTLY, MUCH LIKE THE INCIDENT JUDGE CARTER

1 NOTED, OFFICERS RESPONDED TO NEW HOPE PUBLIC LIBRARY IN SANTA
2 ANA FOR AN INDIVIDUAL SITTING ON THE SIDEWALK IN A HOSPITAL
3 GOWN.

4 I'VE BEEN TO THE HOSPITAL. I'VE NEVER BEEN THROWN
5 OUT IN A HOSPITAL GOWN.

6 ACCORDING TO THE INDIVIDUAL, THEY WERE RELEASED FROM
7 THE HOSPITAL AND TOLD THE ONLY HOMELESS SHELTER IN THE COUNTY
8 OF ORANGE WAS IN SANTA ANA. THEY ENTERED A LYFT AND WERE
9 DROPPED OFF IN THE HOSPITAL GOWN, HOSPITAL WRISTBAND STILL IN
10 PLACE, IN FRONT OF THE LIBRARY. A LYFT.

11 OFFICERS RESPONDED AND THE ISSUE WAS ADDRESSED WITH
12 THE INDIVIDUAL BEING HOUSED IN A SHELTER. THE INDIVIDUAL HAD
13 NO TIES TO SANTA ANA WHATSOEVER. BUT LET'S FACE IT, WHEN YOU
14 GOOGLE HOMELESS SHELTERS IN ORANGE COUNTY, THE ONLY HOMELESS
15 SHELTER IS THE COURTYARD.

16 THE COURT: THE ONLY NO BARRIER SHELTER.

17 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: IT IS MY BELIEF THAT
18 UNTIL EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY UNDERSTANDS AND EMBRACES THAT
19 HOMELESSNESS IS NOT A THEIR PROBLEM ISSUE BUT AN OUR PROBLEM
20 ISSUE, THIS WILL CONTINUE. SANTA ANA WILL CONTINUE TO BEAR THE
21 BRUNT AND THE WEIGHT FROM THOSE OTHER CITIES.

22 IT'S OUR CONTINUED HOPE AND DESIRE THAT EVERY CITY IN
23 THE COUNTY OF ORANGE WILL DO THEIR PART, NO LONGER KICK THE
24 CAN, BUT TAKE THE MEANINGFUL STEPS TO BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

25 LASTLY, YOUR HONOR, I'D LIKE TO TALK BRIEFLY ABOUT

1 THE RAILROADS.

2 THE CITY OF SANTA ANA, THE SANTA ANA POLICE
3 DEPARTMENT HAVE BEEN WORKING WITH VARIOUS RAILROADS FOR YEARS
4 TO ADDRESS THE ONGOING PROBLEM OF TRASH, DEBRIS BUT, MORE
5 IMPORTANTLY, INDIVIDUALS LIVING AND RESIDING ON RAILROAD
6 RIGHT-OF-WAYS.

7 IT IS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT A MAJORITY OF THESE
8 RAILROAD COMPANIES HAVE -- OR CHOOSE TO PUT VERY LITTLE FUNDING
9 INTO MAINTAINING THEIR RIGHT-OF-WAYS. AND WHEN ASKED FOR
10 ASSISTANCE, THE RESPONSE IS, WE ONLY HAVE A COUPLE OF
11 CONTRACTORS. WE'LL GET TO YOU WHEN WE CAN.

12 THE COURT: UH-HUH.

13 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: SO, THE CITY IS
14 IMPLEMENTING AND SUSTAINING OUR ENFORCEMENT EFFORTS TO ADDRESS
15 PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND HOMELESS ISSUES ON OUR RAILROAD
16 PROPERTIES.

17 WE'RE MOVING FORWARD TO HOLD THE RAILROAD COMPANIES
18 ACCOUNTABLE JUST LIKE WE WOULD ANY OTHER PROPERTY OWNER WITHIN
19 THE CITY OF SANTA ANA.

20 WE'RE MOVING FORWARD WITH CODE ENFORCEMENT.

21 NOTICE TO ABATE HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED AND POSTED ON
22 ALL RAILROAD PROPERTIES. THE NOTICE HAS BEEN MAILED TO THE
23 PROPERTY OWNERS.

24 AT THIS POINT, AND TODAY, WE WILL BE MOVING FORWARD
25 WITH ABATEMENT WARRANTS AND INSPECTION WARRANTS.

1 THE CITY OF SANTA ANA WILL ADHERE TO DUE PROCESS IN
2 THIS SITUATION, WHICH WILL ENABLE THE CITY TO ESTABLISH THAT
3 SOLID FOUNDATION FOR WHAT WE BELIEVE WILL BE FUTURE LITIGATION
4 BETWEEN THE RAILROADS. WE ARE -- AGAINST THE RAILROADS.

5 WE ARE INTERESTED IN LEARNING IF OTHER CITIES ARE
6 INTERESTED IN JOINING WITH US AS WE MOVE FORWARD TO HOLD THE
7 RAILROAD COMPANIES ACCOUNTABLE JUST LIKE ANY OTHER PROPERTY
8 OWNER IN ANY OF OUR CITIES.

9 IT REMAINS UNFAIR THAT FEDERALLY SUBSIDIZED RAILROADS
10 MAKING MILLIONS OF DOLLARS CAN'T FIND THE TIME AND THE ENERGY
11 TO ADDRESS THEIR PROPERTIES WHICH ARE NEGATIVELY IMPACTING ALL
12 OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

13 I THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK
14 TO --

15 THE COURT: COULD YOU --

16 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: -- TO YOU TODAY, AND
17 WE'LL ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU HAVE.

18 THE COURT: COULD YOU STAY RIGHT THERE FOR A MOMENT.

19 WELL, I WANT TO THANK SUPERVISOR CHAFFEE. I KNOW HE
20 WAS HERE THIS MORNING.

21 SUPERVISOR RORY, I WANT TO THANK YOU.

22 IT WAS CALLED TO MY ATTENTION -- I READ THE ORANGE
23 COUNTY REGISTER ARTICLE ABOUT FULLERTON. IT WAS A COUPLE OF
24 YEARS AGO. I THINK DAVID WHITING WROTE IT. I'M NOT SURE.

25 AND THAT RAILROAD WAS JUST IMPACTED OUT IN YOUR CITY.

1 AND THEN I WENT OUT TO THE TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM WITH YOU AND
2 YOUR WIFE TO THE ARMORY. THANK YOU FOR THAT WONDERFUL DAY
3 SPENT OUT AT THE TRANSPORTATION. THEN, WE WALKED THE RAILROAD
4 TRACKS -- FROM ANAHEIM AND --

5 AND, THEN, I WENT OVER TO SANTA ANA. AND THIS WAS
6 JUDGE SMITH AND ME OUT THERE WITH THE SANTA ANA FOLKS. AND
7 THIS IS WHAT SANTA ANA LOOKS LIKE IN TERMS OF A RAILROAD.

8 I DIDN'T RECOGNIZE THIS. BUT WHETHER YOU'RE A
9 NONINVOLVED CITY OR NOT, WHEREVER THOSE RAILROADS ARE GOING,
10 THOSE ARE GOOD FOLKS. BUT IT'S STARTING TO APPEAR, AND I'M
11 HEARING REDUNDANTLY FROM THE CITIES, HEY, THIS IS A TERRIBLE
12 BLIGHT ON OUR CITY. AND DOWN -- YOU MUST HAVE DOWN IN IRVINE
13 YOU MUST HAVE THE RAILROAD RUN THROUGH IRVINE. DOWN IN SAN
14 CLEMENTE IF THEY'RE HERE THEY MUST HAVE THE RAILROAD RUN
15 THROUGH -- DOWN TO SAN CLEMENTE.

16 SO, NO MATTER WHAT, WHETHER YOU END UP IN LITIGATION
17 OR YOU END UP SETTTLING EVENTUALLY, THE END RESULT IS GOING TO
18 BE THAT THE RAILROADS IN A SENSE I'M HEARING FROM SO MANY
19 CITIES -- FROM ANAHEIM, FULLERTON, AND SANTA ANA THAT I CAN
20 TALK TO -- THAT WHAT'S HAPPENING OUT THERE, THAT IT'S AN EASY
21 EGRESS BE4CAUSE NOBODY IS PATROLLING IT. AND THEN IT'S A
22 BLIGHT BACK ON THE CITY. SO, THEY TURN TO YOUR LOCAL CITY
23 GOVERNMENT, AND THEY SAY, WHY AREN'T YOU DOING ANYTHING. WELL,
24 THAT'S PRIVATE PROPERTY.

25 AND THEN YOU GET A CALL IN ANAHEIM, OR YOU GET A CALL

1 IN FULLERTON, OR YOU GET A CALL IN SANTA ANA, COME HELP US.

2 HERE'S A NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AND I GUESS WHO PAYS THE
3 BILL FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OR CLEAN UP FOR LOCAL CITIES.

4 NOW, I WON'T SAY WARREN BUFFEN -- WHAT'S HIS NAME? --
5 WARREN BUFFET.

6 WELL, WARREN BUFFET, YEAH. I WOULDN'T SAY HE OWNS
7 BURLINGTON NORTHERN, WHICH IS ONE OF THE RAILROADS. OKAY. SO,
8 MAYBE THE COUNTY OR SOMEBODY WANTS TO REACH OUT TO WARREN, AND
9 MAYBE SAY, HEY, LOOK, IF YOU'VE GOT A RAILROAD, YOU'RE A GOOD
10 PERSON. YOU GOT 29 BILLION DOLLARS OR SOMETHING.

11 NOW, I'LL LEAVE THAT UP TO YOU. THAT'S JUST A
12 SUGGESTION BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE THE POWER. BUT FOR GOD'S
13 SAKES, THERE'S MONEY THERE THAT'S BEING PUT ON YOUR LOCAL
14 COMMITTEES POTENTIALLY, THAT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH THE ACLU,
15 ET CETERA, BUT WHETHER YOU LITIGATE OR YOU SETTLE, THE END
16 RESULT IS YOU'VE GOT A READY-MADE ROUTE, IF YOU WILL, THAT'S
17 CAUSING EGRESS. AND IT'S CAUSING YOU AS LOCAL OFFICIALS TO
18 TAKE A TREMENDOUS BEATING THAT COMES WITH CRITICISM.

19 SO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS WAS GOING, BUT I GOT A
20 CALL FROM BILL TAORMINA FOR A MOMENT -- AND, BILL, BEFORE EVEN
21 ANAHEIM STEPS UP WITH MAYOR SIDHU WITH YOUR -- I WAS SURPRISED
22 BY THIS CALL.

23 SO, BILL, COULD YOU COME FORWARD FOR A SECOND.

24 NOW, BILL IS THE THIRD LARGEST PROPERTY OWNER IN
25 ANAHEIM IF YOU DON'T KNOW IT. HE RUNS A TRASH BUSINESS OUT

1 THERE.

2 MR. TAORMINA: I WANT TO BE THIS GUY WHEN I GROW UP.

3 (LAUGHTER AND APPLAUSE.)

4 MR. TAORMINA: RIGHT? COME ON, YOU GUYS.

5 (APPLAUSE).

6 THE COURT: YEAH.

7 MR. TAORMINA: THANK YOU.

8 THE COURT: NOW, KEN, STAY THERE BECAUSE YOU'RE NOT
9 OFF THE HOOK. I'VE GOT SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS TO ASK YOU AND --

10 DEPUTY CHIEF KEN GOMINSKY: ALL RIGHT.

11 THE COURT: -- SUPERVISOR BARTLETT OR SUPERVISOR DO
12 IN JUST A SECOND. AND --

13 MR. TAORMINA: YOUR HONOR, OUR NEXT TARGET IN
14 ANAHEIM, FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS OF SANTA ANA, IS TO BRING A
15 CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT AGAINST THE RAILROADS ON BEHALF OF PRIVATE
16 PROPERTY OWNERS -- A LITTLE DIFFERENT FROM THE CITY -- PRIVATE
17 PROPERTY OWNERS IN NORTH ORANGE COUNTY THAT OWN PROPERTY
18 ADJACENT TO THE RAILROADS.

19 THE NEGLIGENCE ON THE PART OF THESE MEGA CORPORATIONS
20 -- WARREN BUFFETT HAS GOT PLENTY OF MONEY, AND HE'LL FIX THIS
21 WHEN HE GETS OUR ATTENTION. WE WILL NOT STAND FOR THE
22 RAILROADS NOT ENFORCING THEIR OWN REGULATIONS.

23 THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

24 THE COURT: OKAY.

25 NOW, YOU DO WHAT YOU WANT. BUT THIS IS WHAT I'M

1 SEEING AND THE BLESSINGS YOU'VE GIVEN ME AND JUDGE SMITH,
2 YOU'RE TRUSTING ME BEING ABLE TO GO OUT WITH THE DIFFERENT
3 CITIES AT --

4 WHAT? -- JIM, FOUR O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING.

5 JUDGE SMITH: EARLY.

6 THE COURT: YEAH, EARLY.

7 AND THIS IS WHAT WE'RE SEEING ALSO. SO, I LEAVE THIS
8 TO YOU TO DO WHATEVER. BECAUSE I'M A JUDGE, BUT THIS AFFECTS
9 YOU, AND IT AFFECTS YOU LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CHIEFS, WHICH IS
10 ONE OF THE REASONS I'M SO PLEASED THAT YOU'RE HERE. BECAUSE NO
11 MATTER WHAT YOU DO IN TERMS OF ENFORCEMENT, WHAT YOU CAN'T DO
12 IS DO THE OUTSTANDING JOB YOU'RE DOING, AND THEN NOT HAVING
13 PRIVATE ENTITIES STEP UP AND GIVE YOU SOME SUPPORT.

14 SO, I LEAVE THAT TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT. I CAN DO SO
15 MUCH, BUT MY POWER IS A NEGATIVE POWER THAT I HOPE I'D NEVER
16 HAVE TO USE. IT'S NOT A POSITIVE POWER.

17 OKAY. NOW, THE TOUGH QUESTIONS.

18 AND SUPERVISOR BARTLETT, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

19 DON, PLEASURE SEEING YOU.

20 DOUG CHAFFEE, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

21 AND I THANK ANDREW DO. THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE.

22 AND I KNOW YOU PERSONALLY. SO, DON'T MIND THE FIRST-NAME
23 BASIS. I'M DAVE.

24 OKAY. WISE PLACE.

25 I'VE GOT A BRAND NEW DIRECTOR OUT THERE. BARELY MET

1 HER.

2 OH, MIGUEL. MY APOLOGIES. MIGUEL, MY HUMBLE
3 APOLOGIES.

4 COME UP HERE. AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATIENCE. I
5 KNOW YOU NEED TO BE SOMEPLACE ELSE.

6 MAYOR PULIDO: NO NEED FOR APOLOGIES.

7 THE COURT: NO, I HUMBLY APOLOGIZE.

8 MAYOR PULIDO: NO NEED AT ALL.

9 THE COURT: MOST IMPORTANT PERSON AND I --

10 MAYOR PULIDO: NO, NO, NO, NO.

11 LOOK, WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS THERE'S A WHOLE LOT OF
12 FOLKS IN THIS ROOM THAT HAVE RISEN TO THE OCCASION AND ARE
13 DOING THINGS THEY'VE NEVER DONE BEFORE. EVERYBODY FROM CAL
14 OPTIMA, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, YOU KNOW, MAYORS, THE
15 PLAINTIFFS. YOU KNOW, WE'RE -- WE'RE REWRITING EVERYTHING.
16 AND OUR FRIENDS IN SACRAMENTO, OUR FRIENDS IN THE CONGRESS.

17 YOU KNOW, THE WAY THINGS ARE BEING DONE IT'S JUST A
18 DIFFERENT WORLD VERY, VERY QUICKLY.

19 I JUST WANT TO TELL YOU THAT TODAY WE FILED A LAWSUIT
20 AGAINST THE RAILROADS. AND I WANT TO INVITE ALL THE, YOU KNOW,
21 FELLOW CITIES THAT HAVE RAILROADS -- AND THERE'S A LOT OF YOU
22 -- JUST COME ON BOARD. NO PUN INTENDED, BUT COME ON BOARD.

23 (LAUGHTER.)

24 MAYOR PULIDO: BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A
25 DIFFERENCE.

1 I ALSO WANT TO TELL YOU THAT WE RECENTLY MET WITH THE
2 GOVERNOR. YOU KNOW, HARRY SIDHU AND I WERE IN THAT MEETING.
3 AND IT'S HIS NUMBER ONE PRIORITY.

4 SO, LET'S TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THAT. WE'VE GOT I THINK,
5 YOU KNOW, SOMEBODY THAT REALLY WANTS TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE AND
6 WANTS TO MOVE QUICKLY.

7 THE COURT: AND LET'S GET CONGRESSMAN CORREA'S HELP
8 EVENTUALLY. HE'S HERE LISTENING VERY CAREFULLY.

9 THIS IS FEDERAL RAILROADS. AND THAT'S WHERE THE
10 FEDERAL COURT HAS A LOT TO SAY. SO, LET'S TALK IN A WHILE,
11 LOU. OKAY.

12 CONGRESSMAN CORREA: YOUR HONOR, I'M TAKING VERY
13 CAREFUL NOTES.

14 THE COURT: GOOD. ALL RIGHT.

15 MAYOR PULIDO: HE HASN'T STOPPED SINCE THIS HEARING
16 BEGAN TODAY. YOU KNOW, LOU IS LISTENING AND TYPING. AND HE
17 TYPES VERY QUICKLY. I DIDN'T KNOW THAT.

18 (LAUGHTER.)

19 MAYOR PULIDO: BUT -- BUT I WILL TELL YOU THIS.

20 YOU KNOW, WE'RE WORKING -- THE COURTYARD IS NOW A
21 DIFFERENT PLACE. IT'S -- IT'S --

22 THE COURT: CAROL, DON'T GO TOO FAR.

23 MAYOR PULIDO: IT'S --

24 THE COURT: THIS IS GOING TO INTEREST YOU IN A
25 MINUTE.

1 MAYOR PULIDO: IT'S MUCH BETTER. YOU KNOW, WE HAVE
2 OCFA BRINGING, YOU KNOW, THREE TO FOUR FOLKS A DAY IN AND OUT.
3 THAT'S A THOUSAND CALLS A YEAR RIGHT THERE.

4 WE ARE IMPACTED BECAUSE OUR AMBULANCES AND OUR P.D.
5 -- I DON'T KNOW EXACTLY HOW MUCH WE'RE SPENDING, BUT I THINK
6 IT'S NORTH OF \$15 MILLION A YEAR --

7 THE COURT: YEAH.

8 MAYOR PULIDO: -- THAT WE'RE HAVE TO DEVOTE, YOU
9 KNOW, FROM -- FROM CERTAIN RESOURCE TO OTHERS.

10 BUT I'M TELLING YOU THAT'S ALL GOING TO BE
11 STRAIGHTENED OUT BECAUSE WE HAVE A NEW CITY MANAGER COMING ON
12 BOARD WHO IS GOING TO JUST DO A WONDERFUL JOB, KRISTINE RIDGE.

13 AND I THANK OUR FRIENDS IN LAGUNA NIGUEL BECAUSE, YOU
14 KNOW, WE WORKED VERY SMOOTHLY THROUGH THAT TRANSITION. BUT I
15 THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A WONDERFUL TIME FOR HER TO BE ON BOARD.

16 AND, THEN, YOU KNOW, FOLKS LIKE DAN YOUNG AND
17 MICHELLE MARTINEZ -- YOU KNOW, MICHELLE, IT'S LIKE SHE'S FOUND
18 A NEW CALLING IN LIFE. AND IT'S A WONDERFUL THING.

19 AND THEN YOU HAVE FOLKS LIKE JUAN VILLEGAS AND THE
20 LEADERSHIP ON THE COUNCIL. YOU KNOW, WE'VE JUST DONE AMAZING
21 THINGS.

22 SO, I WANT TO THANK THE COURT.

23 YOU KNOW, JUDGE SMITH, YOU KNOW, ALL THE TIME THAT
24 YOU'RE PUTTING ON. I KEEP ASKING YOU WHY DO YOU DO THIS. AND
25 YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOU LOVE IT. YOU DO IT BECAUSE YOU CARE.

1 AND EVERYBODY IS DOING IT WELL.

2 AND, YOU KNOW, I DIDN'T KNOW WHEN I WAS GOING TO
3 SPEAK, BUT I WANT TO END WITH NOW DEPUTY CHIEF GOMINSKY.
4 BECAUSE HE'S ANOTHER PERSON THAT JUST HAS RISEN TO THE
5 OCCASION. JUST ANOTHER PERSON THAT IS DOING THINGS HE'S NEVER
6 DONE BEFORE AND DOING THEM WELL.

7 SO, I REALLY WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY.

8 AND I WANT TO ESPECIALLY THANK YOURSELF.

9 I KNOW I DIDN'T WANT TO START THAT WAY --

10 THE COURT: NO.

11 MAYOR PULIDO: -- BECAUSE YOU TOLD ME NO, NO, NO.
12 DON'T THANK ME. IT'S NOT ABOUT ME. BUT YOU ARE THE LEADER.
13 WHEN WE WERE TALKING TO MAYORS UP IN SACRAMENTO, EVERY SINGLE
14 MAYOR IN THE STATE WANTS TO KNOW WHAT'S GOING ON IN ORANGE
15 COUNTY. BECAUSE UNDER, YOU KNOW, FORMER CHAIRMAN DO AND THE
16 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, TWO FORMER MAYORS THAT ARE NOW
17 SUPERVISORS, YOU KNOW, IT'S NOT GOING UNNOTICED.

18 BUT WE'RE NOT DONE. WE'RE NOT DONE. RIGHT NOW WE
19 HAVE A 700-BED FACILITY THAT -- AT 229 SOUTH YALE THAT WE WANT
20 TO SEE OPENED ASAP. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW -- BECAUSE WE NEED THAT.

21 AND IF WE NEED TO SEND "FUAT" OVER THERE BECAUSE HE
22 WAS THE GUY THAT WAS PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 20 DAYS, YOU
23 CAN HAVE HIM ON LOAN. WE WON'T CHARGE A PENNY. BUT LET'S GET
24 THAT OTHER SHELTER OPEN.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 MAYOR PULIDO: THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR HONOR.

2 THE COURT: NOT SO QUICK. DON'T GO AWAY.

3 MAYOR PULIDO: OH-OH.

4 THE COURT: KEN, COME ON BACK UP FOR A SECOND AND
5 EITHER SUPERVISOR BARTLETT OR SUPERVISOR DO OR WHOEVER.

6 I WANT TO ASK NOW THE TOUGH QUESTIONS. OKAY.

7 OKAY. I WANT TO GO BACK TO WISE PLACE. I WANT YOU
8 TO HEAR ABOUT WOMEN FOR A MOMENT. WOMEN GET RAPED. THEY GET
9 MOLESTED ON THE STREET. WHAT SOCIETY -- AND THIS IS A MALE
10 CHAUVINIST, I GUESS, TALKING -- ALLOWS WOMEN TO GO OUT ON THE
11 STREET AND SLEEP IN A SLEEPING BAG FOR GOD'S SAKES. MEN
12 NORMALLY DON'T GET RAPED. SHAME ON US.

13 SO, THIS IS WISE PLACE. AND WE VISITED QUITE FRANKLY
14 WITH FRANK KIM, WITH PAUL LEON, THANK YOU, WITH SUPERVISOR DO.
15 AND WE WERE REMOVING PEOPLE FROM A PLACE CALLED "THE PLAZA."

16 AND, SO, AFTERWARDS, AFTER THE RIVER BED, EVERYBODY
17 WANTED TO SLOW DOWN AND HOW CAN YOU SLOW DOWN AND LET THE PLAZA
18 OVER BY THE COURTHOUSE AND SUPERIOR COURT WHERE YOU CALL 600
19 JURORS A DAY, NOT EVEN LET YOUR JURORS GO OUT. WHAT'S THE
20 IMPRESSION OF THIS COUNTY WITH JURORS SERVING EVERYWHERE.
21 YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING ME.

22 WE'RE THE WEALTHIEST COUNTY. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF
23 MONEY. AND THAT'S WHAT YOUR PLAZA LOOKED LIKE. IT'S AN
24 ABSOLUTE CESSPOOL. AND WE'RE NOT GOING TO HAVE A HEPATITIS A
25 OUTBREAK OUT HERE. THANKS TO THE GOOD WORK OF DR. HAMBLIN.

1 AND SO WE BROKE UP THAT ENCAMPMENT, AND IT WASN'T PRETTY.

2 AND CAROL AND BROOK HAD EVERY RIGHT TO COMPLAIN ABOUT
3 THAT. BUT GUESS WHAT, MICHELLE MARTINEZ IS OUT ON THE STREET
4 AT 4:30 IN THE MORNING. LET ME REPEAT THAT. WITH GOMINSKY
5 WALKING AROUND TALKING TO WOMEN.

6 WELL, YOU GO OVER TO WISE PLACE BECAUSE IT WAS
7 SUPPOSED TO OPEN. AND SUPERVISOR DO AND I THOUGHT WE HAD THAT
8 SET IN PLACE AT THE TIME.

9 AND, ANDREW, COME ON UP.

10 IN GOOD FAITH. SO, I CALL UP ANDREW AT SIX O'CLOCK
11 IN THE MORNING. THANK GOD I'VE GOT HIS PERSONAL NUMBER. HE'S
12 ON SPEED DIAL. I SAID, ANDREW, WE'VE GOT WOMEN THAT WERE
13 DRIVING OVER CARTS. AND WE HAVE NO BEDS HERE. AND HE CALLS
14 FRANK KIM. AND GOD BLESS FRANK KIM, HE'S DOWN THERE IN HALF AN
15 HOUR. HALF AN HOUR.

16 AND WE LOOK AROUND. AND WE'VE GOT NO COTS. AND BY
17 NINE O'CLOCK WE HAD COTS ROLLING IN. AND I GOT TO TELL YOU,
18 THE COURT'S AT FAULT. ISN'T THAT REFRESHING THAT JUDGES ARE
19 WRONG. BECAUSE HERE'S THE VALUE CHOICE I HAD TO MAKE. AND I
20 APOLOGIZE TO THE ACLU FOR THIS. I VIOLATED EVERY ADA RULE YOU
21 CAN POSSIBLY IMAGINE. AND THE REASON FOR THAT WAS THE VALUE
22 CHOICE WAS TO GET WOMEN UNDER SHELTER AND SAFE VERSUS WAITING
23 FOR THE PERFECT, WHICH WAS NOT GOING TO OCCUR.

24 SO, THE ACLU WHEN IT WROTE THIS GOD AWFUL REPORT IS
25 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT ABOUT THE PRESENT CONDITION OF WISE PLACE.

1 IT'S OVERIMPACTED, AND I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU A PICTURE RIGHT
2 NOW.

3 BUT IT STARTED AS A REALLY GOOD INTENTION. AND
4 ORIGINALLY WE WERE GOING TO GO TO 15, REMEMBER. AND, THEN, WE
5 WERE OVERWHELMED WITH WOMEN. WE WENT TO 30. AND THEN WE
6 TALKED -- AND WE SAID, GOD, MAKING THE VALUE CHOICE LET'S GO TO
7 60 BECAUSE AT LEAST WE'VE GOT WOMEN UNDER SHELTER, NOT SLEEPING
8 LITERALLY ON OUR SIDEWALK OUT HERE.

9 AND SUPERVISOR DO IS LITERALLY WALKING THE STREETS
10 WITH US. IT'S A GREAT STORY ABOUT, YOU KNOW, AN ACTIVE
11 SUPERVISOR GETTING OUT THERE.

12 NOW, THIS IS WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE TODAY.

13 CAN I SEE WISE PLACE.

14 NOW, THE NEW DIRECTOR DOESN'T KNOW THIS, BUT I USED
15 TO GO BY WISE PLACE EVERY DAY AT 5:30. THIS WAS MY SECOND
16 HOME.

17 AND, ANDREW, DON'T GO AWAY. YOU WENT BY WITH ME.

18 AND THIS IS WHAT WISE PLACE LOOKS LIKE TODAY.
19 THERE'S ANOTHER PICTURE OUT THERE TOO.

20 NOW, FOLKS, IT'S IMPACTED. SO, NOW THE TOUGH
21 QUESTIONS. WE'RE DONE WITH THE LOVE FEST FOR A WHILE.

22 I'VE TALKED TO YOU, KEN, ABOUT UNLOADING WISE PLACE.

23 AND THE RESPONSE FROM SANTA ANA HAS BEEN, HEY, WAIT A
24 MINUTE. THESE PEOPLE ARE FROM ALL OVER THE COUNTY. THEY'RE
25 FROM SOUTH COUNTY AND NORTH COUNTY. AND YOU'RE AFRAID OF AN

1 INFLUX COMING IN -- NOW, LET'S BE TRANSPARENT ABOUT THAT --
2 FROM OTHER PARTS, RIGHT. RIGHT.

3 HOLD ON. DON'T TWITCH YET.

4 (LAUGHTER.)

5 THE COURT: -- SUPERVISE DO HAS TALKED TO YOU ABOUT
6 WISE PLACE, RIGHT?

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: RIGHT.

8 THE COURT: THEY'RE RIGHT. I DON'T WANT TO SIGN
9 INJUNCTIVE RELIEF. I'M NOT SAYING I WOULD. BUT I'M TRYING TO
10 HEAD OFF ANOTHER PROBLEM. WE'VE GOT TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT WISE
11 PLACE. AND WE'VE GOT THE DEVIL'S CHOICE.

12 IF WE DON'T COMPLY IN SOME WAY WITH DOWNLOADING WISE
13 PLACE, THEN, THESE WOMEN ARE BACK OUT ON THE STREET OR
14 SCATTERED. WE CAN'T HAVE THAT. BUT THIS CANNOT TURN INTO A
15 PERMANENT SITUATION LIKE THIS.

16 HOLD ON.

17 NOW, I WANT TO SEE THE COURTYARD. YEAH.

18 SUPERVISOR DO, YOU HAVE THE COURT'S PERSONAL
19 COMPLIMENTS.

20 SUPERVISOR DO COMES FROM AN IMMIGRANT FAMILY. HE
21 SPENT THE FIRST NIGHT WHEN THE COURTYARD WAS BUILT.

22 I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW THAT. THAT'S A VERY HUMBLE
23 PERSON. HE GETS IT.

24 AND THE SECOND THING IS HE'S GOT THE ONLY NO-BARRIER
25 INTAKE IN THE COUNTY.

1 SO, HARRY, WHEN WE'RE OUT IN ANAHEIM, WE'VE GOT SOME
2 GOOD BARRIERS. OUR POPULATION ISN'T GOING TO LET PEOPLE COME
3 IN FROM OTHER PLACES.

4 KATRINA, IT SHOULD BE FOR COSTA MESA, RIGHT. YEAH,
5 FOR GOODNESS SAKES.

6 FOR TUSTIN, CHUCK, IT SHOULD BE FOR TUSTIN.

7 YOU GOT A TOUGH TIME SAYING TO YOUR PUBLIC, HEY,
8 WE'RE LETTING EVERYBODY COME INTO OUR SHELTER WHEN YOU BUILT IT
9 WITH CITY MONEY AND YOU CUT YOURSELF FREE BASICALLY FROM THE
10 COUNTY. OKAY.

11 BUT WE'RE AT 421. BECAUSE YOU'VE GIVEN ME
12 PERMISSION, THANK GOD, TO INFREQUENTLY VISIT WITHOUT A PARADE
13 OF REPORTERS. WE'RE AT 421. IT'S BUILT FOR 400 OR LESS. AND
14 IT'S A HARD PLACE.

15 NOW, YOU'VE MADE TREMENDOUS STRIDES. WHAT'S FAIR AND
16 UNFAIR ABOUT THE CRITICISM IS THIS. YOU MADE A TREMENDOUS
17 EFFORT WITH THE COURTYARD, BUT IT'S TOO IMPACTED. BUT YOU'VE
18 STEPPED UP AND PURCHASED YALE.

19 CAN WE HAVE A DISCUSSION ABOUT -- I'M IN FRONT OF 300
20 OF OUR BEST FRIENDS RIGHT NOW. VERY TRANSPARENT. INSTEAD OF
21 MEETING AT NORMS AT SIX O'CLOCK. INSTEAD OF ME CALLING YOU,
22 KEN, AT --

23 MAYOR, WHERE ARE YOU? PULIDO?

24 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: MAYOR PULIDO HAD TO LEAVE, YOUR
25 HONOR.

1 THE COURT: HE FLED. OKAY.

2 (LAUGHTER.)

3 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: YES. HE KNEW YOU WERE ABOUT TO
4 TALK ABOUT YALE STREET.

5 THE COURT: LET'S JUST -- I CAN ORDER THIS.
6 REMEMBER, I'M A JUDGE. I'VE GOT NEGATIVE POWER. BUT I DON'T
7 WANT TO SEE THAT LAWSUIT BREAK OUT IN AN ADA WHEN I KNOW YOU'RE
8 TRYING AND YOU PURCHASED YALE. I KNOW THAT WE'VE GOT WOMEN
9 SAFE OVER AT WISE PLACE. I'M TRYING TO AVOID THE LAWSUITS.

10 HOW DO WE GET WISE PLACE DOWNLOADED INTO SOMETHING
11 HUMANE, AND HOW DO WE GET THE COURTYARD, YOU KNOW, KICKED OFF
12 OVER IN YALE STREET AND JUST MOVE IT OUT OF OUR RETAIL AREA.

13 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: YOUR HONOR, YALE STREET IS BEING
14 CONSTRUCTED AND READY FOR OCCUPANCY AS WE SPEAK. WE STILL HAVE
15 TO DO COMMUNITY OUTREACH.

16 AND I WILL BE HONEST WITH YOU --

17 THE COURT: YOU ALWAYS ARE. HOLD ON. TIME OUT. YOU
18 ALWAYS ARE. DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.

19 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

20 THE COURT: LET'S GO TO THE QUESTION.

21 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL,
22 SANTA ANA CITY COUNCIL, THAT HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT THE
23 OPERATIONAL PLAN THAT HAS GOTTEN A LITTLE BIT OF THE COMMUNITY
24 TO GET RILED UP.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: SO, THAT IS GOING TO SLOW US DOWN A
2 LITTLE BIT.

3 THE COURT: NO. TIME OUT. I'M TIRED OF WAITING HERE
4 --

5 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: IT'S NOT UP TO US.

6 THE COURT: SO, IF YOU'RE SANTA ANA, ONE -- HOLD ON.
7 STEP UP. WE'RE GOING TO HAMMER THIS OUT --

8 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

9 THE COURT: -- RIGHT NOW IN THE PUBLIC VIEW. WE'RE
10 GOING TO GET SOME ANSWERS FROM THE CITY AND THE COUNTY SO THAT
11 WE DON'T HAVE THE PUSHBACK WE HAVE BETWEEN CAL OPTIMA, ET
12 CETERA. WE'RE NOT PLAYING GAMES NOW.

13 WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?

14 PRO TEM MAYOR VILLEGAS: GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

15 JUAN VILLEGAS, MAYOR PRO TEM FOR THE CITY OF SANTA
16 ANA.

17 YOUR QUESTION, SIR?

18 THE COURT: YALE SHOULD GET ON BOARD QUICKLY. IF
19 YOU, JUAN, COULD BUILD IN 28 DAYS WITH MICHELLE AND MIGUEL AND
20 FUAT AND ALL THE REST A SHELTER, WHY DON'T WE HAVE YALE UP AND
21 RUNNING IN A REASONABLE PERIOD OF TIME AND MOVE THEM OUT OF THE
22 RETAIL SECTION TO SANTA ANA. YOU'VE GOT A HUGE AND BEAUTIFUL
23 FACILITY THAT YOU'VE ALREADY PURCHASED.

24 WHAT DO WE NEED TO DO TO GET THIS THING ON BOARD?

25 AND I DON'T MEAN IN 28 DAYS. GIVE IT, YOU KNOW, 13

1 DAYS. I'M JUST KIDDING YOU.

2 (LAUGHTER.)

3 THE COURT: GIVE IT -- GIVE IT TWO MONTHS.

4 PRO TEM MAYOR VILLEGAS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR, FOR
5 THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK ON THIS ISSUE.

6 I AM UNAWARE OF -- I'M NOT AWARE OF ANY SLOW DOWN OR
7 PUSHBACK FROM THE CITY COUNCIL. ACTUALLY WE ARE LOOKING
8 FORWARD TO PROCEED. IT IS A LARGER FACILITY THAN THE LINK.

9 THE COURT: OKAY. TIME OUT.

10 WOULD YOU THREE GO RIGHT BACK HERE WITH ONE OF MY LAW
11 CLERKS AND JUST HAVE A PRIVATE CONVERSATION. I'LL SEE YOU IN
12 JUST A MOMENT. LIKE TO HEAR FROM ANAHEIM. SOLVE THIS FOR US.
13 OKAY. GIVE US A TIMELINE. TELL US WHAT WE HAVE TO DO. TELL
14 US IF THE COURT CAN BE OF HELP. BUT LET'S GET THIS YALE
15 FACILITY UP AND RUNNING AND DOWNLOAD THIS THING CALLED "THE
16 COURTYARD."

17 MAYOR SIDHU, I WANT TO THANK YOU SO MUCH.

18 IF YOU DON'T KNOW, THIS IS HARRY SIDHU. HE'S THE
19 MAYOR OUT IN ANAHEIM. AND WHAT A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOUR
20 CITY.

21 MAYOR SIDHU: YOUR HONOR, BEFORE I SAY A FEW WORDS, I
22 WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH THE COURT A BRIEF VIDEO THAT CAPTURES
23 ANAHEIM EXPERIENCE.

24 THE COURT: PLEASE.

25 MAYOR SIDHU: IF I MAY.

1 THE COURT: UH-HUH.

2 (VIDEO PLAYING.)

3 MAYOR SIDHU: YOUR HONOR, I'M BOTH HUMBLLED AND PROUD
4 TO SEE THAT. AS I TOOK OFFICE ON DECEMBER 4TH, ON THE SAME
5 MORNING I MET YOU IN SANTA ANA AND LOOKED AT HOW SANTA ANA
6 BUILD THE SHELTER. I WAS AMAZED TO SEE THAT WITHIN A SHORT
7 PERIOD OF TIME THIS COULD BE BUILT.

8 AFTER THAT WHEN I LEFT THAT MEETING, AND I WAS -- I
9 HAVE GIVEN YOU MY WORD I'LL DO EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO BUILD A
10 HOMELESS SHELTER IN THIS SHORT PERIOD OF TIME.

11 AFTER TAKING OFFICE, I CALLED AN EMERGENCY MEETING --
12 CITY COUNCIL MEETING. TWO DAYS LATER I TOOK OFFICE. AND IN
13 THAT EMERGENCY MEETING I HAVE CALLED IN MY COLLEAGUES TO SAY WE
14 WANT TO BUILD A SHELTER, BUT I'D LIKE TO BUILD A SHELTER AND
15 OPEN UP THE TEMPORARY SHELTER WITHIN 14 DAYS.

16 WITH MY COMMITMENT TO YOU, WE BUILD THE TEMPORARY
17 SHELTER RIGHT NEXT TO ANGEL STADIUM WITH THE HELP OF THIS YOUNG
18 MAN BILL TAORMINA. HE TOOK ALL THE LIABILITIES BECAUSE WE WERE
19 GETTING SUED FROM AROUND SOME OF THE BUSINESSES. HE SAID,
20 I'LL TAKE ALL THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF ANY LITIGATION THAT
21 HAPPENS.

22 GUESS WHAT. WE OPENED THE SHELTER. WE PUT 200
23 PEOPLE IN THE SHELTER JUST BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

24 IN LESS THAN THREE MONTHS WE OPENED UP THREE SHELTERS
25 IN OUR CITY. WE HAVE HELPED MORE THAN 500 PEOPLE OFF OF OUR

1 STREETS.

2 WE HAVE RESTORED PARKS, LIBRARIES, AND BUSINESSES.

3 I TRULY BELIEVE WE HAVE SAVED LIVES. THE WINTER WE
4 JUST SAW WAS SEVERE FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. WE SAW HARD RAIN,
5 BITTER COLD AND CRUEL WINDS. LIVING OUTSIDE, IT COULD HAVE
6 BEEN LIFE OR DEATH. OUR SHELTERS WERE A COMPASSIONATE
7 ALTERNATIVE. THAT IS WHAT I'M PROUD OF.

8 BUT AS THIS VIDEO SAID, THERE ARE TWO TRAGIC SIDES TO
9 THIS. AT MAXWELL PARK IN THE WEST ANAHEIM, WE SAW AN
10 ENCAMPMENT OF 60 TENTS AT ITS PEAK. MY HEART WENT OUT TO THOSE
11 LIVING ON OUR SIDEWALKS. BUT IT WAS JUST AS SAD TO SEE THE
12 KIDS STOP COMING TO THE LIBRARIES. OUR NEIGHBORS NO LONGER
13 COMING TO THE PARK. OUR RESIDENTS LIVING 20 FEET FROM THE
14 TENTS OUTSIDE THEIR WINDOWS.

15 SO, WHEN WE CLEARED MAXWELL PARK IN DECEMBER, WE SAW
16 JOY OF PEOPLE'S FACES. THESE ARE NOT UNCARING PEOPLE. THEY
17 WERE HAPPY TO SEE HELP THOSE IN NEED. BUT THEY HAD -- THEY HAD
18 EVERY RIGHT TO DEMAND THAT WE RESTORE THEIR PUBLIC SPACES.

19 OPENING SHELTERS WAS NOT EASY OR CHEAP. CITY HAS
20 SPENT CLOSE TO \$18 MILLION WITHIN THE LAST 90 DAYS. AND THAT
21 -- THE MAJORITY OF THAT MONEY CAME FROM MY RESERVE.

22 AND I WAS HAPPY TO SEE THAT OUR CITY MANAGERS AND
23 EVERYONE GOT TOGETHER AND SAID, WE CAN SPEND THE MONEY IN A
24 RIGHT WAY.

25 BUT -- BUT THIS HAS CHANGED THE LIVES FOR A LOT OF

1 PEOPLE.

2 I WANT TO THANK YOU, JUDGE CARTER, FOR YOUR HELP. WE
3 WOULD HAVE BEEN IN MONTHS OF INJUNCTION AND LITIGATION.
4 INSTEAD WE WORKED THROUGH IT.

5 I'M HERE TO SHARE WITH OUR NEIGHBORS IT IS DOABLE.
6 IT TAKES LEADERSHIP, PARTNERSHIP, COMMITMENT.

7 I HAD A GREAT PLEASURE OF HAVING A LOT OF BUSINESSES
8 COMMITTED WHEN I OPENED UP THE TEMPORARY SHELTERS. WE RAISED
9 \$600,000 --

10 THE COURT: RIGHT.

11 MAYOR SIDHU: -- WITHIN ONE WEEK FOR THE OPENING UP
12 THE TEMPORARY SHELTER.

13 NO ONE WANTS SHELTERS. BUT I CAN TELL YOU THE
14 ALTERNATIVE IS MUCH WORSE. IN ANAHEIM WE ARE FOCUSED ON WHAT'S
15 NEXT. LAST MONTH I AND MAYORS MET WITH GOVERNOR NEWSOM IN
16 SACRAMENTO. WE ASKED FOR MORE FUNDING FOR CITIES. WE ARE THE
17 FRONT LINE OF HOMELESSNESS. AND ANAHEIM SHOWS THAT CITIES CAN
18 DO WITH THE LEADERSHIP AND FUNDING.

19 NOW WE NEED MORE FUNDING FOR SERVICES AND SUPPORTIVE
20 HOUSING TO MOVE PEOPLE OUT OF THE SHELTERS.

21 AS A CITY, WE PLAY A SHARED, BUT INDEPENDENT, ROLE
22 ALONGSIDE THE COUNTY. OUR WORK BELIEVES OF A COUNTY PARTNER OF
23 TRADITIONAL DEMANDS IN ANAHEIM, WHICH SHOULD BE RECOGNIZED IN
24 FUTURE STATE AND REGIONAL FUNDING.

25 OUR WORK ON ENCAMPMENTS IS NOT DONE YET. WE NEED

1 HELP DEALING WITH RAILWAYS IN OUR CITIES. THOSE WHO HAVE
2 TURNED DOWN OUR HELP NOW ARE LIVING IN DANGER ALONGSIDE THE
3 TRACKS. WE ARE WORKING WITH THE RAILROADS BUT WITH LIMITED
4 SUCCESS AND SPEED.

5 WE ARE THE CITY OF ACTION. WE NEED TO ADDRESS THIS
6 NOW.

7 YOUR HONOR, WE WELCOME YOUR HELP TO GET PEOPLE OUT OF
8 HARM'S WAY ALONG THE TRACKS, AND WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT OF
9 ANAHEIM AS WE SEEK ADDITIONAL STATE AND COUNTY FUNDING OF \$140
10 MILLION FOR ONGOING EFFORTS.

11 THANK YOU.

12 THE COURT: MAYOR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I REALLY
13 APPRECIATE IT.

14 I'M REALLY PLEASED TO SEE THAT THE TWO MAJOR CITIES
15 DIDN'T END UP PUSHING AGAINST EACH OTHER. BECAUSE AS SANTA ANA
16 STARTED TO ENFORCE -- I SHARED WITH YOU OPENLY AND
17 TRANSPARENTLY WITH MIGUEL PULIDO, WITH MICHELLE MARTINEZ, WHO
18 IS THE VICE MAYOR, THAT MY GREATEST FEAR WAS THAT THE ANAHEIM
19 DOWNLOAD THAT IMPACTED SANTA ANA WAS NOW GOING TO IMPACT
20 ANAHEIM.

21 SO, BOTH OF YOUR COMMUNITIES HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT
22 OF WEALTH. BUT YOU HAVE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF POVERTY ALSO.
23 AND THOSE COMMUNITIES PARTICULARLY WERE SUFFERING AT MAXWELL.

24 I THINK THAT -- I WANT TO THANK THE CHIEF AND THE
25 ASSISTANT CHIEF HARVEY --

1 MAYOR SIDHU: YES.

2 THE COURT: -- BECAUSE YOUR ABILITY TO HUMANELY GET
3 OUT THERE AT MAXWELL BUT TO ALSO CLEAR MAXWELL AND GET THAT
4 BACK FOR YOUR CITIZENS. I HOPE IT'S GIVEN YOU A LOT OF
5 FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY THAT'S POSITIVE.

6 AND I'D LIKE YOU TO SHARE THAT WITH THE OTHER CHIEFS
7 BECAUSE THERE'S TWO THINGS THAT HAVE TO -- IF THIS DOESN'T WORK
8 FOR YOU POLICE CHIEFS, THIS DOESN'T WORK. YOU'VE GOT TO BE
9 ABLE TO ENFORCE THESE ANTICAMPING AND ANTIORDINANCE LAWS. AND
10 THEY'VE GOT TO HAVE TEETH BEHIND THEM ONCE THE SHELTERS ARE
11 BUILT HUMANELY. BECAUSE THESE ARE DECENT LAWS. AND YOU CAN
12 GET YOUR PARKS BACK VERY QUICKLY, AND YOU CAN GET YOUR BEACHES
13 BACK VERY QUICKLY. THOSE ARE GOOD LAWS. THE COURT IS NOT
14 IMPOSED TO THEM IN ONE BIT AS LONG AS WE'RE NOT INCARCERATING
15 THE HOMELESS BY VIRTUE OF BEING HOMELESS.

16 NOW, IF YOU'VE GOT A CRIMINAL, ARREST HIM. DON'T BE
17 SILLY. DON'T LET THE COURTS HAVE A CHILLING EFFECT ON YOU.

18 THE SECOND THING IS I'LL SAY TO YOU CHIEFS WHILE I'VE
19 GOT YOU HERE. MAKE CERTAIN THAT WHATEVER SHELTERS ARE BUILT OR
20 THAT YOU DO IN THE FUTURE -- AND I KNOW THAT DON IS STILL HERE.
21 DON BARNES IS THE SHERIFF. MAKE SURE THAT YOUR POLICE OFFICERS
22 CAN GET IN AND OUT OF THE STREET IN A HUMANE AND QUICK WAY.

23 IT CAN'T BE BUILT OUT IN SILVERADO CANYON, FOR
24 INSTANCE. AND THE REASON IT CAN'T BECAUSE IT WILL TAKE YOU AN
25 HOUR AND A HALF TO GET OUT, AN HOUR AND A HALF TO GET BACK.

1 YOUR OFFICERS AREN'T GOING TO DO THAT. IT'S JUST -- IT'S JUST
2 NOT A PLACE THAT'S GOING TO WORK FOR YOU.

3 NUMBER TWO, MAKE US PERFORM. MAKE CAL OPTIMA, MAKE
4 THE COUNTY, MAKE THIS COURT PERFORM ON YOUR BEHALF SO WE DON'T
5 HAVE THE YOUNG OFFICERS DEALING WITH THE TRULY PSYCHOTIC.
6 THEY'RE HELPLESS, BUT I'LL SHARE WITH YOU.

7 THAT IN TALKING TO THE POLICE CHIEFS -- AND I WON'T
8 NAME THEM NOW. THERE ARE THREE MAJOR POLICE CHIEFS I'VE TALKED
9 TO, AND I WANT THE BOARD TO HEAR THIS, WITH NO DOUBT IN WHAT
10 I'M SAYING ABOUT THIS.

11 YOU TALK TO YOUR POLICE CHIEFS. AND THEY'LL TELL YOU
12 IF YOU CAN JUST GET FIVE TO TEN PEOPLE OUT OF EVERY CITY, OFF
13 OF YOUR STREETS, THIS WOULD DECREASE THE POLICE VIOLENCE LEVEL
14 AND ALSO PROTECT THE HOMELESS AT THE SAME TIME. BECAUSE YOUR
15 OFFICERS CAN'T BE TRAINED FAST ENOUGH CONCERNING ALL THE
16 HOMELESS YOU'VE GOT.

17 AND, SO, YOU NEED OUR HELP WITH THESE MOBILE WAGONS
18 FROM CAL OPTIMA. YOU NEED -- YOU NEED TEAMS OUT THERE, ET
19 CETERA TO TALK TO THESE FOLKS. AND I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT THE
20 CRIMINALS. ARREST THEM. I'M TALKING ABOUT THE PEOPLE WHO ARE
21 SO DERANGED, QUITE FRANKLY, THAT'S THE 10 PERCENT WE CAN'T PUT
22 INTO OUR SHELTERS.

23 AND FOR ANAHEIM, WE'VE SEEN OUT THERE -- LITERALLY
24 CHIEF HARVEY AND CHIEF -- WE'VE LITERALLY HAD TO PUT PEOPLE
25 BACK IN THE PARKS THAT WE COULDN'T PUT INTO THE SHELTER.

1 SO, I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT FAIRVIEW IN A FEW
2 MOMENTS. AND I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT LAGUNA NIGUEL AND
3 GOVERNMENT PROPERTY. I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT IRVINE IN A FEW
4 MOMENTS BECAUSE SOMEHOW WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING.

5 AND I'M GOING TO TALK TO SHARON QUIRK-SILVA HERE AND
6 LOU IN A MOMENT, THE CONGRESSMAN.

7 WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH SOMETHING FOR THAT 10
8 PERCENT. AND WE'VE GOT TO COME UP WITH IT QUICKLY. AND I'M
9 NOT GOING TO WAIT FOR THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY. THEY'VE HAD
10 \$2.7 BILLION FOR YEARS. OKAY. WE DON'T NEED TO RAISE TAXES.
11 WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY.

12 MAYOR, I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. OKAY.

13 MAYOR SIDHU: THANK YOU.

14 THE COURT: SO, DON'T GO AWAY SUPERVISOR DO OR
15 SUPERVISOR BARTLETT. BE PATIENT. BECAUSE THERE'S GOING TO BE
16 SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS COMING UP, NOT FOR YOU NECESSARILY.

17 BUT I WANT YOU TO HAVE A LOT OF INFORMATION TO
18 DECIDE, YOU KNOW, WHAT YOU WANT TO DO AS A BOARD OR NOT IN A
19 FEW MOMENTS. BECAUSE YOU'RE NEVER GOING TO GET TOGETHER AGAIN.
20 THIS IS GOING TO BE THE SHOT.

21 SUPERVISOR DO: WOULD YOU LIKE AN UPDATE ON YALE
22 STREET?

23 THE COURT: PARDON ME?

24 SUPERVISOR DO: WOULD YOU LIKE AN UPDATE ON YALE
25 STREET, YOUR HONOR?

1 THE COURT: I WOULD AS LONG AS WE HAVE A SOLUTION --

2 SUPERVISOR DO: WE DO HAVE A SOLUTION.

3 THE COURT: -- IF NOT, WE'LL BE HERE TILL MIDNIGHT.

4 SUPERVISOR DO: YES. THANK YOU.

5 SO, WHAT WE WILL GET IS A LETTER OF CONTINUED SUPPORT

6 FROM THE MAYOR AND THE MAYOR PRO TEM TO SUPPORT THE ORIGINAL

7 CONCEPT OF HAVING A CAPACITY OF 600 BEDS --

8 THE COURT: EXCELLENT.

9 SUPERVISOR DO: -- AT YALE STREET.

10 WE KNOW THERE WILL STILL BE NOISE FROM OTHER COUNCIL

11 MEMBERS. BUT WITH THIS LETTER OF SUPPORT, TOGETHER WITH A

12 PRIOR VOTE AND APPROVAL OF THE MOU, THE COUNTY CAN MOVE AHEAD

13 ON THAT FRONT POST HASTE.

14 WE KNOW WE HAVE WISE PLACE UNDER CONTRACT WITH AN

15 OPTION FOR 12 MONTHS FROM NOW. I KNOW USUALLY THAT'S BEYOND

16 THE TIME THAT YOU WANT. BUT WE ARE TALKING --

17 THE COURT: I'LL WORK WITH YOU.

18 SUPERVISOR DO: RIGHT.

19 BECAUSE WE ARE TALKING ABOUT CAPACITY OF 600 BEDS.

20 THAT'S --

21 THE COURT: SURE.

22 SUPERVISOR DO: THAT'S BIG.

23 SO WE --

24 THE COURT: SURE.

25 AS LONG AS I KNOW IN GOOD FAITH.

1 NOW, CAN I HAVE A HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS IF WE DON'T
2 PERFORM THIS?

3 SUPERVISOR DO: (LAUGHTER.)

4 THE COURT: I'M JUST KIDDING YOU.

5 SUPERVISOR DO: FROM THE CITY?

6 THE COURT: OKAY. NOW, WHAT'S OUR TIMEFRAME THOUGH.
7 I KNOW WE'RE IN GOOD FAITH. BUT I'VE BEEN -- NOT BY YOU. I'VE
8 BEEN SLOW-WALKED BY MORE PEOPLE THAN YOU CAN IMAGINE. OKAY.

9 WHAT'S OUR TIMEFRAME?

10 SUPERVISOR DO: AS MUCH AS I CAN GUARANTEE YOU TODAY,
11 WITHIN TWO WEEKS WE SHOULD ALREADY HAVE THE DESIGN AT LEAST 10
12 PERCENT DONE SO THAT WE CAN APPROVE IT WITH THE PROVIDERS --

13 THE COURT: LET ME GET THE CHAIRWOMAN. YOU'RE THE
14 CHAIR FOR GOODNESS SAKES. AND I MEAN NO DISRESPECT. PLEASE.

15 COME UP FOR A SECOND. BECAUSE I'VE BEEN WORKING HAND
16 IN HAND WITH ANDREW WHEN HE WAS THE CHAIR.

17 YOU KNOW, YOU'RE THE CHAIR FOR GOODNESS SAKES.

18 SO, SUPERVISOR DO, TIMEFRAME.

19 SUPERVISOR BARTLETT, TIMEFRAME.

20 SUPERVISOR DO: THIS IS IN MY DISTRICT SO THAT'S WHY
21 -- LET ME RESPOND TO IT.

22 THE COURT: YEAH.

23 SUPERVISOR DO: I CAN ALMOST GUARANTEE YOU THAT 12
24 MONTHS FROM NOW WE WILL DEFINITELY BE READY FOR OPERATION.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 COULD I ASK ONE THING. WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT BEFORE
2 THE RAINS COME. I'M REALLY AFRAID OF THAT LATE OCTOBER,
3 NOVEMBER. SO, WHEN WE SAY 12 MONTHS, CAN I -- CAN I JUST PUSH
4 YOU A LITTLE BIT IN TERMS OF -- AND I'M NOT CHIDING YOU BECAUSE
5 SANTA ANA DID IT IN 20 DAYS OR THE MAYOR DID IT IN 14.

6 BUT THE END RESULTS I'M DEATHLY AFRAID BECAUSE I'VE
7 GOT 255 DEATHS. AND AT THE END OF THIS, I'M ASKING WHAT WE CAN
8 DO TO REDUCE THAT.

9 IS FATHER CRUZ HERE? IS FATHER CRUZ -- YEAH, WHERE'S
10 THE FATHER?

11 OH, OKAY.

12 SUPERVISOR DO: THE CHALLENGE, YOUR HONOR, IS THAT
13 THIS FACILITY, UNLIKE ANY OTHER, WILL HAVE A PROFESSIONAL
14 KITCHEN. IT HAS TO TO FEED 600 PEOPLE.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 SUPERVISOR DO: SO, AS YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE PART THAT
17 TAKES THE MOST TIME. WE CAN PUT UP ALMOST EVERYTHING ELSE
18 PRETTY QUICKLY. BUT THAT BEING IN THE MIDDLE, THE CENTRAL PART
19 OF THE WHOLE FACILITY. AND IT'S A 60,000 SQUARE FOOT FACILITY
20 --

21 THE COURT: RIGHT.

22 SUPERVISOR DO: -- WITH TWO STORIES.

23 AND IF WE WANT TO JUST MAKE IT A SHELTER WITH MINIMAL
24 AMENITIES, WE CAN DO IT MUCH MORE QUICKLY. BUT WE WANT TO ALSO
25 HAVE WRAP-AROUND SERVICES WITH THE OFFICES ABOVE. THAT'S WHERE

1 IT GETS VERY COMPLICATED.

2 AND IF WE MOVE IN AND THEN DO IT IN PHASES, IT
3 MULTIPLIES THE COST BY AT LEAST DOUBLE.

4 THE COURT: FATHER, COME UP FOR A SECOND, WOULD YOU.
5 I'D LIKE YOU TO -- TO GET A SEAT IN ONE OF THESE PLACES. I
6 WANT TO TALK TO YOU FOR A MOMENT. I WANTED YOU TO HEAR THIS
7 DISCUSSION.

8 HAVE YOU BEEN NEXT DOOR LISTENING, SIR?

9 THE FATHER: YES.

10 THE COURT: OKAY.

11 NOW, OBVIOUSLY I READ YOUR COMMENTS IN THE VOICE OF
12 ORANGE COUNTY. LET ME INTRODUCE YOU TO YOUR NEW FAMILY OF 300
13 FRIENDS HERE.

14 I'VE GOT 255 DEAD. THE COUNTY SAYS WE HAVE 200 AND
15 SOME. BUT WE'RE NOT COUNTING THOSE OVER PROVIDER SERVICES, THE
16 ONES THAT YOU WOULD HAVE THE ADVOCATES COME UP. WE BOTH KNOW
17 IT'S A LOT MORE THAN THAT. COULD BE CLOSE TO 400 QUITE
18 FRANKLY.

19 I WANT YOU TO HEAR THIS DISCUSSION ABOUT YALE.
20 BECAUSE EVERY CITY IN THE COUNTY IS DOING IT DIFFERENTLY -- AND
21 THAT'S A GOOD THING. FOR INSTANCE, TUSTIN HAS A SMALLER
22 FACILITY. IT'S STATE OF THE ART. THE MAYOR TOOK ME OUT THERE.
23 IT'S AN INCREDIBLE FACILITY.

24 I THINK I'M GOING TO HEAR THE SAME THING FROM MAYOR
25 FOLEY IN JUST A MOMENT.

1 BUT THE COUNTY'S GOT A LARGER PROBLEM, AND THAT IS,
2 IT'S MORE OF WHAT I CALL A WAREHOUSE STRUCTURE. AND THE
3 COURTYARD WAS A VALIANT ATTEMPT TO BEGIN WITH WAY BACK WHEN,
4 BUT IT'S NOT A GOOD PLACE NOW. IT HAS TO BE ERADICATED AT SOME
5 POINT.

6 I AM AFRAID OF THE RAIN. I AM AFRAID OF MORE PEOPLE
7 DYING. I'D LIKE THE REPORT BACK NEXT YEAR TO THE COURT THAT WE
8 REDUCED THAT NUMBER OF DEATHS.

9 AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S APPROPRIATE OR NOT. OKAY.

10 SO, I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO STAY INVOLVED. I'VE
11 NEVER CALLED YOU. I ASKED JUDGE SMITH TO CALL YOU. I'VE NEVER
12 MET YOU BEFORE. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME. BUT I WANT TO TELL
13 YOU THAT IT'S APPRECIATED -- AND YOUR ADVOCACY IS APPRECIATED
14 BECAUSE IT KEEPS ME ON MY TOES BECAUSE I GET TO READ WHAT
15 YOU'RE SAYING. THE DEATHS ARE TOO MANY.

16 LOOK RIGHT BEHIND YOU -- SUPERVISOR BARTLETT,
17 SUPERVISOR DO, JUAN VILLEGAS -- THEY'RE GREAT PEOPLE. THEY'RE
18 GREAT PEOPLE.

19 BUT WE'RE MOVING AT A GLACIAL PACE. GOT IT. IT'S
20 NOT UN-WELL-INTENTIONED. CAN I BEG YOU -- BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE
21 THE POWER TO DO THIS BY SEPTEMBER. COULD I BEG YOU TO DO THAT.

22 SUPERVISOR DO: I'M TEMPTED TO SAY YES BECAUSE THAT'S

23 --

24 THE COURT: GOOD. SAY YES. THAT'S GREAT. OKAY.

25 (LAUGHTER.)

1 THE COURT: I JUST HEARD --

2 SUPERVISOR DO: BUT, JUDGE, YOU KNOW, PUBLIC WORKS
3 HAS A LOT TO DO WITH THIS.

4 THE COURT: JUDGE SMITH, DID YOU JUST HEAR A YES?

5 OKAY. BUT, YOU KNOW, I REALLY AM HUMBLLY ASKING
6 BECAUSE I HAVE NO POWER. THESE DEATHS ARE TOO EXTREME. AND
7 THAT RAIN, THAT'S KILLING US.

8 SUPERVISOR DO: WITH THIS SUPPORT FROM THE CITY, YOUR
9 HONOR, YES, WE WILL MOVE AS QUICKLY AS WE CAN.

10 THE COURT: JUAN, CAN YOU SUPPORT THIS.

11 PRO TEM MAYOR VILLEGAS: SO, THE CITY OF SANTA ANA IS
12 VERY COMMITTED TO THIS PROJECT. WE WANT TO HANDLE THIS -- THIS
13 ISSUE. LIKE THE MAYOR SAID EARLIER -- MAYOR PULIDO SAID
14 EARLIER THAT THIS IS EVERYONE'S PROBLEM.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 PRO TEM MAYOR VILLEGAS: AND SANTA ANA CAN'T TAKE THE
17 BRUNT OF IT.

18 WE WANT TO SEE THIS PROJECT THROUGH.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. NOW, HERE'S WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO
20 THEN. WE HAD A WAR ROOM BEFORE. MICHELLE MARTINEZ CAME DOWN
21 AND PUT THAT CITY TOGETHER.

22 YOU CAN PUT THAT CITY TOGETHER. YOU'RE THE VICE
23 MAYOR NOW. SO, I'M GOING TO PUT THAT RESPONSIBILITY ON YOU OR
24 EITHER SUPERVISOR BARTLETT OR SUPERVISOR DO. I THINK THAT'S
25 SUPERVISOR DO'S DISTRICT. AND IF THE CHAIRWOMAN ACCEDES TO

1 THAT, I'D LIKE TO WORK WITH BOTH OF YOU. THE COURT IS ALWAYS
2 OPEN --

3 PRO TEM MAYOR VILLEGAS: I'M ALL ABOUT SOLUTIONS,
4 SIR. I'M ALL ABOUT SOLUTIONS.

5 THE COURT: OKAY.

6 SO, I'M LOOKING FOR SEPTEMBER, FATHER. FOR ME, I
7 WISH IT WAS YESTERDAY.

8 NOW, STEP UP TO THE MICROPHONE AND TELL US HOW WE'RE
9 GOING TO REDUCE THESE DEATHS.

10 THE FATHER: OKAY.

11 ONE THING THAT I WOULD DEFINITELY ASK EVERYBODY HERE
12 TO DO. AND THAT IS TO EVERY SINGLE PROPOSAL THAT YOU MAKE, ADD
13 A ZERO TO IT. ACCORDING TO THE -- I BELIEVE IT'S -- YEAH, IT'S
14 JO REPULZI'S REPORT ON HOMELESSNESS, SIR. HER ARTICLE IN MARCH
15 -- YEAH, MARCH 6, 2019, THAT THIS COUNTY WAS ABLE TO
16 SUCCESSFULLY MOVE 300 PEOPLE INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
17 HOUSING.

18 YOU QUOTED THE STATISTIC. 244 WE KNOW DIED. AND IT
19 COULD BE 400.

20 THE COURT: UH-HUH.

21 THE FATHER: NOW, THERE COULD BE OTHERS ALSO WHO ARE
22 HOUSED THAT ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THIS.

23 THE COURT: RIGHT.

24 THE FATHER: BUT WE'RE GOING AT -- YOU HAD -- WE
25 RIGHT NOW HAVE -- AS MANY PEOPLE ARE DYING AS ARE BEING HOUSED.

1 THE COURT: RIGHT.

2 NOW, YOU UNDERSTAND SOMETHING THAT JUST HAPPENED THAT
3 I THINK IS GOOD, BUT I'M NOT CERTAIN. BEFORE THERE WAS A
4 BATTLE GOING ON BETWEEN CAL OPTIMA AND THE COUNTY. IT WAS A
5 WELL-INTENTIONED BUREAUCRATIC BATTLE. AND I SAW IT OUT AT THE
6 BAY MART, AND I'VE SEEN IT NOW COMING INTO THE ILLUMINATION TO
7 THE LINK.

8 AND THAT BATTLE WAS, OH, THEY'RE CHRONIC. NO,
9 THEY'RE MILD. NO, THEY'RE CHRONIC. AND, NO, THEY'RE MILD.
10 SO, NOTHING HAPPENED.

11 I THINK THAT THAT HAS BEEN RESOLVED. I'M HEARING
12 THAT FINALLY THE COUNTY AND CAL OPTIMA ARE GETTING TOGETHER.
13 AND, SO, INSTEAD OF CHASTISING THEM IN THE PAST, I CHOOSE TO
14 MOVE FORWARD.

15 I EXPECT THAT YOU AND I ARE BACK HERE NEXT YEAR. AND
16 YOU'VE GOT A GOOD THING TO SAY. BECAUSE I KNOW THAT YOU'VE
17 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT THE COURTYARD. AND I KNOW YOU'VE
18 BEEN VERY CONCERNED ABOUT WISE PLACE. BUT I KNOW THAT YOU ALSO
19 WENT WITH PAUL LEON. AND I KNOW THAT YOU WERE VERY PLEASED
20 WITH THE NEW SHELTER OUT IN ANAHEIM, LA MESA. I THINK YOU'VE
21 SEEN THE LINK. I HOPE YOU'VE SEEN TUSTIN, BY THE WAY. BECAUSE
22 IT'S A FABULOUS JOB BY TUSTIN.

23 AND, SO, I'M GOING TO WELCOME YOU BACK. OKAY. I'M
24 GOING TO HAVE JUDGE SMITH CONTINUE TO TALK TO YOU.

25 THE FATHER: SURE.

1 THE COURT: AND WE'RE GOING TO GET THIS HOPEFULLY
2 BUILT BY SEPTEMBER. AND YOU'RE BEING HANDED A CARD BY
3 SUPERVISOR DO WITH HIS PERSONAL HOME NUMBER ON IT.

4 (LAUGHTER.)

5 SUPERVISOR DO: ACTUALLY I JUST SPOKE WITH THE
6 EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR FOR PUBLIC WORKS OF SANTA ANA, YOUR HONOR,
7 WHO WILL BE WORKING WITH -- TO BUILD YALE STREET. HE SAID THAT
8 COMFORTABLY BY THANKSGIVING IT WILL BE OPEN.

9 THE COURT: EXCELLENT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. I
10 APPRECIATE THAT VERY MUCH, SO.

11 OKAY. LET'S SEE IF WE CAN GET THESE DEATH -- THIS
12 DEATH TOLL DOWN. THERE'S NO REASON WE'RE TWO AND A HALF TIMES
13 SAN DIEGO.

14 THE FATHER: I DON'T WANT TO TAKE YOUR TIME, BUT
15 HONESTLY THE 40- -- YOU SIMPLY HAVE TO PRODUCE A PROGRAM THAT
16 GETS CLOSE TO THOSE 4,700 --

17 THE COURT: STICK AROUND. WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT
18 THE CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM IN JUST A MOMENT.

19 THE FATHER: OKAY. GOOD. SORRY.

20 THE COURT: WHAT WE'VE ACCOMPLISHED AND WHAT WE
21 HAVEN'T. TRUST ME. WE'RE ALMOST THERE. SO, DON'T GO AWAY.

22 NO, YOU STAY RIGHT HERE. WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF ROOM
23 OVER HERE. AND IF NOT, YOU CAN STAND. YOU LOOK LIKE YOU CAN
24 STAND.

25 OKAY. SUPERVISOR DO, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

1 OKAY.

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: SO, YOUR HONOR, I KNOW THAT
3 THE PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT IN SANTA ANA WILL WORK VERY
4 DILIGENTLY TO GET THINGS OPEN BY THANKSGIVING. THERE ARE ALSO
5 OTHER INSPECTIONS THAT NEED TO TAKE PLACE.

6 WE'LL WORK VERY DILIGENTLY FROM THE COUNTY WITH THE
7 HEALTHCARE AGENCY AND ALSO WITH THE FIRE AUTHORITY.

8 WHEN YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT THIS MAGNITUDE OF A
9 FACILITY WITH KITCHEN FACILITIES, ET CETERA, THERE ARE A NUMBER
10 OF INSPECTIONS THAT HAVE TO BE DONE. BUT YOU HAVE OUR
11 COMMITMENT THAT WE'LL WORK WITH ALL OF THE OTHER AGENCIES TO
12 MAKE SURE --

13 THE COURT: OKAY.

14 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: -- THOSE INSPECTIONS ARE DONE
15 IN A VERY TIMELY FASHION.

16 THE COURT: I BELIEVE YOU. AND LET ME TELL YOU --
17 HOLD ON.

18 I LISTENED TO MORE PROBLEMS NOT CONNECTED WITH YOU.
19 SO, MOVE OFF TO THE SIDE SO I'M NOT BEARING DOWN -- I'M JUST
20 KIDDING YOU.

21 (LAUGHTER.)

22 THE COURT: I'M NOT BEARING DOWN ON YOU.

23 THAT IS NONSENSE. THAT IS NONSENSE WHEN I HEARD IT
24 FROM SANTA ANA TO BEGIN WITH UNTIL YOU STEPPED IN.

25 ALL OF THESE BARRIERS ARE BUREAUCRATIC BARRIERS THAT

1 ARE BUILT IN. BECAUSE EVERY WELL-INTENTIONED BUREAUCRAT WILL
2 TELL US WHY THEY HAVE A JOB AND WHY WE CAN'T DO IT.

3 AND I'LL JUST SAY IT THAT BLUNTLY, IT JUSTIFIES OUR
4 POSITION. AND THEY'RE NOT BAD PEOPLE. BUT THE END RESULT IS
5 THIS BICKERING BACK AND FORTH FROM SANTA ANA TO THE COUNTY HAS
6 TO STOP.

7 AND I'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION WITH CHAIRMAN DO, WHO
8 STEPPED UP AND TRIED TO MAKE IT STOP.

9 I'M ASKING YOU TO MAKE IT STOP, TO HAVE THAT
10 STRENGTH. STOP THIS BICKERING, PEOPLE ARE LOSING LIVES
11 BECAUSE OF IT.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I COMPLETELY AGREE.

13 THE COURT: OKAY. I'M GOING TO SAY THIS DIRECTLY TO
14 YOU. THAT'S THE END OF IT.

15 I WANT TO THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND I APPRECIATE YOUR
16 COOPERATION.

17 YOU'VE GOT MY HOME NUMBER STILL?

18 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I DO.

19 THE COURT: CALL ME ANYTIME. I DON'T SLEEP.

20 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: AND YOU'VE GOT MINE TOO.

21 THE COURT: OKAY.

22 (LAUGHTER.)

23 THE COURT: AND I'VE GOT A WAR ROOM BACK THERE AND I
24 CAN BRING YOU TOGETHER. SO, COME SEPTEMBER --

25 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: YEAH. IT WILL HAPPEN.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. IT WILL HAPPEN. ALL RIGHT.

2 I'D LIKE TO -- I'VE LOVE TO HEAR FROM COSTA MESA FOR
3 A MOMENT OR FROM TUSTIN, EITHER ONE.

4 AND THEN I'VE GOT SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR ALL OF YOU
5 BECAUSE WE'VE GOT TWO OTHER SUBJECTS THAT WE WANT TO COVER
6 TODAY. AND THIS IS GOING TO BE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST TO LAW
7 ENFORCEMENT. SO, DON'T GO AWAY AND DON'T GET SLEEPY. KEEP
8 YOUR EYES OPEN. THIS IS GOING TO AFFECT YOU.

9 AND THIS IS KATRINA FOLEY, BY THE WAY. OUTSTANDING.

10 AND I'LL PUT THAT RIGHT ON THE RECORD -- MAYOR OF
11 COSTA MESA.

12 MAYOR FOLEY: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

13 THE COURT: YEAH.

14 MAYOR FOLEY: I THINK THAT OUR STAFF SENT AN EMAIL
15 WITH A POWERPOINT, BUT I'M NOT SURE IF IT GOT THERE. SO, I'LL
16 JUST SPEAK. AND IF IT COMES, WE'LL TALK ABOUT IT.

17 SO, MUCH LIKE ANAHEIM AND SANTA ANA, WE'VE BEEN
18 WORKING DILIGENTLY.

19 WHEN -- WHEN I GOT SWORN IN ON DECEMBER 4TH, ONE OF
20 THE FIRST THINGS I DID WAS BEGIN TO GET OUR CITY COUNCIL TEAM
21 TOGETHER TO SOLVE THIS SITUATION FOR COSTA MESA.

22 WE HAVE IN THAT TIME PERIOD SCoured THE CITY,
23 IDENTIFYING A POTENTIAL 50 SITES. WE CAME TO HAVING A TWO-PART
24 SOLUTION. WE'LL HAVE A TEMPORARY SHELTER. WE'RE LEASING A
25 CHURCH WHERE THEY WERE ALREADY PROVIDING HOMELESS SERVICES. WE

1 ARE ALSO PURCHASING A PERMANENT SHELTER BUILDING OVER BY THE
2 AIRPORT. AND WE ARE IN THAT PROCESS RIGHT NOW.

3 THE SHELTER OPENS FOR 50 BEDS ON FRIDAY. AND WE HAVE
4 HIRED MERCY HOUSE AS OUR OPERATOR. WE HAVE ALREADY BEGUN
5 IDENTIFYING INDIVIDUALS TO GO INTO THE SHELTER AND BEGIN THAT
6 PROCESS OF HELPING THEM TO UNDERSTAND WHAT THE PROCEDURES WILL
7 BE. IT'S A LOW-BARRIER SHELTER. HOWEVER, THEY CAN ONLY BRING
8 65 POUNDS OF ITEMS IN.

9 THE CLERK: MAYOR --

10 MAYOR FOLEY: YES.

11 THE CLERK: THE POWERPOINT IS HERE. HE'S TRYING TO
12 PUT IT UP FOR YOU.

13 MAYOR FOLEY: OKAY. GREAT. THANK YOU.

14 AND WE ALSO I'M PLEASED TO SAY SIGNED THE SETTLEMENT
15 AGREEMENT WITH THE PLAINTIFFS AFTER MANY MEETINGS AND
16 COLLABORATIONS WITH THE COURT, JUDGE SMITH, AND THE PLAINTIFFS'
17 LAWYERS.

18 I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND
19 EFFORTS WITH US AND MEETINGS AT ALL DIFFERENT TIMES OF DAY AND
20 NIGHT AND PHONE CALLS.

21 WE HAVE SPENT NEARLY \$10 MILLION ON THIS PROJECT --

22 THE COURT: RIGHT.

23 MAYOR FOLEY: -- ALL COMING OUT OF THE CITY'S --

24 THE COURT: SURE.

25 MAYOR FOLEY: -- GENERAL FUND AND RESERVES.

1 THE BUILDING IS COSTING 6.95 MILLION.

2 THE COURT: I WANT TO STOP YOU RIGHT THERE.

3 I WANT -- SUPERVISOR DO, SUPERVISOR BARTLETT, IF YOU
4 CHOOSE, SUPERVISOR CHAFFEE, SUPERVISOR WAGNER AND ALL, I'M
5 GOING TO BE ASKING YOU ABOUT YOUR GENERAL FUND IN JUST A
6 MOMENT. I'M GOING TO BE ASKING YOU ABOUT YOUR COMMITMENT TO NO
7 PLACE LIKE HOME. AND I'M GOING TO BE ASKING YOU ABOUT YOUR
8 COMMITMENT OR NON-COMMITMENT TO HEALTH HOMES AND WHOLE PERSON
9 CARE.

10 AND I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOME FIGURES BECAUSE THIS
11 IS THE PAST. IT'S NOT THE FUTURE. BUT I'M GOING TO BE ASKING
12 YOU IF YOU'RE TRULY GOING TO COMPETE FOR FEDERAL AND STATE
13 DOLLARS GOING FORWARD OR NOT. AND YOU CAN JUST GIVE ME A BLUNT
14 ANSWER. YOU CAN TELL ME IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS. BUT I WANT
15 TO SHOW YOU SOME THINGS THAT HAVE HAPPENED IN THE PAST WHERE I
16 BELIEVE THAT THIS COUNTY HAS WALKED AWAY FROM HUNDREDS OF
17 MILLIONS OF DOLLARS.

18 SO, THAT'S NOT YOU. I'M JUST GOING TO PUT THAT UP ON
19 THE BOARD. AND I'M GOING TO ASK THAT REALLY TOUGH QUESTION IN
20 A MOMENT BECAUSE THIS MONEY IS COMING OUT OF THE CITIES. IT'S
21 COMING OUT OF THEIR GENERAL FUND. AND THE QUESTION I'M GOING
22 TO HAVE IS WHY HAVE WE WALKED AWAY FROM HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF
23 DOLLARS IN THE PAST ON THESE PROGRAMS.

24 AND IF WE HAVE WALKED AWAY FROM THIS MONEY, ARE YOU
25 COMMITTED TO GOING FORWARD IN THE FUTURE AND JUST FORGETTING

1 THE PAST AND MAKING THIS BETTER.

2 AND I'M GOING TO PUT SOME FIGURES RIGHT UP ON THE
3 BOARD SO YOU'RE NOT SURPRISED.

4 SO, MAYOR.

5 MAYOR FOLEY: THANK YOU.

6 THE -- THE PERMANENT STRUCTURE IS COSTING US 6.95
7 MILLION. THE TEMPORARY, WE ARE INVESTING APPROXIMATELY
8 \$300,000 THERE. AND WE ARE SPENDING 2.5 MILLION IN OPERATING
9 COSTS BETWEEN THE SHELTER OPERATOR, THE PRIVATE OPERATOR, AS
10 WELL AS OUR OWN CITY STAFF -- TWO -- THREE SOCIAL WORKERS, TWO
11 CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS, AND TWO SPECIALLY TRAINED POLICE
12 OFFICERS.

13 SO, WE ARE INVESTING IN THIS. IT'S ALL COMING OUT OF
14 OUR GENERAL FUND.

15 THE COURT: RIGHT.

16 MAYOR FOLEY: IT'S ACTUALLY -- OUR CITY STAFF HAD
17 BEEN WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK. AND OUR FINANCE DIRECTOR HAS
18 DONE AN AMAZING JOB OF TRYING TO REDUCE THE IMPACT ON OUR
19 RESERVES.

20 BUT AS OF TODAY, WE WILL PROBABLY SEE 5 MILLION
21 COMING OUT OF OUR -- OUR RESERVES. AND THAT'S NEVER A PLACE
22 THAT WE WANT TO BE.

23 THE COURT: RIGHT.

24 MAYOR FOLEY: AND I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO BE
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR THAT. SO, I'M DOING EVERYTHING I CAN TO ASK

1 OUR FEDERAL, STATE AND COUNTY PARTNERS --

2 THE COURT: AND CAL OPTIMA. AND CAL OPTIMA.

3 MAYOR FOLEY: OKAY.

4 THE COURT: LET'S GET THAT SECOND OPINION. LET'S SEE
5 IF WE CAN GET --

6 MAYOR FOLEY: I WOULD -- I WOULD LOVE TO DO THAT,
7 YOUR HONOR, BECAUSE --

8 THE COURT: -- SOME -- MINIMALLY SOME PROVIDER
9 SERVICES OR MAYBE SOME HOUSING OUT THERE THAT SUPERVISOR DO
10 TALKED ABOUT.

11 MAYOR FOLEY: I DID NOTICE THAT THEY HAVE
12 PARTICIPATED IN FUNDING COLLEGE HOSPITAL, WHICH IS PART OF OUR
13 SHELTER PLAN FOR THE 12 BEDS. BUT THAT'S GOING TO THE COLLEGE
14 HOSPITAL NOT TO THE CITY.

15 THE COURT: OKAY.

16 AND I'LL SEE YOU AT 5:30 ON FRIDAY.

17 MAYOR FOLEY: YES, I HOPE SO.

18 THE COURT: WELL --

19 MAYOR FOLEY: CAN I JUST SHOW YOU A COUPLE OF POINTS.

20 THE COURT: SURE.

21 MAYOR FOLEY: WE'VE GOT IT UP HERE.

22 THE COURT: PLEASE.

23 MAYOR FOLEY: BUT YOU CAN SCROLL TO THE NEXT SLIDE.
24 KEEP GOING.

25 SO, I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN SEE THAT. BUT THIS IS

1 OUR TIMELINE OF ACTIONS.

2 AND AS I TOLD YOU FRIDAY, WE OPENED THE SHELTER.

3 GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE.

4 WE'VE HAD MORE THAN EIGHT COMMUNITY MEETINGS AND OPEN
5 HOUSES --

6 THE COURT: RIGHT.

7 MAYOR FOLEY: -- WHICH IS PART OF WHY WE HAVE SUCH
8 COMMUNITY SUPPORT FOR THIS.

9 THE COURT: I ALSO KNOW YOU WERE STANDING OUT IN THE
10 RAIN GOING DOOR TO DOOR BECAUSE SOMEBODY CALLED ME --

11 MAYOR FOLEY: YES.

12 THE COURT: -- AND TOLD ME YOU WERE OUT THERE AS THE
13 MAYOR.

14 MAYOR FOLEY: YES. COUNCIL MEMBER REYNOLDS AND I DID
15 THAT.

16 THE ONE THING I WANT TO POINT OUT IS ON FRIDAY, WE
17 ARE VERY CONCERNED --

18 AND YOU CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE --

19 -- ABOUT THE TALBERT PARK. SO, WHILE TALBERT PARK
20 IS COUNTY --

21 THE COURT: YEAH.

22 MAYOR FOLEY: -- PARK LAND, IT IS ACTUALLY WITHIN THE
23 CITY OF COSTA MESA. AND WE UNDERSTAND THERE'S AT LEAST 25 TO
24 30 ENCAMPMENTS IN THE PARK RIGHT NOW.

25 THE COURT: SO, LET'S STOP RIGHT THERE BECAUSE YOU'VE

1 ASKED IN A CONVERSATION THAT WE TALK TO THE COUNTY. AND COUNTY
2 COUNSEL IS HERE.

3 LEON, LET ME TALK TO YOU AND THE CITY ATTORNEY FOR A
4 MOMENT.

5 LET'S EXPLAIN THE PROBLEM BECAUSE THE HOMELESS ARE
6 SMART. WHEN SANTA ANA STARTED TO ENFORCE, GUESS WHERE THEY
7 WENT? FOUR FEET OVER THE LINE TO WESTMINSTER. LITERALLY.
8 LITERALLY.

9 AND WITH REGARD TO THESE CRAZY JURISDICTIONAL ISSUES,
10 WHEN WE WERE A SMALL COUNTY WITH SEPARATE CITIES -- SO, IF YOU
11 GO OUT TO ANAHEIM, WHEN WE'RE OUT THERE, MAYOR, WHEN WE GO OVER
12 TO THE SCHOOL RIGHT BY SCHWEITZER, THEY KNOW THAT THAT'S COUNTY
13 DRAINAGE.

14 SO, THE HOMELESS -- LITERALLY SHERIFF BARNES WENT
15 OVER TO THE COUNTY DRAINAGE BECAUSE ANAHEIM WAS HAVING TROUBLE
16 ENFORCING. IT'S THE SAME PROBLEM WE HAD WITH THE RIVER. OKAY.

17 SO, THEY HAVE A COMMUNICATION NETWORK.

18 SO, THE END RESULT IS TELL THE BOARD WHAT YOU NEED
19 AND TELL COUNSEL WHAT YOU NEED. AND LET'S SEE IF WE CAN, YOU
20 KNOW, HUMANELY CLEAN THIS UP.

21 AND, CAROL, I WANT YOU TO KNOW THIS LOCATION, ALSO,
22 BECAUSE I GUESS WHO I HOPE IS WITH ME, BROOKS OR CAROL, AT FIVE
23 O'CLOCK THIS FRIDAY? OKAY. YEAH.

24 I DON'T THINK YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE A LARGE NUMBER OUT
25 THERE -- NOT LIKE MAXWELL, ET CETERA.

1 BUT EXPLAIN TO THE COUNTY AND SEE IF WE CAN WORK THIS
2 OUT. OTHERWISE, WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO IS CLEAR COSTA MESA.
3 BUT YOU'VE GOT THIS TALBERT PARK ISSUE, WHICH IS REALLY COUNTY.

4 MAYOR FOLEY: WE HAVE TWO ISSUES --

5 THE COURT: SO, I THINK IT'S A JURISDICTIONAL
6 PROBLEM.

7 MAYOR FOLEY: -- TWO THINGS THAT WE NEED.

8 ONE, WE'D LIKE TO HAVE THE COUNTY SHERIFF AND THE
9 PARKS PEOPLE COME OUT WITH US ON FRIDAY. OUR CHIEF IS HERE.
10 AND WE'D LIKE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE PEOPLE COME OUT WITH US TO
11 NOTIFY PEOPLE THAT THEY CANNOT BE ENCAMPED THERE.

12 AND, TWO, FROM THE COURT, WE -- AND THE PLAINTIFFS,
13 WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO ENFORCE OUR ANTI-CAMPING ORDINANCE IN THE
14 PARK THERE.

15 THE COURT: EVEN THOUGH IT'S NOT PART OF COSTA MESA.
16 THAT'S THAT FUNNY JURISDICTIONAL ISSUE.

17 AND YOU HAVEN'T SETTLED WITH THE COUNTY IN A SENSE.

18 SO, IT WAS OF GREAT CONCERN THAT WE WERE AGAIN
19 PUSHING PEOPLE WHOSE GOT THE STRONGEST LAW ENFORCEMENT. I
20 THINK WE'RE ALL DONE WITH THAT PUSHING OFF ON OUR NEIGHBORS.

21 ALL WE'RE GOING TO BE ASKING IS A PROPORTIONAL -- NO.
22 SORRY.

23 WE'RE ASKING EACH CITY TO CLEAN UP THEIR OWN CITY NOT
24 TO ACCEPT OTHER PEOPLE FROM OTHER PARKS AND PORTIONS. BUT THIS
25 IS AN ODDITY. WE HAVE THIS CRAZY JURISDICTION AGAIN.

1 SO, I WAS GOING TO ASK THIS.

2 SHERIFF BARNES, I WAS JUST WONDERING OUT OF COURTESY
3 IF YOU COULD GET TOGETHER WITH MAYBE LEON FOR A MOMENT--
4 REPRESENTING THE COUNTY AND THEN BACK TO THE BOARD. AND IF WE
5 COULD WORK THIS OUT TODAY WITHOUT ANY FURTHER PRESENTATION
6 RIGHT NOW AND SOLVE THIS JURISDICTIONAL PROBLEM IN THE BACK.

7 MS. HALL BARLOW: I CAN JUST TELL YOU, YOUR HONOR,
8 THAT WE WORKED ON THIS OVER THE WEEKEND. OUR CHIEF HAS BEEN
9 VERY ACTIVE.

10 AND FOR THE RECORD, KIMBERLY HALL BARLOW, CITY
11 ATTORNEY, COSTA MESA.

12 THE COUNTY IS WILLING TO BE COOPERATIVE. THEY SIMPLY
13 WANT TO KNOW THAT THEY'RE NOT GOING TO FACE LEGAL ISSUES IF
14 THEY COME OUT TO THE PARK ON FRIDAY TO DO WHAT WE'VE ASKED THEM
15 TO DO. AND, SO, WE NEED FROM THE COURT BASICALLY BLESSING FOR
16 THE COUNTY TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS ACTIVITY WITH US.

17 THE COURT: IN THE PARK.

18 MS. HALL BARLOW: IN THE PARK.

19 THE COURT: OKAY. LET'S HEAR FROM -- WHY NOT?

20 MS. SOBEL: WHAT IS IT? YOU KNOW, THAT'S THE --

21 THE COURT: JUST PRETEND THAT THE PARK IS PART OF
22 COSTA MESA, AN EASY WAY TO THINK ABOUT IT. BECAUSE YOU'VE GOT
23 THIS CRAZY JURISDICTIONAL LINE.

24 MS. SOBEL: HAVE THEY --

25 THE COURT: BETTER YET -- NO, NO, WE'RE NOT GOING TO

1 WASTE TIME. I'VE GOT TOO MUCH.

2 I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO GO BACK WITH THE SHERIFF AND
3 ONE OF THE PLAINTIFF'S COUNSEL. THAT'S JUST A REQUEST. I
4 CAN'T ORDER IT. BUT IF YOU GO BACK WITH ONE OF MY LAW CLERKS
5 FOR A MOMENT -- I'M NOT GOING TO TAKE THE CITY'S TIME WITH
6 THIS.

7 MS. HALL BARLOW: NOT A PROBLEM, YOUR HONOR. THANK
8 YOU.

9 MS. SOBEL: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

10 THE COURT: YEAH. YOU CAN WORK THIS OUT VERY, VERY
11 EASILY.

12 AND SINCE I'M GOING TO BE STANDING THERE IF THERE'S A
13 PROBLEM, YOU CAN BRING IT TO MY ATTENTION RIGHT AWAY. I CAN
14 SOLVE THAT RIGHT AWAY.

15 OKAY. NOW, SHERIFF, I WOULD LEAVE SOMEBODY FROM
16 SOUTH COUNTY HERE, MAYBE JEFF, OR SOMEBODY, JUST IN CASE WE
17 ROLL PRETTY QUICK WITH SOME THINGS. I THINK IT'S GOING TO
18 CONCERN YOUR DEPARTMENT.

19 SO, I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU.

20 SHERIFF BARNES: YOUR HONOR, IF I MAY.

21 THE COURT: YEAH.

22 SERGEANT BARNES: WE ARE HERE REPRESENTING OBVIOUSLY
23 THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT AND THE CONTRACT CITIES WITH WHOM WE
24 POLICE. WE ARE NOT HERE TO REPRESENT ANY OF THE CITIES'
25 INTEREST --

1 THE COURT: UNDERSTOOD.

2 SHERIFF DON BARNES: -- FOR WHOM WE PROVIDE POLICE
3 SERVICES FOR.

4 THE COURT: UNDERSTOOD. OKAY.

5 AND WHAT THEY WANT TO DO IS ENFORCE OVER ON WHAT'S
6 BASICALLY COUNTY LAND BECAUSE IT'S TALBERT PARK AGAIN.

7 SHERIFF DON BARNES: I KNOW. WE'RE GOING TO RESOLVE
8 THIS REAL QUICK.

9 THE COURT: YEAH. THANKS A LOT. I APPRECIATE IT,
10 DON.

11 OKAY. FOR TUSTIN, IF YOU'D BE SO KIND. AND THEN I'D
12 LIKE TO GO TO THE NORTH SPA FOR A MOMENT.

13 AND I'M GOING TO NEED GEMMA BACK, MAX, WITH THE
14 PRINTOUT OF THE NORTH SPA.

15 MR. WEST: THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, YOUR HONOR.

16 MY NAME IS MATT WEST. I'M THE ACTING CITY MANAGER
17 FOR TUSTIN. AND I APPRECIATE STANDING UP AFTER TWO AND A HALF
18 HOURS. SO, I APPRECIATE THIS OPPORTUNITY.

19 THE COURT: YEAH. EVERYBODY CAN STAND UP, BY THE
20 WAY. IT'S INFORMAL. YOU CAN GO TO THE BATHROOM. BUT USE THE
21 BATHROOM DOWN THE HALLWAY.

22 MR. WEST: AND I DO HAVE A -- SOME TALKING POINTS --

23 THE COURT: BUT YOU DON'T WANT TO LEAVE THIS BECAUSE
24 THIS IS THE LAST MEETING FOR A YEAR.

25 I'M NOW OUT OF THE SETTLEMENT BUSINESS AFTER THIS.

1 OKAY. WE'RE GOING INTO LITIGATION OBVIOUSLY WITH SOME OF THE
2 CITIES.

3 AND, SO, I'M GOING TO TURN MY HAT NOW TO THE CONSENT
4 YOU'VE GIVEN ME IN THE PAST INTO A MUCH DIFFERENT MODE. OKAY.

5 MR. WEST: SO, THANK YOU.

6 TUSTIN, I'M HERE ON BEHALF OF THE CITY COUNCIL, OUR
7 COMMUNITY, OUR MAYOR, CHUCK PUCKETT; CITY ATTORNEY, DAVE
8 KENDIG; AND OUR POLICE CHIEF SUE GREENBERG.

9 I'M HAPPY TO PRESENT OUR TUSTIN TEMPORARY EMERGENCY
10 SHELTER.

11 I DO HAVE SOME PREPARED REMARKS, BUT I DO WANT TO
12 JUST STATE SOMETHING HERE FOR A MOMENT.

13 SO, LONG BEFORE WE WERE IN THE COURT HERE LAST YEAR
14 THE CITY OF TUSTIN HAS HAD A HOMELESS COALITION THAT HAS OUR
15 POLICE OFFICER, OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERS, CITY MET, THE COUNTY.
16 AND WE HAD BEEN ACTIVELY PERFORMING OUTREACH FOR QUITE SOME
17 TIME.

18 SO, BY THE TIME THAT THIS CAME TO BE WE WERE ALREADY
19 IN THAT MODE.

20 WE ARE CURRENTLY IN AN OUTREACH MODE, EVEN THOUGH OUR
21 SHELTER HAS BEEN OPEN FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS NOW.

22 IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT OUR ENFORCEMENT
23 AUTHORITY IS, IN FACT, IN PLACE. BUT WE ARE CONCENTRATING ON
24 OUTREACH AT THE MOMENT.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 MR. WEST: OUR SHELTER IS ABOUT 50 PERCENT FULL.

2 AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE COUNCIL MADE A DECISION BACK IN
3 THE FALL TO SITE A SHELTER AT A FORMER COLLEGE PROPERTY THAT WE
4 OWNED. AND FACED WITH COMMUNITY CONCERNS THE COUNCIL QUICKLY
5 PIVOTED. AND WE TURNED TO A SITE THAT WE DID CONTROL. IT WAS
6 A FORMER FEDERAL ARMY RESERVE PROPERTY.

7 THE COURT: AND LET'S STOP THERE. THAT HAPPENED AT
8 TUSTIN. IT'S HAPPENED TO MAYOR FOLEY OUT IN COSTA MESA. AND
9 BECAUSE WE WERE WORKING TOGETHER, THE COURT WORKED WITH YOU.

10 MR. WEST: ABSOLUTELY.

11 THE COURT: WE WENT OVER A TIMELINE OF 120 DAYS. IT
12 WAS THE WRONG CHOICE AT THE TIME. PEOPLE RECOGNIZED IT. IT
13 WAS IN GOOD FAITH. YOU HEARD NOTHING NEGATIVE FROM THE COURT.

14 AND THEN YOU FOUND ANOTHER LOCATION, MAYOR. THAT'S
15 WHY WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER NOT AGAINST EACH OTHER.

16 BUT I DID EXPECT IF YOU WERE GIVING UP ON ONE
17 LOCATION, THAT YOU WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME ANOTHER LOCATION. AND
18 YOU DID THAT IN GOOD FAITH.

19 SO, PLEASE CONTINUE.

20 MR. WEST: YES. THANK YOU.

21 AND THERE'S SOME PHOTOS THAT ARE JUST CYCLING
22 THROUGH. IT'S NOT A PREPARED PRESENTATION. BUT THIS JUST
23 SHOWS THE SITE.

24 SO, IT WAS ACTUALLY A PAVED SITE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO
25 QUICKLY TURN OUR FOCUS ON.

1 AND I THINK WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE IS THAT WE HAD A
2 PROVEN OPERATOR IN OUR CITY, JIM PALMER.

3 THE COURT: RIGHT.

4 MR. WEST: HE DOES RUN THE ORANGE COUNTY RESCUE
5 MISSION. BUT THAT FACILITY CAME OUT OF PLAY FOR OTHER REASONS
6 WE WON'T GO INTO. BUT HE WAS AT THE TABLE FROM THE BEGINNING
7 AT EVERY WEEKLY MEETING.

8 AND, SO, HAVING THE OPERATOR THERE DURING THE DESIGN
9 PHASE HAS BEEN HELPFUL.

10 AND, SO, IT'S IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THIS FACILITY
11 ONCE WE BROKE GROUND, IT TOOK 60 DAYS FROM THE TIME THAT WE
12 ACTUALLY GOT ON SITE AND POPPED THIS THING UP AND MADE IT
13 OPERATIONAL.

14 SO, JUST WITH THAT BEING SAID, I WANT TO READ A FEW
15 PREPARED REMARKS.

16 SO, THE MISSION OF OUR SHELTER IS TO PROVIDE A
17 HAND-OUT TO HOMELESS MEN, WOMEN AND FAMILIES FROM THE STREETS
18 OF TUSTIN INTO SAFE AND CLEAN AND DIGNIFIED LOW-BARRIER
19 EMERGENCY SHELTER.

20 AND I WOULD SAY THAT OF OUR POPULATION WE DO HAVE
21 SINGLE MEN, SINGLE WOMEN, AND FAMILIES AND COUPLES.

22 AND AS YOU SEE FROM THE PICTURES IS THAT WE ACTUALLY
23 HAVE A NUMBER OF MODULAR UNITS. SO, THERE'S ABOUT
24 14-AND-A-HALF-THOUSAND SQUARE FEET SHELTER WITHIN 14 MODULAR
25 UNITS.

1 THE COURT: AND I WAS OUT THERE JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS
2 AGO. IT'S ABSOLUTELY OUTSTANDING.

3 MR. WEST: AND IT'S --

4 THE COURT: AND WHERE IS FATHER CRIS --

5 MR. WEST: THANK YOU.

6 CAN --

7 THE COURT: IS FATHER CHRIS HERE?

8 I WANT YOU TO GO OUT THERE AND LOOK AT IT.

9 FATHER --

10 THE FATHER: WHAT?

11 THE COURT: I WANT YOU TO GO OUT THERE AND LOOK AT
12 IT.

13 THE FATHER: OKAY. SURE. YEAH.

14 THE COURT: OKAY. NOT -- I CAN'T ORDER YOU, BUT --

15 THE FATHER: OKAY. I'LL HAPPILY GO --

16 THE COURT: OKAY. WE'LL TRANSPORT YOU.

17 THE FATHER: YEAH. OKAY.

18 THE COURT: OKAY.

19 BECAUSE THESE NEW SHELTERS ARE INCREDIBLY GOOD THAT
20 THE CITIES ARE BUILDING.

21 THE FATHER: I'VE -- I'VE SEEN THE LA MESA SHELTER --

22 THE COURT: THEY'RE VERY HUMANE. YOU'VE SEEN --

23 YOU'VE SEEN THE MAYOR OUT IN ANAHEIM, WHICH I KNOW WITH PAUL
24 LEONG. AND THAT WAS STATE OF ART.

25 AND TUSTIN IS ALSO. OKAY.

1 AND SANTA ANA IS ALSO.

2 SO, WHEN THE ACLU HIT, YOU UNDERSTAND THAT THE -- AND
3 SUPERVISOR DO, WHO, YOU KNOW, TRIED TO MOVE THE QUEEN MARY
4 FORWARD, YOU KNOW, OBVIOUSLY, IS A LITTLE CHAGRINED, QUITE
5 FRANKLY, BECAUSE OF HIS EFFORTS. OKAY.

6 BUT BY THE SAME TOKEN, YOU'RE RIGHT. WE NEED TO DO
7 SOMETHING ABOUT WISE PLACE. AND WE NEED TO DO IT VERY QUICKLY.
8 AND WE NEED TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE COURTYARD. OKAY.

9 THE FATHER: YES.

10 THE COURT: SO, PLEASE.

11 MR. WEST: SO, AS I MENTIONED, IT'S ABOUT 14,500
12 SQUARE FEET WITHIN 14 MODULAR UNITS THAT WE BROUGHT ON TO THE
13 SITE. BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY CONFIGURED INTO EIGHT BUILDINGS.
14 IT'S ABOUT AN ACRE AND A HALF OF PARKING LOT.

15 AND LIKE I SAID, IT WAS ASSEMBLED IN JUST 60 DAYS.

16 AND YOU'LL SEE FROM THE PICTURES IS THAT WE HAVE
17 THESE PRIVATE LIVING SPACES WITH NON-PERMANENT ENCLOSURES. AND
18 THE INTENT IS THAT THESE SPACES ARE AS FLEXIBLE AS POSSIBLE.

19 AND THE WAY WE HAVE IT SET UP IS WE ACTUALLY HAVE A
20 UNIT FOR JUST SINGLE MEN, A UNIT FOR SINGLE WOMEN, A UNIT FOR
21 COUPLES, A UNIT FOR FAMILIES. AND THAT'S FLEXIBLE AS THE
22 POPULATION ADJUSTS OVER TIME.

23 AND WHEN PEOPLE -- WHEN OUR GUESTS COME IN, THEY DO
24 GET ASSIGNED AN ACTUAL SECURITY CARD THAT GIVES THEM ACCESS TO
25 JUST THE SHELTER -- JUST THE BUILDING THAT THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO

1 BE IN.

2 WE HAVE DESIGNED A SHELTER THAT IS ON A HUMAN SCALE,
3 NOT AN INDUSTRIAL SCALE, WITH SEMIPRIVATE LIVING SPACES.

4 WE DO HAVE INTEGRATED HEALTHCARE. WE HAVE 24-HOUR
5 SEVEN-DAY-A-WEEK INTAKE AND ORIENTATION AND 24 ACCESS FOR OUR
6 O.C. BEHAVIORAL HEALTH STAFF.

7 WE DO OPERATE AS A FIRST-STEP OPPORTUNITY WITH THE
8 FOLK ON MOVING OUR GUESTS FORWARD TOWARDS SELF-SUFFICIENCY AND
9 HEALING. THIS IS ACCOMPLISHED BY PROVIDING THREE STRATEGIC
10 PATHWAYS AND INTERVENTIONS THAT LEAD TO ENDING THEIR
11 HOMELESSNESS.

12 PATHWAY ONE, WE SEE THIS AS -- AS, IF YOU WILL, THE
13 LOW-LYING FRUIT. IT'S ACTUALLY TRANSITION AND REUNIFICATION
14 WITH A FAMILY MEMBER. AND IF NECESSARY, WE PROVIDE THE
15 TRANSPORTATION TO -- TO ASSIST IN THEIR RETURN HOME.

16 PATHWAY TWO IS HOUSING PATHWAYS. PATHWAYS TO SECTION
17 8 HOUSING CERTIFICATIONS, FAST HOUSING, OR ALSO TO THE NEWLY
18 BEING FORMED O.C. HOUSING TRUST COMM- -- TO O.C. HOUSING TRUST
19 COMMUNITIES.

20 AND THEN LASTLY INTERVENTIONS TO A HIGHER LEVEL OF
21 CARE, WHICH IS EITHER THROUGH THE ORANGE COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH
22 PROGRAM, RECUPERATIVE CARE PROGRAM, CHEMICAL DETOX,
23 TRANSITIONAL HOUSING AND SO FORTH.

24 IN PREPARING FOR TODAY WE DID WANT TO IDENTIFY --
25 WE'VE ONLY BEEN OPEN FOR TWO WEEKS. WE'RE AN EXTENSIVE

1 OUTREACH. AND WE'VE ALREADY -- WE TRIED TO FIGURE OUT WHAT
2 THINGS COULD HELP US BE BETTER.

3 AND I TELL YOU WHEN WE PLANNED THE SHELTER, OUR
4 OPERATOR, OUR STAFF TRIED TO LOOK AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY. AND AS
5 YOU KNOW, YOU CAN CONTEMPLATE EVERY SCENARIO, NOT KNOWING IF
6 IT'S EVER GOING TO COME TO BE.

7 BUT I WOULD SAY THAT THERE'S PROBABLY FOUR AREAS, AT
8 LEAST JUST INITIALLY, THAT I WOULD LIKE TO PRESENT TO THE COURT
9 AS CHALLENGES OR CONCERNS.

10 SO, NUMBER ONE IS WE ARE ACTUALLY IN NEED OF AN
11 ONSITE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT AND TREATMENT.

12 GETTING ACCESS TO FACILITIES, WE SEE THIS WITH
13 INDIVIDUALS THAT, SAY, HAVE DOGS PER SE --

14 THE COURT: WHERE'S RICHARD SANCHEZ? IS HE HERE?

15 MR. WEST: -- THAT HAVE TROUBLE GETTING TO THOSE. SO,
16 HAVING IT COME ON SITE --

17 THE COURT: HE'S COMING UP RIGHT NOW.

18 MR. WEST: SURE.

19 THE COURT: RIGHT.

20 MR. WEST: WE'VE EXPERIENCED GREAT SUPPORT FROM THE
21 COUNTY -- I DO WANT TO SAY WE'VE ACTUALLY EXPERIENCED GREAT
22 HELP FROM THE ORANGE COUNTY BEHAVIORAL HEALTH OUTREACH AND
23 ENGAGEMENT TEAM. BUT THERE ARE ALSO MANY OBSTACLES THAT CAN
24 CAUSE OUR HOMELESS NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR MENTAL HEALTH
25 TREATMENT.

1 SO, WE ARE REQUESTING THAT THE COUNTY CAN PROVIDE A
2 CLINICIAN. AND IN TURN, WE WOULD PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE OFFICE
3 ON SITE FOR THE CLINICIAN TO PROVIDE MENTAL HEALTH ASSESSMENTS
4 AND TREATMENT AND SHELTER.

5 NUMBER TWO, WE ARE IN NEED OF RESOURCES TO SUPPORT
6 COORDINATED ENTRY FOR INDIVIDUALS.

7 THE COURT: OKAY.

8 MR. WEST: AS WE UNDERSTAND THE COUNTY TOOK -- THE
9 COUNTY TOOK OVER MANAGING THE COORDINATED ENTRY SYSTEM FOR
10 INDIVIDUALS.

11 WE'VE ACTUALLY REQUESTED ASSISTANCE AT OUR SHELTER.
12 AND IT DOES NOT SEEM THAT THEY HAVE THE RESOURCES TO SEND A
13 HOUSING NAVIGATOR TO OUR SHELTER AND REGISTER OUR GUESTS INTO
14 THE COUNTY'S CLARITY HOMELESS DATABASE SYSTEM.

15 SO, WE WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME THAT OPPORTUNITY GIVEN
16 THAT THERE'S RIGHT NOW -- IT'S OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT IT'S ONLY
17 BEING HANDLED BY TWO NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS. THEY'RE BOTH
18 HIGHLY EFFECTIVE. BUT WE WOULD JUST LOOK FOR SOME ASSISTANCE
19 IN THAT -- THAT CASE.

20 NUMBER THREE, AS I MENTIONED, WE DO HAVE GUESTS WITH
21 DOGS. SO, WE'RE ACTUALLY LOOKING FOR VETERINARIAN SERVICES FOR
22 THE DOGS THAT ACCOMPANY OUR HOMELESS GUESTS.

23 AS YOU KNOW, TUSTIN IS HOME TO THE COUNTY NEW ANIMAL
24 SHELTER JUST 5 MINUTES UP THE STREET.

25 I'VE HAD CONVERSATIONS WITH DYLAN WRIGHT AND THE

1 COUNTY --

2 THE COURT: INSTEAD OF DUPLICATING IT, WHY CAN'T WE
3 USE THE COUNTY ANIMAL SHELTER.

4 MR. WEST: CORRECT.

5 A NUMBER OF OUR HOMELESS GUESTS ENTER OUR SHELTER
6 WITH COMPANION AND EMOTIONAL SUPPORT DOGS. THESE DOGS IN MOST
7 CASES NEED IMMUNIZATION SHOTS, NEUTERING, AND COUNTY LICENSE.

8 SO, WE WOULD ALSO REQUEST THE COUNTY PROVIDE THESE
9 SERVICES THROUGH THEIR NEWLY BUILT SHELTER.

10 AND, FOUR, WE ARE IN NEED OF ACCESS TO NO-COST DETOX
11 RESIDENTIAL TREATMENT.

12 MORE THAN HALF OF THE HOMELESS ADULTS ENTERING OUR
13 SHELTER HAVE DRUG AND/OR ALCOHOL ADDICTION ISSUES. THERE ARE
14 VERY FEW DETOX BEDS AVAILABLE. AND WE ESTIMATE IN OUR
15 ESTIMATION THAT WE NEED AT LEAST TWO --

16 THE COURT: AND SUPERVISOR -- SUPERVISOR DO, DON'T --
17 I KNOW YOU HAVE OTHER DUTIES, BUT DON'T GO AWAY.

18 I'VE GOT SOME REALLY TOUGH QUESTIONS. AND YOU MAY BE
19 THE ONLY ONE WHO CAN ANSWER THEM.

20 SUPERVISOR DO: OKAY, YOUR HONOR.

21 THE COURT: OKAY.

22 MR. WEST: AND, SO, WE ESTIMATE THAT THERE -- WE NEED
23 AT LEAST --

24 THE COURT: PLEASE.

25 MR. WEST: -- NOT TUSTIN, BUT JUST IN GENERAL, 250 TO

1 500 ADDITIONAL BEDS IN OUR COUNTY.

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 MR. WEST: SO, WITH THAT BEING SAID, I DO WANT TO
4 EXTEND APPRECIATION TO THE COURT IN THIS PROCESS. LIKE I SAID,
5 I BELIEVE TUSTIN HAS BEEN A LEADER IN THIS SPACE. WE'VE BEEN
6 DOING IT FOR SEVERAL YEARS, IF NOT A COUPLE OF DECADES, IN
7 ADDRESSING HOMELESSNESS AND TRANSITIONAL HOUSING.

8 I WANT TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION TO THE CITIZENS OF
9 TUSTIN.

10 THE COURT: YEAH.

11 MR. WEST: AS MUCH AS THEY CAME OUT IN OPPOSITION,
12 YOU ALWAYS HEAR THAT THEY'RE NIMBS. AND YOU THINK THEY'RE NOT
13 GOING TO WANT IT ANYWHERE.

14 THE COURT: YEAH.

15 MR. WEST: BUT IN REALITY WHEN WE PIVOTED TO A NEW
16 SITE, WE HAD THEIR FULL SUPPORT. AND WE APPRECIATE THAT.

17 ALSO, TO 42 ELECTED, APPOINTED AND COMMUNITY LEADERS
18 THAT PARTICIPATED IN THE DRY RUN OF THE SHELTER -- SOME MAY
19 HAVE SEEN THAT IN THE PAPER -- THE MANY PROCESSED THROUGH. ALL
20 OF OUR COUNSEL, ALL OF OUR PLANNING COMMISSION, AND MANY STAYED
21 THE NIGHT.

22 I DO WANT TO EXTEND A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO JASON
23 AUSTIN AND HIS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH TEAM AT THE COUNTY OF ORANGE
24 TO OUR PARTNER, THE CITY NET TEAM. ALL OF MY STAFF HAS BEEN
25 JUST INCREDIBLE.

1 AND THEN TO JIM PALMER AND HIS THOUGHTFUL DEDICATION
2 TO THIS SHELTER.

3 THE COURT: YOU HAVE --

4 MR. WEST: AND I'D BE HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS.

5 THE COURT: YOU HAVE A CONVERSATION THEN QUIETLY WITH
6 RICHARD OR WITH LEON FOR A MOMENT --

7 MR. WEST: SURE.

8 THE COURT: -- SO I CAN GO ON TO THE NEXT.

9 AND I'D LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN GET THAT RESOLVED
10 TODAY. AND IF NOT, THAT'S FINE. I HAVE NO POWER. REMEMBER
11 THAT. BUT I'D LIKE TO SEE IF WE CAN GET THESE WORKED OUT VERY
12 QUICKLY.

13 ALL RIGHT. I'D LIKE TO CALL THE NORTH COUNTY SPA FOR
14 A MOMENT.

15 AND UP TO THIS POINT, FOLKS, WHAT YOU'VE HEARD ARE
16 INDIVIDUAL CITIES.

17 NOW, REMEMBER, THERE'S SOMETHING CALLED "THE UTAH
18 PLAN" WHERE OTHER CITIES HAVE BANDED TOGETHER.

19 AND WHEN WE FIRST STARTED THESE SETTLEMENT
20 NEGOTIATIONS, JUDGE SMITH AND I HAD NO NUMBERS TO WORK WITH.

21 THERE WERE -- THERE WAS NO REAL ACCURACY IN THE
22 COUNTY. AND, SO, WE HAD TO TAKE AN OLD COUNT THAT WAS NOT A
23 GOOD COUNT, QUITE FRANKLY. AND EVERYBODY KNOWS IT'S PROBABLY
24 AN UNDER COUNT. BUT YOU'VE GOT TO WORK WITH THE FIGURES YOU'VE
25 GOT.

1 WE'RE WAITING FOR THE NEW COUNT TO COME OUT THAT
2 SUSAN PRICE HAS ADMIRABLY BEEN WORKING ON IN THE COUNTY. AND
3 THAT WAS AN INCREDIBLE EFFORT BY THE COUNTY AND BY THESE
4 INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS LED BY SUSAN WHO REALLY DESERVES OUR
5 THANKS AND PRAISE.

6 IT WON'T BE A PERFECT COUNT. IT WILL PROBABLY BE AN
7 UNDER COUNT. BUT IT'S -- IT'S WHAT WE'VE GOT TO WORK WITH.
8 AND THOSE ARE THE FIGURES WE SHOULD TAKE.

9 BUT NORTH COUNTY HAS TAKEN A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE.
10 IN OTHER WORDS, THEY'VE TAKEN A SPA-WIDE PERSPECTIVE.

11 AND, SO, I'D LIKE TO TURN THIS OVER.

12 AND WOULD YOU INTRODUCE YOURSELF, RICK.

13 MR. RICK OTTO: YES, YOUR HONOR.

14 I'M RICK OTTO. I'M THE CITY MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF
15 ORANGE.

16 ALTHOUGH, IN THIS CAPACITY I AM THE SPOKESMAN FOR
17 THIS 13-CITY MANAGERS OF THE NORTH SPA. THE NORTH SPA MAKES UP
18 OF 13 CITIES THAT ARE NORTH OF THE 22 FREEWAY.

19 WE HAVE BEEN MEETING AS A GROUP FOR OVER A YEAR AND A
20 HALF, DISCUSSING HOMELESSNESS AND HOW TO ADDRESS IT ON A
21 REGIONAL EFFORT.

22 WE'VE ALSO HAD WONDERFUL COOPERATION WITH THE COUNTY
23 OF ORANGE AS WELL.

24 WHERE WE STAND TODAY IS WE HAVE TWO CITIES THAT HAVE
25 COME FORWARD THAT ARE WORKING ON A SHELTER, A NAVIGATION CENTER

1 FOR EACH OF THEIR CITIES, A 100-BED SHELTER FOR EACH.

2 AND --

3 THE COURT: CAPACITY UP TO 200 FOR EACH.

4 RICK OTTO: UP TO 200. SO, WITH THAT, COMBINED WITH
5 ANAHEIM -- PART OF OUR -- ONE OF OUR PARTNERS --

6 THE COURT: AT 325.

7 RICK OTTO: WE'LL HAVE 725 PUBLIC BEDS IN THE NORTH
8 SPA.

9 THE COURT: DOES EVERYBODY HEAR THAT? -- 725 OUT OF
10 THE NORTH SPA.

11 OKAY.

12 RICK OTTO: THIS HAS BEEN A -- A HEROIC EFFORT IN --
13 AT 13 CITIES, GETTING THEM TO AGREE ON FUNDING, OPERATIONS.

14 AND THE MANAGEMENT GOING FORWARD HAS BEEN AN EFFORT.
15 BUT IT HAS BEEN AN EFFORT THAT HAS BEEN COLLABORATIVE.

16 SO, WITH THAT WE ACTUALLY ARE AT A POINT WHERE WE
17 HAVE -- ALMOST EVERY CITY HAS APPROVED AN MOU THAT GUIDES THE
18 FUNDING AND OPERATIONS OF THE SPA.

19 AS YOU CAN SEE THERE ON THE BOARD. AND WE HAVE --

20 THE COURT: OKAY. NOW, THIS IS A TIMELINE. THIS IS
21 THE -- THESE ARE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS WHICH ARE HARD TO
22 READ FROM EACH CITY.

23 AND THESE ARE THE MOU DATES. OKAY. AND THERE'S 13
24 CITIES THAT WE'RE DEALING WITH OUT IN THIS SPA.

25 CORRECT?

1 RICK OTTO: THAT'S CORRECT.

2 THE COURT: AND THIS IS HARD TO READ, BUT THIS IS
3 PROBABLY GOING TO BE A SPA-WIDE SETTLEMENT. SO, IT'S DIFFERENT
4 NOW THAN SANTA ANA, ANAHEIM, TUSTIN, ORANGE, ET CETERA. THAT'S
5 WHY WE'VE DELAYED SPEAKING ABOUT THOSE CITIES THAT WANT TO GET
6 TOGETHER FOR FINANCIAL REASONS, ET CETERA, THAT ARE SMALLER
7 CITIES THAT WANT TO JOIN TOGETHER.

8 SO, PLEASE, RICK.

9 MR. RICK OTTO: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

10 SO, THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT ACTUALLY IS MODELED
11 AFTER THE ORANGE AND ANAHEIM SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS --

12 THE COURT: RIGHT.

13 MR. RICK OTTO: -- THEY'VE ALREADY REACHED WITH THE
14 PLAINTIFFS.

15 SO, I KNOW OUR LEGAL COUNSEL FOR THE SPA HAS BEEN
16 TALKING WITH THE PLAINTIFFS ON RELATION TO EACH OF THESE
17 INDIVIDUAL SETTLEMENT AGREEMENTS.

18 AS YOU CAN SEE FROM THE TIMELINE, ALMOST EVERY CITY
19 HAS CONCEPTUALLY AGREED ON THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT AS WELL.
20 SO, WE ARE VERY PROUD TO BE WHERE WE STAND TODAY.

21 I WILL SAY THAT BUENA PARK AND PLACENTIA IS HERE IF
22 YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC QUESTIONS ON THE TIMELINE FOR THEIR
23 INDIVIDUAL NAVIGATION CENTERS.

24 BUT THE TIMELINE THAT WE LOOK AT THEM, WE SHOULD SEE
25 THEM OPENING UP BY THE FALL, IF NOT SOMETIME AROUND --

1 THE COURT: ALL I'M ASKING IS BEFORE THE RAINS.

2 MR. RICK OTTO: THAT IS --

3 THE COURT: IN OTHER WORDS, THERE'S NO SPECIFIC DATE.

4 I JUST -- I'M DEATHLY AFRAID OF THAT DEATH TOLL

5 CONTINUING AT THE PRESENT LEVEL BECAUSE OF HYPOTHERMIA. IT'S

6 THE MAIN KILLER. JUST LIKE IN COMBAT. IT'S NOT THE BULLET

7 THAT KILLS YOU. IT'S THE SHOCK. THAT'S HOW WE LOSE TROOPS.

8 SO IT'S THAT RAIN. AND IT'S RAIN COMBINED WITH THE

9 COLD.

10 MR. RICK OTTO: SO, BOTH OF THOSE CITIES -- IN FACT,

11 PLACENTIA IS -- THEIR SHELTER IS BEING CONSIDERED TONIGHT. AND

12 BUENA PARK IS NEXT TUESDAY.

13 THE COURT: OKAY.

14 I WANT TO THANK YOU. I'M GOING TO LEAVE THAT IN YOUR

15 HANDS UNLESS CAROL OR BROOKE HAVE QUESTIONS, ET CETERA.

16 BUT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING VERY WELL WITH NORTH.

17 YOU'VE GOT A SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT THAT YOU'VE ENTERED

18 INTO ALREADY. THESE ARE THE MOU'S ET CETERA. BUT THE COURT IS

19 WIDE OPEN.

20 AND IS THERE AN INTERCESSION THAT EITHER ONE OF YOU

21 NEED WITH THE COURT? BECAUSE I'VE BEEN MORE THAN SATISFIED.

22 AND I'VE BACKED AWAY.

23 MS. SOBEL: WE HAVE SENT A -- AN EMAIL TO GARY

24 KRANKER FOR NORTH SPA. AND WE HAVE SOME QUESTIONS WE'D LIKE TO

25 HAVE -- YOU KNOW, TALK TO THEM ABOUT BEFORE WE SIGN OFF. AND I

1 ALSO -- ONE OF THE QUESTIONS WAS PRETTY MUCH ANSWERED FOR ME BY
2 DAN YOUNG IN THE HALLWAY BEFORE.

3 THE COURT: OKAY. THEN THAT'S A GOOD CHANCE TO GET
4 TOGETHER. WE'RE NOT DEALING WITH HEARSAY ANYMORE.

5 THE WHOLE COUNTY IS HEARING WHERE EVERYBODY ELSE IS.
6 BECAUSE I'VE HEARD SOME OUTLANDISH HEARSAY RUNNING
7 AROUND THIS COUNTY ABOUT WHAT'S SUPPOSEDLY HAPPENING. SO, YOU
8 ARE FIRSHAND RECIPIENTS NOW. OKAY.

9 OKAY. RICKY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

10 MR. RICK OTTO: ALL RIGHT. JUST ONE LAST THING IN
11 CLOSING, THAT I'M HERE WITH THE -- THE OTHER 13 CITY MANAGERS.

12 THE COURT: YEAH. WOULD YOU STAND UP FOR A MOMENT.

13 BECAUSE WE'VE HAD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS THAT THE
14 COUNTY WASN'T AWARE OF --

15 MR. RICK OTTO: AND THE MAYORS AS WELL --

16 THE COURT: -- AND THERE'S --

17 (APPLAUSE.)

18 MR. RICK OTTO: -- THE MAYORS AND COUNCIL MEMBERS ARE
19 HERE.

20 THE COURT: I JUST WANT TO PERSONALLY THANK YOU VERY,
21 VERY MUCH.

22 (APPLAUSE.)

23 THE COURT: OKAY. THIS IS A --

24 BUT I'M -- BUT I'M GOING TO ASK YOU TO STICK AROUND.
25 THERE ARE A FEW MORE SURPRISES THAT ARE GOING TO AFFECT YOUR

1 CITIES IN JUST A MOMENT. AND THIS IS A -- ONCE A YEAR. AND
2 THAT'S THE END OF IT.

3 MR. KRANKER: YOUR HONOR --

4 THE COURT: BUT THERE'S MORE TO COME. TRUST ME.

5 MR. KRANKER: YOUR HONOR, IF WE MIGHT HAVE A COUPLE
6 OF MINUTES OF YOURS AND JUDGE SMITH'S TIME WITH PLAINTIFF'S
7 COUNSEL TO GO OVER THE ISSUES SO THAT WE CAN GET EVERYTHING
8 IRONED OUT --

9 THE COURT: ABSOLUTELY.

10 MR. KRANKER: -- MAYBE WALK AWAY TODAY WITH A
11 SETTLEMENT.

12 THE COURT: BUT I'M NOT GOING TO KEEP THE FOLKS.
13 CAN YOU COME BACK AT MIDNIGHT TONIGHT?

14 MR. KRANKER: ABSOLUTELY.

15 THE COURT: OKAY. GREAT.

16 (LAUGHTER.)

17 THE COURT: COURT WILL BE OPEN. BUT RIGHT
18 AFTERWARDS, IF YOU CAN STICK AROUND, I'D REALLY APPRECIATE IT.
19 BUT I WANT TO GET THESE CITY OFFICIALS AND COUNTY OFFICIALS
20 BACK.

21 AND WE'VE GOT TWO MORE REALLY HOT-BUTTON ISSUES
22 THAT'S GOING TO TOUCH A LOT OF EMOTION IN THIS. OKAY.

23 OKAY.

24 MR. RICK OTTO: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: IF ORANGE IS HERE, SO BE IT. BUT YOU'VE

1 BEEN EXEMPLARY. I REALLY HAVE NO -- NO QUESTIONS UNLESS YOU
2 WANT TO MAKE A PRESENTATION. YOU'VE BEEN EXEMPLARY.

3 I WANT TO TALK TO SALVATION ARMY FOR A MOMENT BECAUSE
4 HERE'S WHAT THE PUBLIC DOESN'T CARE ABOUT.

5 APPARENTLY, THE PUBLIC CAN BECOME ENAMORED WITH
6 VETERANS. AND THE PUBLIC IS ENAMORED WITH WOMEN. THOSE ARE
7 THE EASY SELLS. GUESS WHO ISN'T AN EASY SELL TO THE PUBLIC?
8 MALES. LET ME SAY IT AGAIN. WE'RE DISCARDABLE. NOBODY CARES
9 ABOUT US.

10 (LAUGHTER.)

11 THE COURT: AND, SO, THAT -- THAT'S THE TOUGHER GROUP
12 IN A SENSE. THAT'S THE PUBLIC -- THAT'S WHERE THE PUBLIC
13 SYMPATHY STOPS IN A SENSE. BUT THAT'S THE VERY GROUP THAT WE
14 NEED TO DEAL WITH, FATHER.

15 RIGHT?

16 THE FATHER: YES.

17 THE COURT: THAT'S -- THAT'S OUR GROUP.

18 AND, SO, I WANT TO WELCOME TWO JUST OUTSTANDING
19 PEOPLE.

20 INTRODUCE YOURSELVES, BILL NELSON.

21 CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON: CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON FROM
22 THE SALVATION ARMY.

23 MR. BEN HURSE: BEN -- BEN HURSE, DIRECTOR OF PARTNER
24 RELATIONS, SALVATION ARMY.

25 THE COURT: AND, LOU, GO USE THE RESTROOM, BUT PLEASE

1 DON'T LEAVE FOR A MOMENT. OKAY. IT'S GOING TO GET REAL
2 INTERESTING IN A MOMENT.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I'VE GOT A PLANE TO CATCH.
4 NO?

5 THE COURT: NO.

6 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: OKAY.

7 THE COURT: CANCEL IT, IF YOU CAN.

8 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: THANK YOU.

9 THE COURT: I'LL -- WE HAVE A JUDICIAL HELICOPTER
10 THAT WILL GET YOU THERE.

11 (LAUGHTER.)

12 THE COURT: OKAY. HERE WE GO.

13 YOU'RE 225 OUT THERE. YOU'RE PART OF ANAHEIM'S
14 QUOTA. THEY'VE GOT A HUNDRED OUT IN WHAT I CALL THE PIANO BAR
15 NEXT TO THE BURLESQUE PLACE. I'M JUST KIDDING YOU. BUT NEXT
16 TO KRAMER.

17 AND WHAT'S YOUR CAPACITY RIGHT NOW?

18 CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON: SO, JUDGE, AT THE -- AT THE
19 CURRENT MOMENT IS WE'VE GOT 156 MEN IN OUR FACILITY AT ANAHEIM.

20 AND WE HAVE -- OUT OF THAT WE ARE AT 190 TOTAL. THAT
21 INCLUDES WOMEN AND COUPLES. WE AT THIS POINT HAVE NO MORE ROOM
22 FOR COUPLES. WE'RE FULL, COUPLES. WE HAVE ABOUT 24 SPOTS LEFT
23 FOR MEN.

24 AND WE HAVE --

25 THE COURT: THAT'S WHAT WE DON'T HAVE ROOM FOR

1 ANYMORE. THAT'S YOUR FACE OF WHAT IS FRIGHTENING THE PUBLIC.
2 THE CRIMINALS, LOCK THEM UP. BUT YOU'VE GOT SO MANY PEOPLE OUT
3 THERE THAT NEED HELP, THEY'RE THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF WHAT YOU
4 WANT TO THINK, AND WHAT I THOUGHT FRANKLY WHEN WE STARTED.

5 THAT'S WHAT YOU'VE GOT OUT THERE.

6 CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON: THAT'S CORRECT, JUDGE.

7 UNFORTUNATELY, THE CHALLENGE IS THERE ARE A LOT OF
8 CHILDREN WHO ARE IMPACTED BY HOMELESSNESS.

9 THE COURT: YEAH.

10 CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON: AND THEY ARE REALLY THE
11 ACCURATE FACE OF HOMELESSNESS IN THE COUNTY.

12 THE COURT: OKAY.

13 I WANT TO THANK YOU. AND I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR
14 ESPECIALLY DEALING WITH OUR MEN.

15 AND BACK IN SUPERIOR COURT WHEN I WAS A SUPERVISING
16 JUDGE, YOU WERE THE ONLY GAME IN TOWN IN THE 1980'S. SO,
17 YOU'VE BEEN LONG-STANDING IN TERMS OF THE SALVATION ARMY. AND
18 WE'RE GOING TO CONTINUE TO WORK WITH YOU.

19 WE ALSO HOPE TO GET YOU SOME MONEY.

20 CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON: WELL, JUDGE, WE -- WE HAVE
21 GREAT PARTNERS. AND WE ARE COMMITTED. NOT JUST TO THE CITY OF
22 ANAHEIM, WHICH HAVE BEEN A GREAT PARTNER WITH US. BUT WE'RE
23 COMMITTED TO ALL OF ORANGE COUNTY.

24 THE SALVATION ARMY HAS -- HAS COMMITTED ITSELF -- AS
25 WE'VE ALREADY SHARED WITH YOU -- TO BRING ALL OF OUR RESOURCES

1 ACROSS THE UNITED STATES TO WORK WITH THE COUNTY OF ORANGE IN
2 DEALING WITH THE HOMELESS CRISIS. WE'RE READY TO STAND AND DO
3 WHATEVER IS REQUIRED.

4 THE COURT: OKAY. AND YOU'RE ON THE SPEED DIAL,
5 ALSO. YOU'VE GOT MY HOME NUMBER AND MY CELL NUMBER.

6 CAPTAIN NELSON KISSON: WE DO.

7 THE COURT: OKAY.

8 I'M GOING TO ASK HUNTINGTON BEACH.

9 NOW, CAROL, I DIDN'T TALK TO YOU ABOUT HUNTINGTON
10 BEACH. THEY'RE NOT A PARTY TO THIS LAWSUIT.

11 I DIDN'T CONSULT WITH YOU ON THIS NOR ASK YOUR
12 PERMISSION OR THE COUNTY'S PERMISSION.

13 ANDREW DO, SUPERVISOR DO HAD ASKED ME ONE TIME WHAT
14 WAS HAPPENING WITH HUNTINGTON BEACH. AND QUITE FRANKLY, I
15 COULDN'T TELL HIM. I KEEP CONFIDENCES PRETTY -- PRETTY WELL.

16 SO, I APOLOGIZE WHEN YOU ASKED THAT. I JUST -- IT'S
17 IN YOUR DISTRICT. AND I JUST IGNORED THE QUESTION. I COULD
18 TELL YOU ABOUT SANTA ANA, ET CETERA. BUT AT NORM'S RESTAURANT
19 AT SIX O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING -- HOPEFULLY, YOU WERE BUYING THE
20 COFFEE. BUT I -- I COULDN'T SHARE THIS WITH YOU.

21 PLEASE.

22 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

23 THE COURT: AND WE TALKED AS RECENTLY AS WHAT? WELL,
24 THIS MORNING. BUT, ALSO, SUNDAY NIGHT.

25 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: WELL, THIS MORNING AND --

1 THE COURT: SUNDAY.

2 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: AND -- WHAT? -- SIX WEEKS AGO WE
3 MET.

4 THE COURT: YEAH, SIX MONTHS AGO. AND SUNDAY.

5 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: THAT'S ABOUT. SO, I'M A LITTLE
6 LATE TO THE PARTY HERE, I GUESS.

7 BUT I CAN TELL YOU WHAT HUNTINGTON BEACH HAS BEEN
8 DOING FOR HOMELESS AND OUR STEPS FORWARD.

9 SO, FOR YEARS WE'VE HAD A HOMELESS TASK FORCE FROM
10 OUR POLICE DEPARTMENT.

11 THE COURT: YEAH.

12 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: WE HAVE TWO FULL-TIME POLICE
13 OFFICERS. WE HAVE THREE TO FOUR CASE WORKERS.

14 THE COURT: AND THEN THERE'S THE CHIEF, TOO. HE'S
15 BEEN INSTRUMENTAL --

16 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: CHIEF ROB HANDY.

17 THE COURT: -- IN THIS DISCUSSION.

18 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: RIGHT HERE.

19 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

20 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: AND LAST YEAR ALONE, OVER 160
21 PEOPLE. WE'VE CONNECTED WITH COUNTY SERVICES WITH PERMANENT
22 HOUSING. THIS IS ALL WITHOUT A SHELTER.

23 WE GO OUT AND INTERFACE WITH OUR HOMELESS COMMUNITY
24 ON A DAILY BASIS. THAT'S THE TASK OF THIS HOMELESS TASK FORCE.
25 THAT'S ALL THEY DO.

1 THE ONE PIECE WE HAVE BEEN MISSING IS SHELTER. OUR
2 CONVERSATIONS WE'VE HAD IS US TRYING TO FIGURE FINANCING,
3 LOCATION, ALL OF THAT.

4 HUNTINGTON BEACH DOES NOT HAVE A LOT OF VACANCY. WE
5 DON'T HAVE LAND. WE DO HAVE LAND IN WESTMINSTER WE CAN BUILD
6 IN. BUT I DON'T THINK THEY'D LIKE THAT.

7 THE COURT: NO.

8 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: SO, WE'VE BEEN LOOKING DILIGENTLY
9 FOR THE LAST SIX WEEKS. LAST NIGHT WE HAD A FIRE AND BRIMSTONE
10 MEETING BECAUSE WE DID HAVE A POTENTIAL SITE. BUT IT WAS
11 REALLY THE WRONG SITE, JUDGE.

12 THE COURT: YEAH.

13 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: IT WAS AGAINST A SCHOOL --

14 THE COURT: SO, YOU -- LET'S STOP THERE.

15 WE WERE REALLY CLOSE TO CAROL PRESENTING YOU A
16 SETTLEMENT. THEY RAN INTO THE SAME PROBLEMS THAT TUSTIN DID
17 AND COSTA MESA.

18 AND WHILE WE'RE WORKING TOGETHER THE COURT IS GOING
19 TO WORK IN GOOD FAITH.

20 SO, LET'S JUST LEAVE THE CONVERSATION RIGHT THERE FOR
21 THE TIME BEING UNLESS --

22 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: WELL, I WILL TELL YOU ONE THING,
23 JUDGE.

24 THE COURT: YEAH.

25 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: WE HAVE A WILLING COUNCIL --

1 THE COURT: RIGHT.

2 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: -- RIGHT NOW.

3 THE COURT: YEAH.

4 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: SO, WE ARE GOING FORWARD WITH
5 STAFF. WE'RE LOOKING AT DIFFERENT OPTIONS.

6 THE COURT: YEAH.

7 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: POSSIBLY PURCHASE.

8 THIS WILL ALL BE IN TWO WEEKS. WE'LL HAVE ANOTHER
9 COUNCIL MEETING.

10 THE COURT: RIGHT.

11 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: AND WE'LL BE GOING OVER IT
12 PUBLICLY AND DOING PUBLIC OUTREACH BETWEEN NOW AND THEN.

13 THE COURT: SO, CAROL, WE MAY BE APPROACHING YOU.
14 THE MAYOR AND I MAY BE COMING TO YOU, ET CETERA, IN GOOD FAITH.

15 BUT RIGHT NOW I WANT TO TELL YOU -- AND TRANSPARENTLY
16 -- THAT WE KEPT YOU OUT OF THOSE CONVERSATIONS.

17 I DON'T WANT THE BICKERING TO START, ET CETERA. AND
18 WHEN THEY'RE TRYING TO STEP UP TO THE DEGREE THAT I THINK
19 HUNTINGTON BEACH IS, THEN, THE MAYOR AND I ARE WORKING EX PARTE
20 RIGHT NOW.

21 AND IF YOU HAVE ANY OBJECTIONS, TELL ME. BUT I THINK
22 IT'S IN EVERYBODY'S BEST INTEREST. IT'S QUITE A -- QUITE A
23 REFRESHING CONVERSATION WE'VE HAD.

24 WE'RE BOTH MARINES. SO, WE UNDERSTAND BUTTING HEADS.
25 AND IT'S BEEN HELPFUL.

1 MS. SOBEL: I'M A JERSEY GIRL. AND I UNDERSTAND
2 BUTTING HEADS.

3 (LAUGHTER.)

4 THE COURT: LET'S LEAVE IT AT THAT SO THAT WE DON'T
5 GET IN ANY FURTHER --

6 MAYOR ERIK PETERS: THANK YOU.

7 THE COURT: YEAH, JERRY. THANKS VERY MUCH. YOU'VE
8 GOT -- YOU'VE GOT THE HOME NUMBER.

9 OKAY. NOW, THERE'S A NUMBER OF OTHER CITIES I'M
10 WORKING WITH. I'M NOT GOING TO DISCLOSE THOSE. THAT'S IN
11 CONFIDENCE SO FAR. THOSE CITIES DON'T WANT TO COME FORWARD.

12 BUT I WANT TO START, FATHER CHRIS, WITH A QUESTION
13 YOU ASKED.

14 HEY, JUDGE CARTER, LOOK, YOU SAY 60 PERCENT. WHY 60
15 PERCENT WHEN YOU SHOULD BE CARING FOR ALL THE HOMELESS.

16 SO, ACCORDING TO BRAZON'S OPINION IN THE IDAHO BOISE
17 CASE, IF WE HAVE 2700 HOMELESS, WE SHOULD HAVE 2700 BED SPACES.

18 AND CAROL AND THE ACLU CAME TO ME. AND YOU SAID YOU
19 WANTED 81 PERCENT BECAUSE THAT WAS THE NUMBER LEGITIMATELY THAT
20 WE GOT OFF THE RIVER OF THE PEOPLE IN THE ENCAMPMENT.

21 BUT, LEON, YOU CAME TO ME AT THAT TIME AND THE
22 COUNTY, AND YOU SAID, NO, IT SHOULD BE 60 PERCENT.

23 AND IN THOSE DISCUSSIONS WAY BACK WHEN, THE COURT WAS
24 HAVING TO CHOOSE WHEN WE HAD NO NUMBERS TO WORK WITH WHAT WAS
25 THE APPROPRIATE NUMBER.

1 AND SUPERVISOR DO, I TALKED TO YOU ABOUT THAT, ALSO.

2 AND I CHOSE 60 PERCENT FOR THIS REASON.

3 WE WERE ALL GUESSING IN THOSE DAYS. WE HAD NO GOOD
4 FIGURES TO WORK WITH.

5 BUT A HUNDRED PERCENT -- IF YOU HAVE 2700 PEOPLE ON
6 THE RIVER, FATHER, 2700 PEOPLE ARE NOT GOING TO SEEK SHELTERS.

7 DON'T -- LET ME SAY IT AGAIN JUST BLUNTLY TO YOU.

8 OKAY. YOU'RE A GREAT ADVOCATE. GOD BLESS YOU. BUT THEY'RE
9 NOT SEEKING SHELTER. A PERCENTAGE OF THOSE PEOPLE ARE SEEKING
10 SHELTER.

11 SO, IF YOU FIND FAULT, FIND FAULT WITH ME. I'M
12 SAYING THAT TRANSPARENTLY. BECAUSE I CHOSE THE NUMBER OF 60
13 PERCENT FOR THIS REASON. IT WAS ARBITRARY. IT WASN'T THE
14 COUNTY, ET CETERA.

15 I WENT TO CAROL. SHE WASN'T PLEASED WITH THE COURT.
16 THAT'S MY RESPONSIBILITY. SO THAT THE CRITICISM, IT'S HERE.

17 AND WHAT I SAID IS YOU KNOW SOMETHING. I THINK 60
18 PERCENT IS REASONABLE FOR THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY. BECAUSE
19 WHEN WE LOOKED AT THE RIVER WE HAD A THOUSAND PEOPLE BASICALLY
20 WHO SAT ON THE RIVER AND WAITED DOCILELY WAITING FOR MOTEL
21 ROOMS.

22 BUT WE HAD SEEN HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE WALK AWAY IN THAT
23 TWO-PERIOD OF TIME THAT WE WERE GIVING NOTICE. SO, THAT'S MY
24 FAULT.

25 NOW, FROM NOW ON, I'M GOING TO FOLLOW THE LAW. I'M

1 KEEPING MY WORD AT 60 PERCENT BECAUSE I GAVE MY WORD AS A
2 JUDGE. OKAY. BUT IF IT'S A HUNDRED PERCENT FROM NOW ON, I'VE
3 GOT TO MAKE UP MY MIND WHETHER JUDGE BRAZON IS RIGHT AND, YOU
4 KNOW, TAKE THE CHANCE OF BEING CRITICIZED FOR NOT FOLLOWING THE
5 LAW. BUT I'M CONVINCED THAT THERE'S SOME KIND OF DISCOUNT.
6 AND I HUMBLY TELL YOU I DON'T KNOW THE DISCOUNT.

7 I DON'T KNOW IF I'VE GOT A HUNDRED PEOPLE OUT THERE,
8 AND 20 PEOPLE ARE GOING TO CHOOSE TO GO TO JAIL OR MIGRATE TO
9 ANOTHER CITY. BUT I'LL DO MY BEST TO GET YOU THE NUMBERS AND
10 THE SHELTER YOU NEED.

11 UNDERSTOOD? SO, FIND FAULT WITH ME.

12 THE FATHER: COULD I JUST ADD HERE THAT THE OTHER 40
13 PERCENT DON'T DISAPPEAR.

14 THE COURT: I'M SORRY? SPEAK UP.

15 THE FATHER: THE OTHER 40 PERCENT DON'T DISAPPEAR.

16 THE COURT: DON'T GET WHAT?

17 THE FATHER: THEY DON'T DISAPPEAR.

18 THE COURT: RIGHT.

19 THE FATHER: THEY CONTINUE TO EXIST. AND I JUST
20 THINK THAT THE -- I HONESTLY THINK THAT IF THE -- IF THE
21 SHELTERS WERE HUMANELY -- AND SOME OF THEM, YOU KNOW, NOW
22 COMING DOWN THE LINE REALLY ARE QUITE GOOD --

23 THE COURT: YEAH.

24 THE FATHER: -- THAT YOU'D GET --

25 THE COURT: WELL, THEY'RE ALL FROM THE CITY SO FAR.

1 THE FATHER: -- A LOT MORE PEOPLE -- I MEAN, THAT'S
2 THERE AN ASSUMPTION HERE -- AND I'VE HEARD THIS ACROSS IN THESE
3 TWO YEARS I'VE BEEN INVOLVED IN THIS -- THAT PEOPLE WON'T GO
4 WILLINGLY TO THE SHELTERS.

5 THE COURT: NO, NO. FATHER, JUST A MOMENT. SEE,
6 THERE'S WHERE YOU AND I AGREE AND DISAGREE NOW.

7 I'M LISTENING TO YOUR NUMBERS AND I'M BUYING IN.

8 THERE ARE A PERCENTAGE OF PEOPLE -- AND I'M GOING TO
9 BE BLUNT WITH YOU JUST LIKE I AM WITH THE PLAINTIFFS AND THE
10 DEFENDANTS.

11 THERE ARE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE WHO WILL NOT GO INTO
12 OUR SHELTERS WHO ARE GOING TO MIGRATE AND SLEEP UNDER THE
13 STARS, UNFORTUNATELY. AND FOR THAT GROUP, I -- I CAN'T BE OF
14 ANY HELP. THERE ARE SOME PEOPLE WHO ARE JUST GOING TO END UP
15 GOING TO JAIL.

16 NOW, I'LL DO MY BEST.

17 THE FATHER: PERHAPS.

18 THE COURT: BUT WHAT I DIDN'T WANT WAS THE CRITICISM
19 TO FALL ON THE CITIES OR THE COUNTY.

20 THE FATHER: YEAH. OKAY. THAT YOU CAME UP WITH THE
21 60 PERCENT --

22 THE COURT: I'M THE ONE WHO HAS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF
23 COMING UP WITH THAT NUMBER. BUT I PROMISE YOU I'LL DO MY BEST
24 TO GET THE APPROPRIATE NUMBERS OUT THERE. OKAY.

25 THE FATHER: OKAY. I --

1 THE COURT: I PROMISE YOU THAT.

2 THE FATHER: YEAH. BUT I'D SAY -- BUT I'M JUST -- I
3 THINK THAT WE'RE -- WE'RE JUST SIMPLY SELLING OUT OR THROWING
4 DOWN THE RIVER FOLKS THAT, YOU KNOW, THAT REALLY DON'T DESERVE
5 THIS.

6 YOU KNOW, WE CREATED THAT PETITION. AND IT WAS
7 PUBLISHED IN VOICE OF O.C., RIGHT -- ON MAKING THE SHELTERS
8 BETTER.

9 IT'S CLEAR AS DAY TO ME THAT A LOT OF FOLKS WON'T GO
10 INTO A SHELTER BECAUSE THEY -- BECAUSE OF THEIR STUFF, FOR
11 INSTANCE.

12 THE COURT: NO. I UNDERSTAND THAT.

13 THE FATHER: AND IT COULD BE --

14 THE COURT: AND A LOT OF THEM HAVE RELATIONSHIPS --

15 THE FATHER: -- TALKED -- THEY COULD BE TALKED DOWN
16 TO THAT. AND, ACTUALLY, IT WAS JOSE MORENO, THE CITY
17 COUNCILMAN FROM ANAHEIM THAT ACTUALLY DID TALK TO ME AT ONE
18 POINT -- I WAS LIKE WHY WOULD HE WANT TO TALK TO ME. HE WANTED
19 TO TALK TO ME.

20 AND WE WERE TALKING ABOUT, YOU KNOW, THAT -- THAT --
21 THIS THING THAT ANAHEIM HAD THE EXPERIENCE THAT THEY USED TO
22 HAVE A LOCKER SYSTEM IN THE PARKS.

23 AND THEY -- AND HE NOTED THAT BEFORE THE LOCKER
24 SYSTEM THERE WAS AN ENCAMPMENT IN LA PALMA PARK OR WHAT HAVE
25 YOU. THEN WHEN THEY PUT UP THE LOCKERS, THERE WAS NO

1 ENCAMPMENT --

2 THE COURT: OKAY.

3 THE FATHER: AND THEN AFTERWARDS WHEN THEY TOOK DOWN
4 THE LOCKERS THERE'S AN ENCAMPMENT AGAIN.

5 AND, SO, I MEAN, YOU HAVE -- IN THERE YOU HAVE AN
6 ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF PEOPLE.

7 THEN HONESTLY, YOU KNOW, I'D EVEN GO AND SAY THAT
8 EVEN IF YOU DON'T HAVE SHELTERS, THEN, HAVE DAY CENTERS.
9 BECAUSE I THINK -- BECAUSE, AGAIN, THE PEOPLE DON'T DISAPPEAR.
10 THEY HAVE TO GO SOMEWHERE.

11 THE COURT: NO, I AGREE WITH YOU.

12 THE FATHER: SO, THEY END UP IN THE PARKS AND, YOU
13 KNOW --

14 THE COURT: BUT, FATHER, HERE'S WHAT I'M DOING.
15 ISN'T IT REFRESHING. I'M ACCEPTING --

16 THE FATHER: I KNOW. THANK YOU.

17 THE COURT: -- THE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE 60 PERCENT.
18 IT FALLS ON MY SHOULDERS.

19 UNDERSTOOD?

20 THE FATHER: I -- OKAY. I --

21 THE COURT: SO, I DON'T WANT YOU TO THINK --

22 THE FATHER: OKAY -- IT'S A FAIR ENOUGH --

23 THE COURT: AND CAROL PUSHED BACK, ALSO. DON'T WORRY
24 ABOUT THAT.

25 BUT I WANT IT TO BE VERY CLEAR THAT I HAD TO

1 ARBITRARILY PICK THAT NUMBER. AND I THOUGHT THAT THE COUNTY'S
2 NUMBER WAS BETTER AT THE TIME. I COULD BE WRONG.

3 HERE'S WHAT I THINK IS GOING TO HAPPEN. I THINK
4 UNFORTUNATELY AND HOPEFULLY 50 PERCENT OF THE PEOPLE -- AND I'M
5 GOING TO USE THAT ROUGH GUESSTIMATE -- ARE STILL GOING TO GO
6 INTO SHELTER. I THINK 20 OR 30 PERCENT, BETWEEN THE PARK BENCH
7 AND THE PATROL CAR ARE THEN GOING TO GO INTO SHELTER. AND
8 WE'RE GOING TO GET SOME DROP-OUT RATE. I AM ABSOLUTELY
9 CONVINCED -- WHETHER IT'S 10, 15 OR 20 PERCENT OR 30 PERCENT,
10 THAT THERE IS A GROUP WHO ARE NEVER GOING TO GO INTO SHELTER.
11 AND THAT'S WHERE YOU AND I DISAGREE. THAT'S WHERE WE DISAGREE.

12 AND THEY'RE GOING TO MIGRATE. AND UNFORTUNATELY FOR
13 THE CITIES WHO CANNOT ENFORCE -- UNFORTUNATELY -- IT'S GOING TO
14 HAVE A TREMENDOUS REPERCUSSION. AND IT ALREADY HAS HAD OUT IN
15 COSTA MESA WHEN SANTA ANA ENFORCED. AND IT'S GOING TO -- AND
16 IT STARTED TO HAVE IT OUT IN TUSTIN.

17 THE FATHER: YEAH.

18 THE COURT: NOW, THAT YOU'RE ENFORCING, ET CETERA.
19 AND IT'S UNINTENDED. BUT IT'S OCCURRING.

20 NOW, I'M GOING TO COME BACK TO YOU AND TALK IN JUST A
21 MOMENT --

22 THE FATHER: OKAY. SURE.

23 THE COURT: BECAUSE I'M NOT GOING TO SUCK ALL THE
24 OXYGEN OUT OF THE ROOM WITH YOU RIGHT NOW.

25 THE FATHER: OKAY. THANK YOU.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. YOU AND I JUST DISAGREE ON THAT.

2 THE FATHER: SURE. OKAY.

3 THE COURT: AND I WANT TO KNOW I ARBITRARILY PICKED
4 THAT NUMBER. OKAY.

5 THE FATHER: THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6 THE COURT: MY FAULT.

7 THE FATHER: THANK YOU. NO, NO. THANKS FOR TAKING
8 THE --

9 THE COURT: OR MY RESPONSIBILITY.

10 THE FATHER: YOU'RE --

11 THE COURT: AND I'M GOING TO WORK WITH YOU. WE'RE
12 GOING TO GET THAT SHELTER. AND WE'RE GOING TO GET IT APPROVED.

13 THE FATHER: YOU KNOW, IT'S -- IT'S REFRESHING TO SEE
14 SOMEONE -- YOU KNOW, THAT THE BUCK STOPS SOMEWHERE.

15 THE COURT: WELL, I DON'T KNOW --

16 THE FATHER: BECAUSE YOU PASS THEM AROUND --

17 THE COURT: I'M RIGHT OVER THERE WITH JUDGE SMITH --

18 THE FATHER: YEAH.

19 (LAUGHTER.)

20 THE COURT: -- HE'S DOING GREAT. OKAY.

21 ALL RIGHT.

22 OKAY. NOW, I'M GOING TO RAISE SOME TOUGH QUESTIONS
23 WITH THE COUNTY. OKAY.

24 YOU DON'T HAVE TO ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS, BUT YOU'RE
25 THE -- YOU'RE THE BOARD. AND I WANT TO SHOW YOU SOMETHING

1 THAT'S HAPPENED IN THE PAST. THIS IS NOT YOU. THIS IS NOT
2 YOU. UNDERSTOOD.

3 BUT WE'VE BEEN PLAYING SMALL BALL. AND IF I WANT TO
4 TAKE A LOT OF TIME, I CAN SHOW HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS
5 THAT OUR COUNTY HAS WALKED AWAY FROM IN AVAILABLE HOUSING.

6 AND MY ONE QUESTION TO YOU IS ARE YOU IN THE FUTURE
7 -- AMONGST YOURSELVES -- NOT HERE PUBLICLY -- WILLING TO STEP
8 UP AND START APPLYING FOR FEDERAL AND STATE MONIES.

9 AND I'M JUST GOING TO SHOW YOU ONE FIGURE.

10 AND COULD YOU HELP ME. AND I'M GOING TO START WITH
11 NO PLACE LIKE HOME. BINGO.

12 OH, BY THE WAY, THIS IS WHAT THE COUNTY LOOKS LIKE
13 RIGHT NOW. AND -- AND I HAVEN'T PUT HUNTINGTON BEACH UP THERE
14 YET. ALTHOUGH, I KNOW PRETTY MUCH, YOU KNOW -- I HAVEN'T PUT
15 ANOTHER COUPLE CITIES UP HERE. BUT THIS IS PRETTY MUCH WHAT
16 THE CITY LOOKS LIKE IN TERMS OF SETTLEMENTS AND/OR MOU'S AND
17 SETTLEMENTS ESPECIALLY FROM THE NORTH SPA, WHICH ARE IN GREEN,
18 WHICH WILL BE ON. OKAY.

19 AND YOU'RE WELCOME TO ANY OF THESE -- ANY OF THESE AT
20 ANY TIME.

21 I WANT TO START WITH NO PLACE LIKE HOME.

22 OKAY. NOW, IF YOU CAN FOLLOW THIS DIZZYING DISPLAY
23 OF THE ASSEMBLY IN CALIFORNIA -- WITH GREAT RESPECT TO KAREN
24 QUIRK-SILVA -- IN 2004 WE PASSED PROPOSITION 63, AKA, YOU CAN
25 CALL IT "THE MENTAL SERVICES HEALTH ACT."

1 SO, REMEMBER EVERY TIME I ATTACH A NEW NAME, IT'S
2 GOING TO GET MORE CONFUSING FOR YOU.

3 NOW, THIS WAS A MILLIONAIRE'S TAX, IF YOU WILL. IF
4 YOU MADE A MILLION DOLLARS -- WHICH EVERYBODY IN THE ROOM DOES
5 -- YOU'RE GOING TO GIVE EXTRA TAXES TO US.

6 (LAUGHTER.)

7 THE COURT: AND IT WAS GOING TO RAISE 1.5 TO 2.5
8 BILLION PER YEAR.

9 AND THEN THE LEGISLATURE IN 2016 CAME BACK AND SAID
10 NO, NO. WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOMETHING CALLED "NO PLACE LIKE
11 HOME." ITS A GREAT LABEL, RIGHT? BUT WE'RE GOING TO BORROW
12 ABOUT \$2 BILLION FROM PROPOSITION 63, WHICH IS ALSO CALLED THE
13 MENTAL SERVICES HEALTH ACT. AND THEN THERE WAS PUSH-BACK FROM
14 THE COURT. AND THEN YOU GOT PROPOSITION 2. AND BY THE TIME
15 YOU'RE DONE UNDERSTANDING THAT, YOU'VE GOT TO BE HALF NUTS.
16 YOU'VE GOT NO LIFE. I MEAN, IT'S REALLY A BUREAUCRATIC
17 NIGHTMARE TO FOLLOW IT.

18 BUT HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENED IN OUR COUNTY WITH NO
19 DISRESPECT TO THIS BOARD. WE'VE GOT 2 BILLION IN BOND
20 PROCEEDS. THE PURPOSE IS TO ACQUIRE, DESIGN, CONSTRUCT, RENEW
21 OR PRESERVE PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR PEOPLE IN NEED OF
22 MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES WHO ARE EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS AND
23 WHO ARE AT RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. AND THE COUNTIES ARE ELIGIBLE
24 TO APPLY FOR FUNDING.

25 NOW, WHAT YOU DON'T KNOW IS UNDER THE MENTAL HEALTH

1 SERVICES ACT YOU DON'T GET A HUNDRED PERCENT BACK. I'M JUST
2 GOING TO PRETEND YOU GET, LIKE, 80 PERCENT BACK.

3 SO, WHEN YOU PUT UP MONIES IN A SENSE YOU GET MONEY
4 BACK FROM THE STATE. THIS IS A STATE PROGRAM. OKAY.

5 WELL, I'LL JUST PICK ON ONE COUNTY, SAN DIEGO. THEY
6 HAVE 125 MILLION. WE'RE AT 13 MILLION.

7 NOW, IF WE'RE GOING TO GET IN THE GAME, THAT'S UP TO
8 YOU. I CAN'T ORDER THAT. IT'S NONE OF MY BUSINESS. BUT IT'S
9 MY BUSINESS WHEN I DEAL WITH SETTLEMENTS. AND IT'S MY BUSINESS
10 WHEN I DEAL WITH DEATH. AND IT'S MY BUSINESS WHEN I DEAL WITH
11 RESOURCES.

12 AND IT'S YOUR BUSINESSES, THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY.
13 I CAN'T HELP YOU WITH THAT. BUT I CAN POINT THAT -- THE WHOLE
14 PLACE LIKE HOME.

15 NOW, WHOLE PLACE LIKE HOME IS A FIVE-YEAR
16 EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM. OKAY. IT'S SUPPOSED TO EXIST FOR FIVE
17 YEARS. IT'S A PRIVATE PROJECT. PROBABLY THE NEW FLAVOR IN
18 TOWN WILL BE HEALTH HOMES. AND I WON'T TAKE YOUR TIME WITH
19 THAT, BUT IT'S A FIVE-YEAR PILOT. IT'S A COORDINATION OF
20 PATIENT-CENTERED HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, SOCIAL SERVICES TO
21 IMPROVE HEALTH AND WELL-BEING THROUGH MORE EFFICIENT AND
22 EFFECTIVE USE OF RESOURCES FOR MEDI-CAL BENEFICIARIES
23 STRUGGLING WITH HOMELESSNESS.

24 ORANGE COUNTY HAS PUT UP \$31 MILLION. BUT HERE'S THE
25 WAY IT GOES. THAT \$31 MILLION ISN'T \$31 MILLION FROM ORANGE

1 COUNTY -- WITH NO CRITICISM OF THE COUNTY. IT'S 5.2 FROM
2 ORANGE COUNTY. IT'S 6.8 MILLION FROM IRVINE. IT'S ANOTHER 3
3 MILLION FROM OTHER PROVIDERS WHICH THEN IS MATCHING, WHICH
4 GIVES US OUR \$31 MILLION.

5 NOW, THE COUNTY HAS ACTUALLY STEPPED UP IN THIS.
6 OKAY. IT'S COME A LONG WAYS. BUT HERE'S WHERE WE ARE IN A
7 COMPETITIVE SENSE.

8 THIS IS AFFORDABLE CARE ACT MONEY. THIS IS MONEY,
9 LOU CORREA, THAT YOU GET TO GIVE AWAY TO US.

10 THANK YOU. WE WANT MORE, BUT I'M NOT SURE WE NEED
11 IT.

12 OKAY. IT COMES DOWN TO -- YOU KNOW UP IN A SENSE
13 FROM THE COUNTY. IT COMES UP FROM TWO DIFFERENT ENTITIES. IT
14 COMES UP TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTHCARE. IT COMES UP TO THE
15 FEDS.

16 WE THEN AND THE FEDS -- LOU, YOU, AND I THEN GIVE THE
17 MONEY BACK. IT COMES BACK DOWN. AND THIS IS A HUNDRED PERCENT
18 MATCHED, BY THE WAY. THIS ISN'T APPORTIONED.

19 AND, SO, WHERE ARE WE AT? WELL, IF YOU CAN READ THIS
20 -- YOU NEED EYEGLASSES LIKE I DO -- BUT THIS IS A CHART OF ALL
21 OF THE WHOLE PERSON CARE PROJECTS IN THE STATE.

22 NOW, WHERE DO WE STAND? YEAH. HISTORICALLY AND
23 AFTER THE GRAND JURY -- YOU ORDERED US ON FIVE SEPARATE
24 OCCASIONS IN 2006 WHEN THIS BOARD WASN'T EVEN BORN YET -- IT'S
25 NOT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY -- THAT THERE WAS A LOW PRIORITY FOR

1 HOMELESS.

2 THESE WERE MY OLD GRAND JURORS IN DEPARTMENT 5 IN THE
3 STATE COURT TELLING US OVER AND OVER AGAIN WE'VE GOT A HOMELESS
4 PROBLEM. THIS ISN'T NEW.

5 AND THIS IS THE 2018 REPORT SAYING THE MOST
6 CHALLENGING THING IS THE CHALLENGE OF LEADERSHIP AND
7 COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE COUNTY AND CITY OFFICIALS. SO,
8 THAT'S ONE REASON WHY WE'RE HAVING A BIG TENT MEETING -- WHICH
9 REALLY YOU SHOULD BE HAVING. I SHOULDN'T EVEN BE INVOLVED IN.

10 OKAY. SO, WHERE ARE WE AT. WELL, THERE'S \$31
11 MILLION THAT WE PUT IN THAT I TALKED ABOUT.

12 THERE'S 165 MILLION FROM SAN MATEO COUNTY, ONE-THIRD
13 OUR SIZE. OUR PROPORTIONAL SHARE IS \$3,339 PER BENEFICIARY.
14 THEY'RE AT 33,000 PER BENEFICIARY.

15 WE'RE LOOKING AT SANTA CLARA, 250 MILLION.
16 TWENTY-FIVE THOUSAND PER BENEFICIARY. AND I PICKED VENTURA.
17 BUT YOU CAN GO RIGHT DOWN THIS. THEY'RE 47 PER BENEFICIARY.

18 HERE'S THE POINT. THE POINT IS I CAN'T TELL YOU TO
19 GET INVOLVED IN THE FEDERAL AND STATE GAME FOR MONEY.

20 BUT SHARON QUIRK-SILVA OVER THERE HAS GOT MONEY FROM
21 THE ASSEMBLY BECAUSE THEY HAVE \$2.7 BILLION. BUT THEY -- AND I
22 DON'T MEAN SHARON QUIRK-SILVA -- BUT THE ASSEMBLY HAS BEEN
23 SITTING ON THAT. SO, THEY'RE NOT MY FAVORITE FLAVOR OF THE
24 MONTH RIGHT NOW. AND WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY.

25 AND YOU HEARD THIS ALL START WITH SOMETHING THAT WE

1 NOTICED A LONG TIME AGO. AND THAT IS --

2 HELP ME FOR A MOMENT, JIM --

3 AND THAT IS THE -- THE FIRST THING THAT SUSAN PRICE
4 HAD THAT WAS AN UNFAIR ASSESSMENT -- BUT THE FIRST THING THAT
5 SUSAN PUT OUT WAS THE BOTTOM FIGURE OF \$692 MILLION THAT WAS
6 SOMEHOW, YOU KNOW, FLOATING AROUND THAT THE COURT COULDN'T
7 UNDERSTAND.

8 AND I'VE ALWAYS BEEN CONCERNED, YOU KNOW, ABOUT \$11
9 MILLION AND THE INTEREST. AND I'LL SAY IT BLUNTLY. I DIDN'T
10 KNOW WHERE THAT \$11 MILLION WENT JUST IN INTEREST.

11 SO, THEN, WHEN WE GO DOWN, WE START LOOKING AT THE
12 STATE. I THOUGHT I WAS DEALING WITH HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF
13 DOLLARS, WHICH IS WHERE WE WERE LAST MARCH. AND IF YOU BLOW
14 THAT UP, THAT'S \$241 MILLION.

15 OKAY. THERE WAS ANOTHER 100 -- ANOTHER \$187 MILLION
16 COMING IN.

17 AND ANDREW DO IN THE GREATEST ACT OF COURAGE THIS
18 COURT HAS EVER SEEN STOOD UP LITERALLY IN FRONT OF THE SANTA
19 ANA AND SAID, YOU KNOW -- AND I'VE NEVER SEEN A ROOM BREAK INTO
20 APPLAUSE, WHETHER YOU'RE AN ADVOCATE, YOU KNOW, OR ON BOARD.
21 IT DOESN'T MATTER.

22 BUT HE SAYS, AT THIS POINT I'M GOING TO TELL YOU AS
23 CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WE DON'T HAVE A DEFENSE.
24 WE DON'T HAVE A DEFENSE. AND I'M GOING TO BE THE FIRST TO OWN
25 UP IN THAT WE FAILED. I WAS ELECTED TO LEAD AND ELECTED TO

1 LEAD THE COUNTY AND THE DISTRICT. AND A LEAD REQUIRES THAT WE
2 ARE PROACTIVE NOT REACTIVE. AND I FAILED. SO, I'M GOING TO BE
3 THE FIRST TO OWN UP.

4 NOW, I DON'T THINK HE'S EVER REGRETTED THOSE WORDS.
5 THANK GOD. THAT'S COURAGE.

6 AND WHEN YOU HAVE ADVOCATES BREAK IN AND SORT OF
7 PLOTTING, ET CETERA, BECAUSE OF THAT KIND OF HONESTY, THEN --
8 THEN WE CAN WORK TOGETHER.

9 SO, I'M NOT GOING TO PUT THE BOARD ON THE SPOT, BUT
10 WE CAN'T COMPETE -- WE CAN'T GET SETTLEMENTS UNLESS YOU'RE OUR
11 GATEWAY TO THESE PROGRAMS.

12 AND IF YOU'RE OUR GATEWAYS, AND YOU GO AFTER FEDERAL
13 AND STATE DOLLARS, WE'RE IN THE GAME NOW. AND YOU'VE DONE SOME
14 GREAT THINGS.

15 ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WASN'T SO GOOD IS YOU
16 DISBANDED THE OLD HOMELESS COMMISSION IN JANUARY OF 2018. THEY
17 PROBABLY HADN'T DONE ANYTHING, QUITE FRANKLY. AND NO -- NO
18 DENIGRATION. BUT NOW YOU'VE GOT A NEW HOMELESS COMMISSION.
19 YOU'VE GOT A CHAIRMAN. YOU'VE GOT A BUNCH OF GREAT PEOPLE ON
20 BOARD. AND I'M GOING TO ASK ONE QUESTION.

21 DO WE HAVE A CONTINUUM OF CARE PROGRAM?

22 BECAUSE AS THE COURT PUSHES ON THE FRONT SIDE TO GET
23 THE EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR YOU, DO WE HAVE A CONTINUUM CARE
24 PROGRAM. OR IS EVERYTHING WE'RE DOING ON THE FRONT SIDE WITH
25 THESE SHELTERS GOING TO TURN INTO JUST PERMANENT SHELTERS THAT

1 TURN INTO THE COURTYARD?

2 AND IF THAT'S SO, THEN, JUST TELL US IF YOU'RE NOT
3 COMPETING FOR FEDERAL AND STATE MONEY.

4 AND IF YOU ARE, PLEASE TELL US AND MAKE THAT
5 COMMITMENT TO GET OUT IN FRONT AND GET THIS MONEY FROM THE
6 STATE AND FROM LOU AND FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT.

7 MR. RICHARD SANCHEZ: JUDGE CARTER --

8 THE COURT: WHY ARE YOU THERE? I'D LIKE TO SPEAK TO
9 THE CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD. I THINK THAT SHE'S THE POLITICAL
10 MUSCLE OR ANDREW DO OR WAGNER OR DOUG CHAFFEE OR LEON, BUT
11 YOU'RE THE -- YOU'RE THE SPOKESPERSON. THEY'RE NOT GOING TO
12 THROW YOU OUT IN FRONT.

13 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: RIGHT. YOUR HONOR, I CAN
14 ASSURE YOU THAT COUNTY IS GOING AFTER EVERY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY
15 AVAILABLE.

16 WITH REGARD TO NO PLACE LIKE HOME, THERE WERE FOUR
17 APPLICATIONS BECAUSE THAT HAS TO DO WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR.

18 AND DAN YOUNG CAN SPEAK TO THAT.

19 THERE WERE ONLY FOUR APPLICATIONS. IF WE HAD MORE
20 APPLICATIONS LIKE SAN MATEO OR SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTIES FROM
21 THE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPERS, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO
22 PERHAPS SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDS.

23 THE COURT: GREAT. CAN WE BRING HIM UP HERE AND TELL
24 US HOW TO GET MORE --

25 CAN YOU -- WITH YOUR PERMISSION, CHAIRWOMAN, I'D LIKE

1 TO HEAR HOW WE GET IN THIS GAME BECAUSE IT HELPS ME DEALING
2 WITH THE CITIES -- WHICH IT'S HARD FOR YOU TO DO.

3 AND IT -- BUT YOU'RE THE GATEWAY TO THIS MONEY.
4 YOU'RE -- YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BRINGS THIS MONEY UP TO LOU AND TO
5 SHARON QUIRK-SILVA. AND IF YOU GUYS AREN'T IN THE GAME, THEN,
6 I'M JUST BUILDING SHELTERS THAT TURN INTO THE COURTYARD.

7 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: RIGHT.

8 THE COURT: SO DAN --

9 AND, BY THE WAY, SUPERVISOR BILL, THANK YOU FOR THE
10 \$70 MILLION IN AFFORDABLE HOUSING. HOW MUCH OF THAT HAS BEEN
11 SPENT. HOW MUCH DO WE HAVE ON BOARD.

12 I TOLD DAN. I CALLED YOU THE OTHER NIGHT SO I
13 WOULDN'T SIDESWIPE YOU. I SAID I'M GOING TO ASK YOU ONE
14 QUESTION. HOW MUCH MONEY HAVE WE SPENT? -- ACTUALLY SPENT OF
15 THAT 70 MILLION THAT HE GAVE US.

16 (PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS.)

17 (PARTIES CONFERRING.)

18 THE COURT: AND WHAT'S OUR FUTURE LOOK LIKE?

19 BECAUSE, FOLKS, THESE SHELTERS CAN'T BECOME PERMANENT
20 RESIDENCES DOWN IN YOUR COMMUNITY. THIS HAS TO FLOW THROUGH.

21 AND, IN FACT, IF WE HAD A SYSTEM IN PLACE, WE'D BE
22 BUILDING MUCH SMALLER SHELTERS.

23 DO YOU UNDERSTAND? WE'D BE PUSHING THESE PEOPLE
24 THROUGH TO AFFORDABLE CARE. THEY WOULDN'T BE SITTING IN YOUR
25 COMMUNITIES FOR SIX MONTHS.

1 DAN YOUNG: YOUR HONOR, I THINK WE HAVE THE SOLUTION
2 IN PLACE TO NOW GET OUR FAIR SHARE OF MONEY OUT OF SACRAMENTO
3 IN THE AMOUNTS THAT WE NEED IN ORDER TO CREATE WHAT OUR GOAL
4 HAS BEEN, WHICH IS TO CREATE 2,700 UNITS MINIMUM, A PERMANENT
5 SUPPORTIVE HOUSING, SO THAT PEOPLE CAN LEAVE SHELTER, LEAVE
6 TREATMENT, AND GET PERMANENTLY STABILIZED.

7 THAT MECHANISM STARTED WITH BEING ABLE TO FORMALLY
8 COLLABORATE BETWEEN THE CITIES AND THE COUNTY. WE PASSED A
9 BILL LAST YEAR, A.B. 448. IT CREATED THE ORANGE COUNTY HOUSING
10 TRUST.

11 THE COURT: RIGHT.

12 AND BY THE WAY, JUST ONE MOMENT. DAN YOUNG WAS
13 INSTRUMENTAL IN THAT AND DESERVES A GREAT AMOUNT OF CREDIT FOR
14 GOING TO BAT ON BEHALF OF THE COUNTY. AND THE COUNTY WAS
15 EXTRAORDINARY IN THAT REGARD, ALSO. I WANT YOU TO HEAR THAT.

16 DAN YOUNG: SO, NOW, THE HOUSING TRUST BYLAWS HAVE
17 BEEN WRITTEN.

18 THE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS ACTED UNANIMOUSLY
19 TO NOT ONLY ADOPT THOSE -- THOSE BYLAWS. BUT THEY WERE FIRST
20 TO JOIN THE HOUSING TRUST.

21 MY UNDERSTANDING IS THE CITY OF FULLERTON CAME VERY
22 QUICKLY RESPONDED. AND THEY'VE ALREADY JOINED THE HOUSING
23 TRUST.

24 THE BYLAWS ARE OUT TO EVERY ONE OF THE CITIES WITH AN
25 INVITATION, ALL OF THEM, TO JOIN THE HOUSING TRUST.

1 WHEN YOU COME TOGETHER AS A HOUSING TRUST, YOU NEED
2 TO HAVE SOME MONEY TO FILL THE GAP SO THAT YOU CAN QUALIFY FOR
3 THESE PROGRAMS. THAT HAS BEEN THE CRITICAL PROBLEM IN THE
4 PAST. AND, SO, THE DELEGATION, SHARON QUIRK-SILVA, TOM DALY,
5 TOM UMBERG, THE ENTIRE DELEGATION, IS NOW FOCUSED ON RIGHT NOW
6 BEFORE THE JULY 1 BUDGET GETTING AN ALLOCATION OUT OF THE STATE
7 THAT COULD COME TO THE HOUSING TRUST THAT WOULD ACT AS THE GAP
8 MONEY SO THAT IT IS PROP 1 AND PROP 2 NO PLACE LIKE HOME FUNDS
9 THIS SUMMER -- STARTING THIS SUMMER -- BECAUSE IT PASSED LAST
10 NOVEMBER. IT'S STARTING TO FUND THIS SUMMER. WE WOULD HAVE
11 GAP MONEY IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO APPLY.

12 THAT GAP MONEY WILL BE APPLIED TO THE BALANCE OF THE
13 70 MILLION. SO, 15, 20 MILLION IS OUT THE DOOR NOW. WE COULD
14 SPECIFIC PROJECTS. THE REST OF IT WILL BE USED ALONG WITH THE
15 MONEY COMING OUT OF THE LEGISLATURE TO PROVIDE THAT GAP MONEY.
16 AND WE NOW CAN REALLY START WORKING.

17 I WILL SAY THE PRIVATE SECTOR MONEY, IF I MAY --
18 BECAUSE I THINK WE SHOULD CALL OUT GOOD WHERE WE FIND IT --
19 DISNEY STEPPED UP EARLY BEFORE --

20 THE COURT: FOR 5 MILLION.

21 DAN YOUNG: -- EVEN -- EVEN BEFORE THE FORMATION OF
22 THE HOUSING TRUST. PUT \$5 MILLION UP, WHICH LEVERED THE
23 FUNDING OF 102 UNITS OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING IN
24 ANAHEIM.

25 ANOTHER PRIVATE SECTOR ENTITY STEPPED UP ON VETERANS'

1 VILLAGE IN SANTA ANA --

2 THE COURT: RIGHT.

3 DAN YOUNG: -- AND CLOSED THE GAP.

4 SO, WE LITERALLY --

5 THE COURT: WAS THAT JAMBOREE THAT WE WENT TO AT THE
6 OPENING?

7 DAN YOUNG: YES, SIR.

8 THE COURT: OKAY.

9 DAN YOUNG: AND THAT'S WHERE WE LEARNED THAT IT
10 DOESN'T TAKE MUCH GAP MONEY TO -- TO GET AFTER THIS AND FUND
11 IT. BUT NOW WE CAN -- NOW WE KNOW HOW WE HAVE TO DO IT. WE
12 NOW HAVE A FORUM TO DO IT.

13 I WANT TO ENCOURAGE THOSE CITIES TO JOIN THE HOUSING
14 TRUST AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

15 IT'S A COLLABORATION. IT DOESN'T COST YOU ANYTHING.

16 ANOTHER THING I WANT TO SAY ABOUT THE COUNTY IS THAT
17 THEY HAVE STEPPED UP TO -- TO PROVIDE ALL THE STAFFING FOR THE
18 NEXT FEW YEARS FOR THE HOUSING TRUST. SO, THIS COMES AT NO HIT
19 TO A CITY'S GENERAL FUND. ALL THEY REALLY NEED TO DO IS JOIN.

20 WHEN I STARTED THIS LITTLE VENTURE WITH YOU AT
21 O-DARK-HUNDRED ABOUT A YEAR AGO, I THINK, THE BODY DOESN'T SAY
22 THAT. BUT I THINK IT WAS ONLY A YEAR AGO. WHERE WE WALKED
23 INTO WAS A FIGHT BETWEEN THE CITIES AND COUNTY OVER
24 TRANSPARENCY OF MENTAL HEALTH FUNDS.

25 WE CAN GET SOMETHING DONE IF WE KNEW HOW MUCH MONEY

1 THEY HAD.

2 THE HOUSING TRUST IS WHERE TRANSPARENCY CAN OCCUR.

3 THE COURT: THAT WAS SHARON QUIRK-SILVA'S BILL, BY
4 THE WAY.

5 WASN'T IT?

6 DAN YOUNG: SORRY?

7 THE COURT: THAT WAS SHARON QUIRK-SILVA'S BILL,
8 WASN'T IT?

9 DAN YOUNG: IT WAS TOM DALY AND --

10 THE COURT: SHE'S RIGHT THERE.

11 DAN YOUNG: -- AND SHARON QUIRK-SILVA. THAT'S
12 CORRECT.

13 THE COURT: SHE'S RIGHT THERE.

14 DAN YOUNG: SHE'S RIGHT THERE.

15 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, YOUR HONOR.

16 SO, WE HAVE -- WE HAVE A FORUM. THEY JUST NEED TO
17 TAKE ADVANTAGE OF IT.

18 WE HAVE A TARGET IN THE LEGISLATURE. LET'S SEE HOW
19 WE DO WITH THE DELEGATION TO GET THE GAP MONEY.

20 THE FUNDING FROM PROP 1 AND 2 -- WHICH IS NOT 2
21 BILLION. IT'S ACTUALLY OVER 4 BILLION BECAUSE BOTH
22 PROPOSITIONS PASSED.

23 THE COURT: RIGHT.

24 DAN YOUNG: OUR FAIR SHARE OF THAT IS 8 PERCENT JUST
25 ON THE BASIS OF POPULATION ALONE. THAT FUNDS THE 2700 UNITS.

1 THE COURT: WE'VE GOT PLENTY OF MONEY. WE JUST NEED
2 TO COMPETE -- WE JUST NEED TO CONNECT THE DOTS.

3 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? YOU DON'T HAVE TO RAISE
4 PEOPLE'S TAXES. IT'S AS SIMPLE AS THAT. WE'VE GOT THE MONEY.

5 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: YOUR HONOR, AND PART OF THAT
6 IS THE CITIES HAVE THE LOCAL LAND USE AUTHORITY. AND THAT'S
7 WHERE THEY CAN BE REALLY BENEFICIAL TO HELPING US SOLVE
8 HOMELESSNESS WITH THE RE-ZONING OF PROPERTIES. PRIVATE SECTORS
9 COMING IN.

10 WE'VE GOT THE GAP FUNDING TO BRING THE PROJECTS TO
11 FRUITION. SO, IT'S -- IT'S A TRUE PARTNERSHIP WITH EVERYBODY
12 WORKING TOGETHER.

13 BUT THE COUNTY ALONE CAN'T SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. THE
14 CITIES ALONE CAN'T SOLVE HOMELESSNESS. THIS IS A PARTNERSHIP.

15 BUT THE CITIES WITH THE LOCAL LAND USE AUTHORITY,
16 THAT'S WHERE THEY CAN BE THE GREATEST BENEFIT TO REALLY HELP US
17 WITH THE PRIVATE SECTOR DEVELOPERS AND THE COUNTY TO WORK ON
18 THE ZONING TO MAKE SURE THAT DEVELOPERS WHEN THEY COME FORTH
19 WITH PROJECTS, WE CAN GET THE CITIES ZONING. AND WE CAN MOVE
20 THESE PROJECTS FORWARD.

21 WE'VE GOT 900 UNITS RIGHT NOW OF PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE
22 HOUSING THAT IS CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS. BUT, OF COURSE, WE NEED
23 MORE.

24 THE COURT: OKAY. SUPERVISOR, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

25 SO, WE ALL KNOW THAT WE'RE GOING TO GET IN THE GAME,

1 RIGHT?

2 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: YEAH.

3 THE COURT: WE'RE NOT -- WE'RE GOING TO MOVE FROM THE
4 LOWEST IN THE STATE.

5 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? -- THE LOWEST IN THE STATE
6 INTO SOME COMPETITIVE HOPE FOR A STATE AND FEDERAL MONEY.

7 AND THAT'S NOT AN ASPERSION ON YOU. FORGET THE PAST.
8 JUST MOVE US FORWARD SO WE'RE IN THAT COMPETITIVE GAME. OKAY.

9 THE LAST TOPIC FOR ME --

10 (THE COURT AND CLERK CONFERRING.)

11 THE COURT: FAIRVIEW.

12 OKAY. WHERE -- WHERE ARE WE ON ONE OF THE GREATEST
13 ASSETS -- AND I'M NOT GOING TO PICK A LOCATION BECAUSE IT'S
14 BEEN SUGGESTED TO ME THAT I MOVE WITH FEDERAL AUTHORITY AND PUT
15 A HOMELESS SHELTER IN LAGUNA NIGUEL IN THE GSA PARKING LOT.

16 IT'S BEEN SUGGESTED THAT I SHOVE IN SOME OF THE
17 SETTLEMENT CONVERSATIONS THIS OVER TO NORWALK.

18 IT'S BEEN SUGGESTED ABOUT IRVINE AND THE HUNDRED
19 ACRES. OKAY.

20 BUT, ALSO, WHILE EVERYBODY IS MOVING AND SUGGESTING
21 THINGS AND WE'RE WAITING FOR THE PERFECT TO GET IN THE WAY OF
22 THE GOOD, WE HAVE FOR YOU POLICE CHIEFS THE FOLLOWING.

23 IF THIS DOESN'T WORK FOR YOU, IT DOESN'T WORK FOR
24 ANYBODY.

25 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? YOU'RE LAW ENFORCEMENT. AND

1 YOU DO IT KINDLY AND HUMANELY. YOU WORK WITH THE ACLU. YOU
2 WORK WITH THE COURT. BUT I'VE GOT CONFIDENCE IN YOU.

3 BUT HERE'S WHAT YOU'VE GOT OUT THERE ON THE STREETS.
4 YOU'VE GOT 10 PERCENT OF OUR POPULATIONS WHO ARE SO
5 MENTALLY INFIRM, YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH THEM. THEY'RE NOT EVEN
6 VIOLENT. THEY'RE THE LADY WHO EATS THE PEBBLES OFF THE
7 SIDEWALK. AND YOU DON'T KNOW -- ARE YOU GOING TO ARREST HER?

8 I MEAN, CAROL, YOU HAVE A FILE ON THAT.

9 BROOKE, YOU OUGHT TO BE SCREAMING AT THE DOORSTEP.
10 DONE ABSOLUTELY NOTHING. YOU'RE GOING TO KICK HER
11 OUT OF THE PARK. YOU CAN'T DO THAT.

12 WE CAN'T PUT THOSE PEOPLE IN THE SHELTER.

13 DO YOU UNDERSTAND THAT? WE CAN'T CARE FOR THEM.

14 PAUL YOST CAN'T DO IT. MERCY HOUSE CAN'T DO IT.
15 MIDNIGHT MISSION CAN'T DO IT. PALMER CAN'T DO IT. LARRY HANES
16 CAN'T DO IT. WE JUST CAN'T KEEP FOR THEM.

17 SO, WHEN I STARTED LAST MARCH -- LONG BEFORE I MET
18 SHARON QUIRK-SILVA -- IN A FEW MOMENTS SHE'S GOT A HISTORY IF
19 SHE CARES TO SHARE IT --

20 AND CAN I SEE THE POWERPOINT --

21 I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU WHAT MANY OF YOU HAVE SEEN
22 BEFORE. AND I WANT YOU TO BEAR WITH ME. BUT IT'S GOING TO BE
23 THE POWERPOINT ON -- YEAH. FAIRVIEW.

24 YOU'VE GOT A CAPACITY. AND I CAN'T DIRECT ANYTHING.
25 I'M THE WIZARD BEHIND THE CURTAIN FRANKLY. I'M THE LITTLE GUY

1 WHEN HE POPS OUT.

2 (LAUGHTER.)

3 THE COURT: BUT YOU'VE GOT A FACILITY WITH 2700
4 PEOPLE WHO -- THAT WAS A MENTAL HEALTH FACILITY. WHEN I WAS A
5 D.A. WE USED TO HOUSE PEOPLE DOWN THERE. IT'S GOT EVERYTHING
6 FROM AN OPEN CAMPUS TO SECURED FACILITIES FOR THE MOST
7 DANGEROUS PEOPLE AND SEGREGATED.

8 AND WHAT I'M GOING TO -- ABOUT TO SHOW YOU IS THAT
9 I'M FRANKLY TIRED -- AND I HOLD THE PRESS HERE -- AT BEING
10 MISLED. AND I'M GOING TO SAY THAT.

11 THANK GOD, I HAD YOUR PERMISSION. AND -- AND QUITE
12 FRANKLY, AGGRESSIVENESS TO GO OUT AND SEE IT FOR MYSELF.

13 BECAUSE I'M BEING TIRED OF BEING TOLD THAT THIS IS AN
14 ASBESTOS PROBLEM FACILITY. OH, THAT WE CAN'T USE IT. OH, THAT
15 WE'RE DOWNGRADING IT BECAUSE WE'RE GOING TO HAVE SOME
16 THREE-DEVELOPMENT BANK SHOT ON A BILLION-DOLLAR FACILITY THAT
17 THE -- LOU AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENT BUILT THIS. TURN IT OVER TO
18 THE STATE. AND NOW WE'RE GOING TO WAIT FOR THE ASSEMBLY TO
19 CONCOCT SOMETHING -- HOPEFULLY WITHIN MY LIFETIME THAT TAKES
20 ITS PLACE.

21 WELL, IN THE MEANTIME, UNDER THE BEST OF
22 CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS CAN'T BE SOLD FOR TWO YEARS. LET ME REPEAT
23 THAT.

24 FOR ALL THE THINGS THAT THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH, THIS
25 FACILITY IS SITTING THERE FOR TWO YEARS.

1 SO, I DON'T MEAN THE POLICE CHIEFS. BUT I'VE TALKED
2 TO THREE OF YOU -- THREE MAJOR CITIES AND/OR THE COUNTY.

3 AND EACH POLICE CHIEF HAS TOLD ME THE FOLLOWING: YOU
4 KNOW, JUDGE, IF YOU COULD GET JUST 10 PEOPLE OUT OF EVERY
5 COMMUNITY THAT WE HAD, YOU WOULD DECREASE OUR LEVEL OF VIOLENCE
6 AND WHO WE HAVE TO DEAL WITH ON THE STREETS THAT ARE MENTALLY
7 INFIRM OUT THERE.

8 AND, SO, I'M GOING TO ASK THE TOUGH QUESTION. AND
9 I'M GOING TO ASK IT OF SHARON AND LOU.

10 IT WAS A DEVELOPMENT CENTER. IT OPENED JANUARY 5TH
11 OF 1959. TODD SPITZER AT ONE TIME TOLD ME TO CALL THE
12 GOVERNOR. WHY DON'T YOU CALL THE GOVERNOR. OKAY.

13 IN FACT, WHY DOESN'T SOMEBODY GET ON THE PHONE RIGHT
14 NOW AND SEE IF GAVIN WILL TALK TO US. ISN'T THAT AN OUTLANDISH
15 REQUEST?

16 ANYBODY GOT A PHONE? I'M CHALLENGING YOU.

17 WHY DON'T YOU GET GAVIN ON THE PHONE RIGHT NOW AND
18 SEE IF HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT THIS. AND IF HE'S SERIOUS ABOUT
19 THIS, WHY IN THE WORLD CAN'T WE GET THIS FOR A TEMPORARY
20 FACILITY FOR A LIMITED NUMBER OF PEOPLE. AND LET ME TELL YOU
21 THE CITY WHO IS IMPACTED AND I FEEL SORRY FOR BECAUSE THEY'VE
22 REALLY STEPPED UP -- COSTA MESA. BUT THIS IS NOT COSTA MESA'S
23 PROPERTY.

24 AND, NUMBER TWO, IF THIS WAS LIMITED TO 200 PEOPLE,
25 AND WE RETURNED THESE PEOPLE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY DONATING TO

1 THEM -- AND I DON'T CARE IF IT'S A SETTLING CITY LIKE FULLERTON
2 OR A NON-SETTLING CITY LIKE IRVINE -- IF WE COULD GET THOSE 10
3 PEOPLE OFF OF YOUR STREETS, THE END RESULT IS WE'D WANT TO DO
4 THAT ANYWAY. WOULDNT'T WE?

5 IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S LITIGATION OR NOT. DON'T
6 WE WANT TO GET THE MOST DANGEROUS OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY AND THE
7 MOST FEEBLE.

8 SO, EXPLAIN TO ME -- GO TO THE PUBLIC GENERALLY --
9 HOW WE CAN HAVE A FACILITY WITH JUST AN ADMINISTRATIVE BUILDING
10 THAT LOOKS LIKE THIS -- JUST ADMINISTRATION. IT COVERS A
11 HUNDRED ACRES WITH 47 DORMS.

12 AND THIS IS WHAT I SHOWED IN MARCH -- THROUGH THE
13 COMPLEX THAT WE'RE ABOUT TO EITHER HAVE SOLD OR LAID VACANT FOR
14 TWO YEARS --

15 NO. THEY CAN HEAR ME --

16 -- FOR TWO YEARS. THE HALLWAYS AND DORMS WERE
17 SEPARATE DORMS. AND NONE OF YOU HAVE LOOKED AT IT. THAT'S THE
18 PROBLEM. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN OUT THERE OR YOU'D BE OUTRAGED.

19 EVERYBODY IS PRETENDING IT DOESN'T EXIST. AND I'M
20 NOT PRETENDING IT DOESN'T EXIST ANYMORE.

21 THAT'S A HALLWAY. THOSE ARE SEPARATE ROOMS. THIS IS
22 ADA COMPLIANT. DON'T TELL ME THAT THIS IS A FACILITY FALLING
23 DOWN BECAUSE YOUR FIRST RESPONDERS ARE TRAINING OUT THERE.

24 DID YOU KNOW THAT? SO, IF WE HAVE SUCH A PROBLEM
25 WITH ASBESTOS, FOR GOD'S SAKE, WE OUGHT TO GET OUR GOOD LAW

1 ENFORCEMENT PERSONNEL OUT OF THERE BECAUSE YOU'RE SO MUCH IN
2 DANGER.

3 AND WHEN I'VE BEEN TOLD IT HASN'T BEEN USED BY FOUR
4 YEARS, AND I FIND TURNED-DOWN BED SHEETS LIKE THIS, SOMEBODY IS
5 LYING TO ME. NOW, THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

6 AND I WOULD HAVE SAT IN COURT AND LISTENED TO THIS
7 NONSENSE UNLESS I WOULD HAVE PERSONALLY GONE OUT THERE. NOW,
8 THAT'S AWFULLY AGGRESSIVE. IT'S NOT MY PLACE. TOO BAD.

9 I WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A HEARING OUT THERE.

10 I WOULD LOVE TO SEE THE PUBLIC, LOU AND SHARON, SEE
11 THIS FACILITY AND THEN EXPLAIN WHY TAXPAYER DOLLARS AND WHY
12 THIS CAN'T BE USED BECAUSE THESE ARE NOT ONLY SEPARATE
13 FACILITIES, THEY'RE BEING USED AT THE PRESENT TIME.

14 AND, YET, I'M BEING TOLD AS A COURT THAT THEY'RE,
15 ONE, NOT BEING USED UNTIL THEY GET TRAPPED IN THEIR OWN
16 NONSENSE -- UNTIL THEY KNOW I'VE GONE OUT THERE AND LOOKED AT
17 THE BED SHEETING TURNED DOWN.

18 I'M BEING TOLD THAT THIS IS NOT ACCEPTABLE BECAUSE OF
19 ASBESTOS. AND, YET, MY FIRST RESPONDERS ARE TRAINING OUT
20 THERE.

21 YOUR LAW ENFORCEMENT FOLKS ARE OUT THERE. DID YOU
22 KNOW THAT? INCLUDING THE FBI.

23 SO, IF YOU'RE GOING TO TELL THE JUDGE SOMETHING,
24 DON'T LIE TO HIM. BECAUSE THAT CRAZY JUDGE MIGHT JUST GO OUT
25 THERE AND CHECK ON IT.

1 IT IS SO COMPLETE WITH WASHERS AND DRYERS, THAT IF
2 YOU WANT TO WALK AWAY FROM THAT AND TELL ME IN THE FUTURE THAT
3 I'M SUPPOSED TO WAIT FOR MAYBE A BETTER SYSTEM -- WHICH I AGREE
4 WITH -- WITH RECUPERATIVE CARE IN SOME DAY AND IN SOME WAY,
5 THEN, I'VE GOT TO WONDER WHY. BECAUSE IF YOU CAN PRODUCE A
6 BETTER SYSTEM, I HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH FAIRVIEW. YOU CAN SELL
7 IT.

8 BUT I DON'T WANT TO WAIT FOR THE CALIFORNIA ASSEMBLY
9 ON THIS.

10 AND, LOU, THAT'S MY MONEY. YOU BUILD IT -- AND YOUR
11 MONEY.

12 LOU: YES, SIR.

13 THE COURT: AND WE TURN IT OVER TO THE STATE. AND
14 THAT'S OUTRAGEOUS.

15 SO, YOU DECIDE WHAT TO DO ABOUT THAT.

16 I'VE SAID THAT TO LAW ENFORCEMENT. BECAUSE IF WE CAN
17 GET THAT JUST 10 PERCENT -- JUST 10 PERCENT, FOLKS, OUT OF YOUR
18 COMMUNITY THAT YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH, THAT I CAN'T PUT INTO A
19 SHELTER, AND WE CAN DO THAT HUMANELY AND TREAT THESE FOLKS,
20 THEN, UNTIL WE GET SOMETHING ELSE, WHY NOT.

21 AND IF IT'S A PARTICULAR CITY'S WORD, LET'S RETURN
22 THOSE FIVE THAT COME OUT OF YOUR COMMUNITY OUT IN FULLERTON OR
23 BREA RIGHT BACK TO YOUR CITY HALL.

24 IN OTHER WORDS, DON'T -- DON'T LOAD UP ON A CITY.
25 PUT THEM IN. AND THEN, YOU KNOW, GET THEM TREATED AND THEN

1 TAKE THEM BACK TO YOUR CITY. DON'T DUMP THEM OUT LIKE THEY'VE
2 BEEN DUMPED OUT OF THE JAIL IN SANTA ANA. OKAY.

3 NOW, I'LL LEAVE THAT TO YOU AND LAW ENFORCEMENT AND
4 YOUR OWN PRIVATE DISCUSSION. BUT YOU KNOW IT EXISTS.

5 OKAY. I'M DONE.

6 JIM, I'M DONE.

7 JUDGE SMITH: I APOLOGIZE FOR HAVING LEFT.

8 I WAS STARTING TO FEEL VERY -- LIKE A VERY IMPORTANT
9 PERSON WHEN I SAW ALL OF YOU FOLKS LOOKING AT ME WHILE
10 EVERYBODY WAS MAKING THEIR PRESENTATIONS.

11 SO, IF YOU WANT TO EXPERIENCE THAT SAME THING, STAND
12 IN FRONT OF A FLAT SCREEN T.V.

13 (LAUGHTER.)

14 JUDGE SMITH: ONE THING -- AND I CAME AT THE END OF
15 THE CONVERSATION -- BUT I JUST WANTED TO -- I DON'T KNOW IF
16 JUDGE CARTER MENTIONED THIS OR NOT.

17 BUT STATE LAW REQUIRES THAT BEFORE FAIRVIEW CAN BE
18 CONVERTED TO ANY OTHER USE IT'S GOING TO TAKE THE EQUIVALENT OF
19 AN ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT. AND THAT REQUIRES --

20 THE COURT: OH, BY THE WAY, JUST A MOMENT.

21 DID ANYBODY GET THE GOVERNOR ON THE LINE YET?

22 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: HE'S OUT OF THE COUNTRY.

23 THE COURT: OUT OF THE COUNTRY. THANKS FOR TRYING.

24 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: IT'S MY UNDERSTANDING THAT THE
25 GOVERNOR IS OUT OF THE COUNTRY IN EL SALVADOR THIS WEEK.

1 THE COURT: GREAT. WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO TELL
2 HIM THAT WE CALLED.

3 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: I WILL RELAY THE MESSAGE.

4 THANK YOU.

5 THE COURT: YEAH. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. APPRECIATE
6 IT.

7 JUDGE SMITH: AND THAT'S GOING TO TAKE TWO YEARS.
8 AND UNTIL THEN THEY CAN'T USE IT FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE.

9 BUT THE PURPOSE THAT IT CAN BE USED TO -- BECAUSE
10 IT'S A DEVELOPMENTAL CENTER -- IS EXACTLY WHAT JUDGE CARTER HAS
11 SUGGESTED, THAT A PORTION -- A SMALL PORTION OF IT SHOULD BE
12 USED FOR IN ORDER TO ADDRESS A CHRONIC MENTAL -- MENTALLY ILL.

13 THE COURT: TEMPORARILY. AND DON'T DUMP IT ON THAT
14 LOCAL COMMUNITY.

15 JUDGE SMITH: AND -- SO, IT'S A WIN --

16 THE COURT: YOU TAKE YOUR PEOPLE BACK.

17 JUDGE SMITH: -- WIN. THERE'S -- YOU CAN'T DO
18 ANYTHING FOR TWO YEARS ANYWAY. IT'S SITTING THERE. IT'S A
19 BEAUTIFUL FACILITY.

20 I DON'T KNOW HOW MANY OF YOU HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY
21 TO GO THROUGH IT, BUT I'VE GONE THROUGH IT -- NOT THROUGH THE
22 WHOLE THING BUT SOME OF THE MODS -- AND IT'S PERFECT. AND IT'S
23 A -- IT'S A GIFT FROM HEAVEN OR SOMEPLACE.

24 THE COURT: OKAY.

25 NOW, SHARON, I KNOW THAT -- LOU, YOU HAVE BEEN VERY

1 PATIENT. I KNOW YOU AS ASSEMBLYWOMAN QUIRK-SILVA. BUT I JUST
2 KNOW YOU ON A FIRST-NAME BASIS.

3 AND LOU CORREA.

4 SHARON, ANYTHING THAT YOU WANT TO SAY ON BEHALF OF
5 THE ASSEMBLY? SHE'S THE COMMISSIONER OR THE HEAD OF THE
6 HOMELESS COMMITTEE. GOVERNOR NEWSOM APPOINTED HER, WHICH IS
7 WHY IT'S APPROPRIATE.

8 I ALSO CALLED CONNIE AND MADE SURE THAT SHE KNEW THAT
9 WE WERE HAVING THE HEARING TODAY SO THAT THERE WAS NO -- NO
10 DENIGRATION. AND SHE WAS UP IN SACRAMENTO. I PHONED HER AND
11 MADE HER KNOWN -- MADE THIS KNOWN TO HER.

12 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: THANK YOU FOR
13 HAVING ME.

14 ASSEMBLY, SHARON QUIRK-SILVA, ASSEMBLY MEMBER.

15 WE HAVE PUT A BILL FORWARD REGARDING FAIRVIEW AND
16 HAVE ALSO HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE OUT THERE.

17 AND, AGAIN, I KNOW THAT COSTA MESA IS THE HOST CITY.
18 BUT THIS IS OVER 120 ACRES OF STATE PROPERTY. IT IS IN MANY
19 WAYS MUCH MORE ACTIVE THAN SOME WOULD KNOW.

20 IT CURRENTLY SERVES ABOUT 80 DISABLED PATIENTS. IT
21 IS THEIR HOME. HOWEVER, THOSE PATIENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE
22 REMOVED WITHIN THE NEXT YEAR.

23 ALONG -- ALONG WITH THE MANY, MANY ACRES, THERE ARE
24 PODS OF HOMES WITH CENTRAL KITCHENS. THERE ARE DORMITORIES.
25 THERE IS A LAVA LOUNGE. THERE ARE CENTRAL KITCHENS. THERE IS

1 GARDENS. IT IS -- AND THERE ARE ALSO ADMINISTRATORS WORKING IN
2 THE BUILDING THAT HAS HAD SOME ISSUES SEISMICALLY, BUT THERE'S
3 A WAIVER.

4 SO, FOR EVERYTHING WE HEAR ABOUT WHY WE CAN'T SOLVE A
5 PROBLEM TEMPORARILY, WE ABSOLUTELY CAN. AND AS WAS SAID, WE
6 HAVE TO HAVE THE WILL.

7 MY BILL, A.B. 1295, WITH TEMPORARY -- AND I'M SAYING
8 THAT TEMPORARY BE HOUSING AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM FOR
9 THE --

10 THE COURT: WELL, LET'S STOP RIGHT THERE FOR A
11 MOMENT.

12 THAT LOCAL COMMUNITY HAS TO BE CONCERNED BECAUSE
13 "TEMPORARY" MEANS THE CAMEL'S NOSE IS UNDER THE TENT.

14 ONE, THAT HAS TO BE TEMPORARY. AND YOU'D HAVE TO
15 GUARANTEE -- I THINK IN GOOD FAITH THAT THESE FOLKS THAT COME
16 FROM OTHER CITIES ARE RETURNED TO THOSE CITIES, THAT THEY'RE
17 NOT AN EGRESS LIKE SANTA ANA HAS OUT OF THE JAIL. THAT'S ONLY
18 FAIR.

19 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: AND, AGAIN,
20 BILLS CAN BE AMENDED. WE DON'T HAVE THAT LANGUAGE IN
21 CURRENTLY.

22 BUT OUR HOPE IS ALSO WORKING WITH THE WHOLE SYSTEM OF
23 CARE THAT THERE WILL BE OTHER OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN TWO YEARS
24 LIKE THE BE WELL CENTER AND AGAIN WITH THE AB-448 THAT WE'VE
25 WORKED ON. THERE COULD BE EVEN PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE.

1 BUT, IN ESSENCE, IT'S FOR THE MOST SEVERELY ILL
2 PATIENTS THAT NEED WRAP-AROUND SERVICES.

3 THE COURT: BUT LET ME ASK YOU SOMETHING. LET ME ASK
4 YOU THE TOUGH QUESTION FOR A MOMENT.

5 I DON'T KNOW WHAT THE FEDERAL AUTHORITY IS, BUT IT'S
6 ALSO BEEN SUGGESTED THAT I PUT UP SHELTER DOWN IN LAGUNA NIGUEL
7 IN THE GSA PARKING LOT. NOW, THAT TAKES TIME.

8 BUT THERE HAS TO BE SOME ALTERNATIVE, QUITE FRANKLY,
9 SO THAT THAT 10 PERCENT THAT WE DON'T AND CAN'T HOUSE IN OUR
10 SHELTERS ARE TREATED. AND I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE ASSEMBLY. I
11 CAN'T WAIT FOR THE PROMISE OF RECUPERATIVE CARE.

12 BUT IF YOU GET THAT ON BOARD, AND YOU CAN FORM THAT
13 FAST ENOUGH, I'M NOT TIED TO FAIRVIEW.

14 I WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT.

15 BUT I AM TIED TO SOMETHING. AND IT SEEMS TO BE THE
16 ONE EXISTING FACILITY THAT'S JUST SITTING THERE, LITERALLY
17 VACANT. OKAY. SO --

18 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: RIGHT. AND
19 WE'VE ALSO BEEN VERY UPFRONT WITH OUR COLLEAGUES, INCLUDING THE
20 NEWLY ELECTED MS. COTTIE -- ASSEMBLY MEMBER COTTIE
21 PETRIS-NORRIS ABOUT IT ISN'T A COSTA MESA ISSUE AS WELL AS IT'S
22 AN ISSUE OF WHERE CAN WE HOUSE THE MOST SEVERELY --

23 THE COURT: WELL --

24 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: AND, AGAIN,
25 NAMES HAVE BEEN THROWN OUT LIKE COLLEGE HOSPITAL. RIGHT NOW,

1 THEY HAVE CRISIS STABILIZATION BEDS. BUT THEY'RE FOR 24 HOURS.

2 SO, THIS IS NOT THE ONLY OPTION. BUT ONE THING WE
3 HAVE TO LOOK AT IS WE CAN HAVE MANY PATHWAYS BEING FORMULATED
4 AT THE SAME TIME.

5 A SHORT TIME, I KNOW THAT THE ASSEMBLY MEMBER NORRIS
6 HAS A BILL FOR A MASTER PLAN --

7 THE COURT: OKAY.

8 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: -- OF FAIRVIEW
9 AT SOME POINT. AND THAT'S DEFINITELY IMPORTANT.

10 IN ADDITION, MAYBE A THIRD PLAN, WHICH IS WHAT WOULD
11 FAIRVIEW LOOK LIKE IN 10 YEARS.

12 SO, THERE'S MANY THINGS WE CAN DO AT THE SAME TIME.

13 BUT THE URGENT NEED IS TO HOUSE THE MOST SEVERELY
14 MENTAL HEALTH PATIENTS.

15 AND I KNOW THE CONGRESS MEMBER HAS SOME --

16 CONGRESSMAN LOU CORREA: THANK YOU, SHARON.

17 YOUR HONOR, FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO SAY THANK YOU FOR
18 INVITING ME FOR BEING HERE TODAY.

19 THE COURT: THANK YOU.

20 CONGRESSMAN LOU CORREA: I TALKED TO YOU ON FRIDAY.
21 AND YOU SUGGESTED I BE HERE. AND HOW COULD I TURN DOWN A
22 FEDERAL JUDGE.

23 SO, I'M HERE TODAY.

24 BUT I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY IN THIS ROOM BECAUSE
25 JUST SITTING HERE AND LISTENING TO ALL THE PROGRESS THAT

1 EVERYBODY HERE HAS MADE IS UNBELIEVABLE.

2 I THINK SOME OF THE FOLKS HAVE SAID THAT THIS MAY BE
3 A MODEL FOR THE NATION. AND I THINK WE'RE ON TO SOMETHING.

4 AND I'M HERE TO SAY THAT I'LL WORK WITH EVERY LEVEL
5 OF GOVERNMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE MAKE THIS HAPPEN AND
6 EXECUTE.

7 I LIVE NEXT TO THE SANTA ANA RIVER. I SEE A LOT OF
8 THOSE FOLKS, MEN AND WOMEN. AND I SAY TO MYSELF, BUT FOR THE
9 GRACE OF GOD, THERE GO I OR MY FAMILY MEMBERS OR MY FRIENDS.

10 WE REALLY HAVE TO REACH OUT TO THESE FOLKS.

11 WITH REFERENCE TO THE FAIRVIEW CENTER, I THINK YOU'RE
12 ABSOLUTELY RIGHT. THERE ARE SOME FOLKS WHO ARE GOING TO NEED A
13 LOT OF HELP. I DRIVE BY THERE EVERY DAY. EVERY DAY I SEE
14 DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN THAT SITUATION WHO YOU KNOW NEEDS SERIOUS
15 INTERVENTION.

16 THE COURT: OKAY. BUT HERE'S WHAT I'M GOING TO ASK
17 YOU.

18 I'M NOT AFTER ANY LOCATION. I JUST WANT HELP NOW
19 FROM LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT. THERE'S 10 PERCENT. AND IF NOT,
20 THEN, WHERE IS IT GOING TO GO.

21 IS IT GOING TO GO OUT OF GSA. AND YOU'RE GOING TO
22 HELP ME OUT IN THE MIDDLE OF LAGUNA NIGUEL -- BECAUSE THAT'S
23 FEDERAL PROPERTY. I DON'T HAVE TO WAIT FOR THE CITY.

24 CONGRESSMAN LOU CORREA: I'M GOING TO HELP YOU WITH
25 THOSE, SIR.

1 THE COURT: OKAY. I WANT TO HEAR THAT.

2 SOMETHING HAS GOT TO HAPPEN OUT THERE FOR THAT 10
3 PERCENT OF THAT POPULATION THAT WE CAN'T HOUSE. AND I LEAVE
4 THAT TO THE BOARD WITH FAIR WARNING.

5 BUT I CAN'T WAIT FOR THE ASSEMBLY. AND I CAN'T WAIT
6 MUCH LONGER WHEN WE'RE RETURNING PEOPLE BACK TO THE PARKS WHO
7 ARE LITERALLY SO HELPLESS AND SO INFIRM THAT WE CAN'T TREAT
8 THEM.

9 AND THAT'S WHAT WE HAD TO DO OUT IN ANAHEIM. AND
10 HARRY AND I SAT THERE AND WATCHED THAT. AND IT WAS ABSOLUTELY
11 PATHETIC BECAUSE THESE WEREN'T CRIMINALS. THESE WERE PEOPLE
12 WHO DESPERATELY NEEDED HELP. OKAY.

13 SO, I'LL JUST LEAN ON BOTH OF YOU AND BE PATIENT A
14 LITTLE WHILE LONGER. BUT WHEN I'M DEALING WITH DEATH, THAT'S A
15 DIFFERENT ISSUE NOW. AND THAT'S WHY THE COURT IS BEING VERY
16 IMPATIENT WITH THIS NOW.

17 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: AND, HONORABLE
18 JUDGE CARTER, YOU KNOW, WE'VE TALKED OR HAVE LISTENED ALL
19 MORNING TO DATA AND TO NUMBERS AND TO DEATHS --

20 THE COURT: YEAH.

21 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA: -- OVER 250.

22 THE COURT: YEAH.

23 ASSEMBLY MEMBER SHARON QUIRK-SILVA:-- TO PROGRAMS,
24 EVERYTHING FROM EMERGENCY SHELTERS TO HOMES.

25 AND I WANT TO TELL YOU A STORY THAT HAPPENED IN MY

1 FAMILY THIS YEAR IN OCTOBER.

2 THIS OCTOBER MY BROTHER DIED HERE IN ORANGE COUNTY 50
3 YEARS OLD. AND FOR MANY, MANY OF THE SAME REASONS THAT WE'RE
4 TALKING HERE -- IT WASN'T THAT HE DIDN'T A LOVING FAMILY. IT
5 WASN'T THAT THERE WASN'T SUPPORT. BUT BECAUSE OF THE
6 NAVIGATING OF MANY OF THE STEPS THAT HAVE TO BE TAKEN, HIS
7 ISSUE WAS MOSTLY CHRONIC ALCOHOLISM.

8 AND EVEN THOUGH HE HAD MY MOTHER, WHO'S 81, WHO DID
9 EVERYTHING POSSIBLE TO GET HIM TO THE PLACES. HE IS ONE OF THE
10 NUMBERS THAT SPENT TIME IN THE HOSPITALS GOING IN AND OUT. AND
11 HE DID HAVE A MAJOR HEALTH ISSUE. AND HE COULDN'T MAKE IT. IT
12 REQUIRES THREE TIMES TO GO TO A PSYCHIATRIST IN ORDER TO GET
13 THE CARE HE NEEDED FOR THE SOBER LIVING AND ALSO TO GET TO THE
14 OPERATION HE NEEDED.

15 AND EACH TIME AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MONTH HE WAS
16 READY TO GO. AND BY THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH HE WAS BACK OUT ON
17 THE STREETS. AND THAT WAS NOT BECAUSE WE WEREN'T LOOKING FOR
18 HIM. IT WAS NOT BECAUSE OF A LACK OF CALLING, NOT ONLY
19 PARTNERS AND OTHERS. SOME PEOPLE KNOW THE STORY OF MY FAMILY.
20 BUT THIS IS ONE OF THE PEOPLE WHO DIED -- RAYMOND JASO IN
21 OCTOBER IN BUENA PARK.

22 AND AT THAT POINT HE WAS ACTUALLY GETTING HELP FROM
23 ILLUMIN- -- FROM ILLUMINATION. AND HE WAS IN THEIR SHELTER.
24 BUT HE LEFT. AND THEY CAN'T MAKE HIM STAY. AND HE WAS ON A
25 BICYCLE AND WAS HIT BY A CAR.

1 THAT'S THE STORY. AND THAT'S BILLY JASO'S STORY, MY
2 BROTHER'S STORY.

3 THE COURT: SHARON, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

4 THAT'S -- THAT'S -- ALL RIGHT.

5 I WANT TO ASK. I HAVE NO JURISDICTION AT THE PRESENT
6 TIME BECAUSE THERE'S BEEN NO FILING ON THE FIVE NEW CITIES IN
7 THE COUNTY.

8 SO, SUPERVISORS, WHAT I'VE DONE --

9 LEON, IN THE PAST YOU GAVE ME TREMENDOUS TRUST TO
10 REACH OUT EX PARTE TO PEOPLE.

11 I WANT TO REPRESENT TO YOU THAT ONCE THE NEW FILING
12 TOOK PLACE -- I CEASE TO DO THAT -- BECAUSE IT'S A NEW FILING
13 WHERE I DON'T HAVE YOUR CONSENT ON THE COUNTY'S PART TO TALK TO
14 PEOPLE EX PARTE. AND THAT'S WHY I SEVERED THE RELATIONSHIP
15 WITH SUPERVISOR DO.

16 AND WE WERE MEETING ALL THE TIME AT NORM'S RESTAURANT
17 ALONG WITH MIGUEL PULIDO AND DIFFERENT MAYORS, ET CETERA. I'VE
18 CEASED THAT NOW.

19 AND UNLESS I HAVE THAT PERMISSION IN THE FUTURE,
20 THEN, GOING FORWARD IN TERMS OF LITIGATION --

21 AND, JUDGE LARSON, COME ON UP FOR A MOMENT BECAUSE
22 YOU REPRESENT ONE OF THE PARTIES. COME ON.

23 SO, THE END RESULT IS WHAT'S HAPPENED, STEVE, IS
24 THIS.

25 IN THE PAST THE FIVE OLD --

1 ANY OTHER CITIES HERE, BY THE WAY?

2 I THINK YOU REPRESENT IRVINE.

3 DON'T YOU, STEVE?

4 THIS IS MY FORMER COLLEAGUE, A WONDERFUL FORMER
5 JUDGE, JUDGE LARSON, WHO IS ALSO A PERSONAL FRIEND.

6 YOU REPRESENT IRVINE. DON'T YOU, STEVE?

7 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: YES.

8 THE COURT: ANYBODY ELSE HERE FROM ANY OF THE OTHER
9 NAMED CITIES? BECAUSE I DON'T EXPECT YOU TO BE HERE.

10 ANY OTHER COUNSEL?

11 (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)

12 THE COURT: OKAY. THEN LET ME JUST TALK YOU FOR A
13 MOMENT.

14 THEY HAVEN'T SERVED YOU?

15 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: NOT -- WELL, WE'VE NOT BEEN
16 SERVED, YOUR HONOR.

17 THE COURT: NO, I KNOW. YOU HAVEN'T BEEN SERVED.

18 I'M BAFFLED BY THAT. AND WHAT I WANTED TO DO IS I
19 EXPECTED WHEN I SET THE DATE IN MARCH 2ND FOR APRIL 2ND, I
20 THOUGHT THAT THE PLAINTIFFS WOULD HAVE SERVED YOU.

21 SO, WHAT I DID IS I SENT OUT AN ORDER FOR YOU TO
22 APPEAR. AND I WANT TO APOLOGIZE FOR THAT BECAUSE I THOUGHT BY
23 THAT TIME YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN SERVED. YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE
24 HERE.

25 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: NO NEED TO APOLOGIZE, YOUR

1 HONOR.

2 THE COURT: OKAY. NO. I NEED TO.

3 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: WE'RE HERE. OUR MAYOR IS
4 HERE. OUR CHIEF OF POLICE IS HERE.

5 THE COURT: WELL, THANK YOU FOR BEING HERE. YOU
6 DON'T HAVE TO BE HERE.

7 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: OUR MANAGER IS HERE.

8 THE COURT: BUT HERE'S WHAT I WAS HOPING TO DO TODAY
9 THAT WE CAN ACCOMPLISH.

10 EACH CITY NOW IS IN THE LITIGATION MODE. AND BEFORE
11 WHAT HAPPENED IS I HAD THE CONSENT OF ORANGE, TUSTIN, SANTA
12 ANA, COSTA MESA -- GOSH, I FORGET -- THE COUNTY TO TALK EX
13 PARTE TO PEOPLE. AND IT WAS REALLY BENEFICIAL. I CAN HAVE A
14 CONFIDENTIAL CONVERSATION WITH THE MAYOR IN ANAHEIM OR WHATEVER
15 AND THEN GO BACK --

16 AND, CAROL, I THINK I DIDN'T CALL YOU OFTEN, BUT I
17 COULD HAVE A CONFIDENTIAL CONVERSATION WITH YOU AND THEN TRY TO
18 GET US TOGETHER. THAT WAS A LOT BETTER THAN THE BICKERING THAT
19 WOULD GO BACK AND FORTH UNTIL WE REACHED KIND OF THIS AREA THAT
20 WE MIGHT NEGOTIATE IT IN. WE DIDN'T HAVE CONFERENCES. THEY
21 WOULD HAVE BEEN WASTED.

22 THAT CEASED. ONCE THEY FILED THE COMPLAINT NAMING
23 THE FIVE CITIES AND THE COUNTY AGAIN, NOW I DON'T FEEL
24 COMFORTABLE WITH THAT.

25 SO, IN THE FUTURE IF YOU'RE COMFORTABLE IN TERMS OF

1 NEGOTIATING, WHAT I'D LIKE TO DO IS GET THIS.

2 GET YOUR CONSENT FROM THE CITY OF IRVINE. THEN I CAN
3 LITERALLY TALK TO IRVINE EX PARTE WITHOUT THE PLAINTIFFS
4 PRESENT.

5 AND I'D LIKE TO GET THE CONSENT FROM THE CITY OF --
6 OR THE PLAINTIFFS SO THEY CAN TALK TO YOU EX PARTE. BECAUSE
7 WHEN WE GET TOGETHER IN THE SAME ROOM INITIALLY, YOU AND I BOTH
8 KNOW AS FORMER SETTLEMENT JUDGES, IT DOESN'T GO WELL BETWEEN
9 THE PARTIES. OKAY.

10 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: IT CAN BE CHALLENGING.

11 THE COURT: BUT THE SECOND THING IS I WANTED AND
12 HOPED THAT IF WE WERE GOING TO HAVE A CONFERENCE TODAY ON THE
13 NEW CASES, THAT WE SET UP AN ORDER SO THAT NOBODY WAS
14 SURPRISED.

15 I DIDN'T KNOW IF THE PLAINTIFFS WERE GOING TO FILE
16 FOR IMMEDIATE INJUNCTIVE RELIEF AND HAVE ME CONSIDER THAT OR IF
17 THEY WERE GOING TO LAY BACK AND NOT FILE FOR INJUNCTIVE RELIEF.

18 AND I REPRESENT TO YOU I KEPT ARM'S LENGTH FROM THEM
19 IN TERMS OF ANYTHING THAT THEY WERE THINKING IN TERMS OF THE
20 NEW CASES.

21 SO, I WANTED TO HAVE TIME BECAUSE EACH CITY STANDS ON
22 ITS OWN FEET NOW. AND EACH CITY IS LOOKED AT SEPARATELY. SOME
23 CITIES MAY HAVE DONE A TREMENDOUS AMOUNT. SOME CITIES MAY NOT.
24 I DON'T KNOW. I HAVEN'T PAID ATTENTION TO SOUTH.

25 AND I THINK OUR LAST CONFERENCE WAS A CONFERENCE THAT

1 TOOK PLACE IN MARCH OF 2018. AND IT INVOLVED THE WHOLE SOUTH
2 COUNTY SPA. THERE'S BEEN NO CONVERSATION SINCE.

3 SO, UNLESS I HAVE THAT CONSENT FROM THE DIFFERENT
4 CITIES, ET CETERA, THEN, I'M GOING TO GO BACK TO MY TRADITIONAL
5 ROLE AND STOP ANY ACTIVITY GOING FORWARD.

6 UNDERSTOOD?

7 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: YES.

8 THE COURT: SO, I'M GOING TO ASK THE PLAINTIFFS
9 BECAUSE I DON'T WANT A SURPRISE.

10 IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE'RE COMING IN HERE WITH AN
11 EMERGENCY RELIEF, I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN THAT THERE'S SOME KIND
12 OF TIME THAT I'VE SET ASIDE -- BECAUSE I DON'T WANT TO BE IN
13 THE MIDDLE OF A JURY TRIAL.

14 SO, WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING? ARE YOU GOING TO SERVE
15 THESE CITIES? IS THERE A PARTICULAR ORDER?

16 YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME AGAIN, BUT IT WOULD BE
17 AWFULLY COURTEOUS IF WE KIND OF KNEW FOR PLANNING PURPOSES.

18 AND, NUMBER TWO, WHICH CITY IS GOING TO GO FIRST?

19 SEE, THOSE ARE THE THINGS WE CAN'T ACCOMPLISH BECAUSE
20 THEY DIDN'T GET SERVED.

21 (PAUSE IN PROCEEDINGS.)

22 THE COURT: YOU'RE NOT GOING TO ANSWER THAT. OKAY.

23 WELL, WHY DON'T YOU TWO GET TOGETHER INFORMALLY.
24 BECAUSE WHAT I'D LIKE IS THE COURTESY OF TIME.

25 IN OTHER WORDS, IF -- IF -- IF YOU GET SERVED IN

1 IRVINE OR IN SAN CLEMENTE OR THE COUNTY OR WHATEVER -- AND I
2 THINK THE OTHER PART OF THIS IS THIS --

3 LEON, BEFORE -- JUST FOR TRANSPARENCY, THE COUNTY WAS
4 READY TO SETTLE. I'VE SEEN THAT AGREEMENT.

5 BUT LEON IS AN EXCELLENT COUNSEL. AND I WANT THAT ON
6 THE RECORD.

7 AND HE'S GOT TO BE THINKING AS AN ATTORNEY, WELL,
8 GEE, IF I SETTLED THE OLD LAWSUIT WHERE THE COUNTY WAS NAMED,
9 WHAT ABOUT THE NEW LAWSUIT.

10 I MEAN, WE'RE BUYING INTO MORE LITIGATION.

11 BUT THE COUNTY AT ONE TIME WAS READY TO STEP FORWARD.
12 AND ALL OF YOU KNOW -- AND I THINK THAT THE REQUIREMENT OF
13 SUPERVISOR DO IS HE'S PROBABLY SAYING DO YOU WANT THE SOUTH
14 COUNTY CITIES JOINED.

15 OKAY. CAME OUT IN THE "VOICE OF ORANGE COUNTY."

16 WELL, NOW THE SOUTH COUNTY CITIES HAVE BEEN JOINED OR
17 SOME PORTION.

18 AND, SO, I DON'T KNOW WHERE YOU STAND ON THAT. I
19 COULD JUST READ THE PRESS.

20 SO, IF YOU'RE GOING TO SETTLE, THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN.
21 BUT I WANT TO MAKE CERTAIN I'M NOT TRANSGRESSING BY WALKING
22 OVER INTO THE NEW CASE FILED AGAINST THE COUNTY.

23 THE SECOND THING IS THE SHERIFF SITTING BACK THERE
24 DON BARNES -- AND HE'S GOT A HUGE PROBLEM. AND THAT IS HE'S
25 GOT CONTRACT CITIES OUT THERE. HE'S TRYING TO ENFORCE WITH

1 JEFF PUCKETT DOWN HERE AND A WHOLE BUNCH OF OUTSTANDING
2 OFFICERS. AND QUITE FRANKLY, HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO.

3 HE'S NOT GOING TO DISOBEY A FEDERAL COURT ORDER. AND
4 HE'S PROBABLY NOT GOING TO RUN THE RISK OF INJUNCTIVE RELIEF
5 DOWN THERE. BUT THOSE ARE INDIVIDUAL CITIES.

6 AND WHAT I'M CONCERNED ABOUT IS IF ONE CITY SETTLES,
7 THEN, WHAT HAPPENS TO ANOTHER CITY BECAUSE YOU DON'T WANT THAT
8 UNINTENDED PUSH BACK AND FORTH, LET'S SAY, BETWEEN SAN CLEMENTE
9 AND DANA POINT. BECAUSE YOU'RE GOING TO GET A CERTAIN
10 MIGRATION, DON, OUT THERE.

11 AND THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT HARD FOR THE SHERIFF'S
12 DEPARTMENT BECAUSE NOW THE CITIES ARE SETTLING INDIVIDUALLY OR
13 LITIGATING INDIVIDUALLY.

14 AND, SO, THAT'S WHY WE APPROACHED YOU INITIALLY,
15 STEVE, AS A "SPA-WIDE DISCUSSION" BECAUSE AT THAT TIME I WAS
16 JUST DEALING WITH SPAS. NOW WE'RE JUST DEALING WITH CITIES.
17 OKAY.

18 IF IRVINE WANTS TO GO FIRST, FINE. IF THEY WANT TO
19 GO LAST, FINE. IF SAN CLEMENTE, DANA POINT, THE COUNTY, BUT
20 I'D LIKE TO AT SOME POINT HAVE THAT THOUGHTFUL DISCUSSION.

21 SO, I'M ASKING YOU AGAIN. ARE YOU GOING TO SERVE THE
22 CITIES?

23 MS. SOBEL: YES.

24 THE COURT: YES?

25 MS. SOBEL: YES. WE'RE GOING TO SERVE THEM.

1 THE COURT: GOOD.

2 WHEN?

3 MS. SOBEL: WE HAVE --

4 THE COURT: THERE'S A MICROPHONE SO I CAN HEAR.

5 WHEN? IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE'RE GOING TO LITIGATE,

6 LET'S GET THE LITIGATION GOING.

7 UNKNOWN SPEAKER: JUDGE, DANA POINT IS HERE, BY THE

8 WAY.

9 THE COURT: HUH?

10 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: DANA POINT IS HERE --

11 THE COURT: OH, THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

12 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: THE --

13 THE COURT: IT'S A PLEASURE TO SEE YOU. AND YOU

14 DON'T HAVE TO BE HERE, BY THE WAY. I HAVE NO JURISDICTION OVER

15 YOU AT ALL. I PROMISE YOU.

16 UNIDENTIFIED SPEAKER: WELL, YOU ASKED US TO COME.

17 SO, WE SHOWED --

18 THE COURT: AND YOU HAVEN'T EVEN BEEN SERVED YET.

19 SO, IN OTHER WORDS, IF WE'RE GOING TO LITIGATE, LET'S

20 GET THIS GOING.

21 MS. SOBEL: I HEARD YOU, YOUR HONOR.

22 THE COURT: OKAY. YOU'RE GOING TO SERVE?

23 MS. SOBEL: I HEARD YOU.

24 THE COURT: OKAY. GOOD. SHE'S HEARD US.

25 SO, STEVE, LET'S DO THIS. THE DOOR IS OPEN AS LONG

1 AS I HAVE CONSENT. AND THE DOOR IS ALWAYS OPEN FOR SETTLEMENT.

2 UNDERSTOOD?

3 AND I'LL SAY WHAT I SAID AT THE BEGINNING. WHAT I'M
4 DEATHLY AFRAID OF IS THIS.

5 FIVE YEARS FROM NOW WITH THE EXPENDITURE OF A WHOLE
6 LOT OF MONEY BY THE COUNTY OR THE CITIES OR THE ACLU.

7 MS. SOBEL: WE'RE NOT THE ACLU, YOUR HONOR.

8 THE COURT: WELL, YOU'RE CLOSE ENOUGH.

9 (LAUGHTER.)

10 THE COURT: I'M JUST -- NO. I'M JUST KIDDING YOU.
11 OKAY.

12 (LAUGHTER.)

13 THE COURT: I AM JOKING WITH YOU.

14 THERE'S GOING TO BE A WINNER, RIGHT? ON PAPER
15 THERE'S GOING TO BE A WINNER. AND WE'RE STILL GOING TO HAVE
16 OUR CITIES WHO HAVE SETTLED IN A SENSE UNINTENTIONALLY PUSHING
17 A MIGRATION TO THE CITIES WHO HAVEN'T SETTLED.

18 THE STRONGEST BENEFIT IS THAT WE ENFORCE THESE LAWS
19 AND DO IT HUMANELY AND DO IT QUICKLY. AND THAT'S BEEN THE
20 BOTTOM LINE FOR ALL THE OTHER CITIES I'VE TALKED TO.

21 THE SECOND THING IS LITIGATION -- AND THAT'S WHY I
22 GOT INVOLVED IN SOMETHING THAT YOU AND I KNOW IS AN ODD PLACE
23 TO BE AS A JUDGE -- AND THAT IS THE LITIGATION SEEMS TO BE
24 NON-ENDING. THERE WILL BE A WINNER AT THE END, BUT THERE WILL
25 BE SUCH AN EXPENDITURE OF MONEY THAT OUR COMMUNITIES WILL BE

1 RUINED BECAUSE THERE'S NO ABILITY TO ENFORCE RIGHT NOW UNDER
2 THE LAW.

3 SO, STEVE, THE DOOR IS WIDE OPEN.

4 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: WELL, THANK YOU, YOUR HONOR.

5 THE COURT: OKAY.

6 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: AND WE'LL CERTAINLY -- THE
7 CITY OF IRVINE WANTS TO COOPERATE IN ALL OF THIS.

8 OBVIOUSLY, YOU'VE PROPOSED SOME PARTICULAR STEPS THAT
9 WE NEED TO TAKE. WE'LL CONSULT WITH COUNSEL. I'M SURE WE'LL
10 BE BACK TO YOU SHORTLY.

11 THE COURT: OKAY. BUT YOU KNOW THAT -- YOU KNOW THAT
12 THE PHONE IS OPEN AS LONG AS I HAVE CONSENT --

13 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: I DO, INDEED. AND I'LL DO
14 THAT --

15 THE COURT: -- FROM THE OTHER CITIES, ET CETERA. BUT
16 OTHERWISE --

17 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: WE'LL GET BACK TO YOU
18 PROMPTLY, YOUR HONOR.

19 ALL RIGHT. THANK YOU.

20 THE COURT: -- WE'RE BACK TO --

21 THANKS FOR BEING HERE. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.

22 JUDGE STEPHEN LARSON: ALL RIGHT.

23 GOOD TO SEE YOU AS WELL.

24 THANKS, YOUR HONOR.

25 THE COURT: OKAY.

1 I HAVE NOTHING FURTHER.

2 DO ANY OF YOU FOLKS HAVE ANYTHING FURTHER TO ADD? OR
3 JIM?

4 (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)

5 THE COURT: OKAY.

6 CHIEFS?

7 (NO AUDIBLE RESPONSE.)

8 THE COURT: I MEAN, ANY QUESTION IS FAIR GAME RIGHT
9 NOW. OKAY.

10 SO, I'LL SEE YOU CHIEF -- COSTA MESA, I'LL SEE YOU
11 OUT THERE AT 5:30 IN THE MORNING ON FRIDAY. FAIR ENOUGH. I'LL
12 BUY THE COFFEE.

13 OKAY. MAYOR, I'LL SEE YOU OUT THERE AT 5:30 IN THE
14 MORNING. 5:30. I'LL BUY THE COFFEE.

15 I WANT TO THANK ALL OF YOU. WE'RE OUT OF HERE AT
16 TWELVE O'CLOCK. AND THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

17 (PROCEEDINGS ADJOURNED AT 12:00 P.M.)

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