

**California Master Plan for Aging
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Captioners Transcript

>> WELCOME TO THE CALIFORNIA MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. I'M THE PROJECT DIRECTOR FOR THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. THIS IS OUR FIRST MEETING SINCE THE STAY AT HOME ORDERS AND OUR FIRST ENTIRELY VIRTUAL MEETING. THIS IS TELEPHONE AND WEBINAR ONLY. THANK YOU FOR LOGGING ON TO JOIN US THIS MORNING.

AS I SAID, TODAY'S MEETING IS HOSTED BY PHONE OR WEBINAR ONLY. YOU CAN CLICK ON THE CLOSED CAPTIONING BUTTON ON THE SCREEN TO ACTIVATE THAT FEATURE IF NEEDED.

THERE WILL BE A PUBLIC COMMENT DURING THIS CALL AND WE WILL SHARE THE SLIDE WITH INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO MAKE PUBLIC COMMENT AGAIN AT 10:10. I'M NOW GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO DR. MARK GHALY.

>> DR. MARK GHALY: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. SO FIRST, THANK YOU ALL FOR JOINING. I SEE THAT WE HAVE A GOING UP AND DOWN, BUT JUST OVER 200 PARTICIPANTS, WHICH IS PRETTY INCREDIBLE. GRATEFUL THAT EVERYBODY IS JOINING US. I THINK FOR MANY OF US, THIS IS A IMPORTANT MOMENT WHEN WE BEGIN TO RESTART SOME OF THE MAJOR INITIATIVES AND EFFORTS THAT WE WERE LOOKING FORWARD TO AT THE END OF LAST YEAR AND THE BEGINNING OF THIS YEAR. AND REALLY POISED IN CALIFORNIA TO TAKE ENORMOUS LEAPED FORWARD THROUGH SOME OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AND THE BUDGET AND OUR VARIOUS EFFORTS. AS WE CONTINUE IN OUR PURSUIT TO DO THE BEST WE CAN AS A STATE WITH COVID-19 AROUND US AND THE THREATS OF THAT VIRUS AND ITS ABILITY TO REALLY REEK HAVOC ON OUR COMMUNITIES, THIS MOMENT SIGNIFIED TO ME AN OPPORTUNITY TO KEEP LOOKING FORWARD TO HOW WE USE COVID-19 AND THE TRAGEDIES AND THE SITUATION REALLY FOR A FUTURE OF OPPORTUNITIES. AND I THINK WHAT WE HAVE DONE AT THE AGENCY AND WITH OUR MANY DEPARTMENTS IS BECOME MORE LASER FOCUSED ON CERTAIN ASPECTS OF HOW WE PROTECT VULNERABLE POPULATIONS.

ALTHOUGH WE ALWAYS HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO AND ARE ALWAYS TRYING TO DID BETTER, THERE HAS BEEN MOMENTOUS ACHIEVEMENTS WITH OUR FOCUS AND I WILL SAY, I THINK, OUR RELATIONSHIP AND FOCUS ON SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES HAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE. I THINK OUR ABILITY TO CREATE PROGRAMS TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS, OLDER INDIVIDUALS AND ALL OF THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS WHO ARE SHELTERING IN PLACE IN THEIR HOMES HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS.

AND I THINK JUST THE CREATIVE ENERGY AMONG MANY OF YOU ON THE CALL WITH THE STATE AND LOCAL LEADERS, HAVE REALLY GIVEN US THE SUBSTRATE TO MOVE FORWARD AND WORK, ON, JUST RECENTLY, THE FOCUS ON INCREASING TESTS AMONG THE SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES, WHICH WILL SOON EXPEND TO OTHER FACILITIES WILL BE SOON IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. AND LOOKING FOR OTHER OPTIONS FOR LONG-TERM SUPPORTS IN HOME INSTEAD OF JUST IN NURSING FACILITIES FOR THOSE WHO ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SKILLED LEVEL NURSING CARE. THE START OF THAT CONVERSATION IS A VERY IMPORTANT ONE. BUT I DON'T WANT TO AT ALL IGNORE THE FACT THAT WE ARE ALSO STRUGGLING THROUGH AND FIGURING OUT HOW WE CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN OUR VALUES AND FOCUS ON MANY OF THE IMPORTANT THINGS TO ALL OF US, WHILE FACING ENORMOUS BUDGET CUTS AND A FORECAST THAT NOT THAT OTHERS HAVE NOT SEEN IT BEFORE OR DEALT WITH THIS BEFORE, BUT I THINK THE RAPIDITY BY WHICH WE ARE FACING IT IS UNUSUAL AND UNIQUE. AND SOME OF THE CHOICES IN FRONT OF ALL OF US, YOU KNOW, WHETHER IT IS IN THE LEGISLATOR OR THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE OR OTHER PARTS OF OUR STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENTS THAT DEPEND ON FUNDING, STATE AND LOCAL FUNDING, TO PROMOTE PROGRAMS AND SUPPORT OUR SAFETY NET, THERE IS A LOT OF TOUGH CHOICES. AND I KNOW THAT THIS GROUP IS GOING TO BE DEEPLY ENGAGED ON SOME OF THE PROPOSALS AND HELPING MAKE COMMENTS AND WADE THROUGH THAT. AND I KNOW I PARTICIPATED IN SOME OF THAT ALREADY AND I'VE LEARNED A LOT IN THE CONVERSATIONS ALREADY. BUT ALSO CONTINUE TO FACE THE BREVITY BY WHICH THE DECISIONS ARE GOING TO BE MADE.

I WILL SAY THAT MANY OF YOU HAVE REACHED OUT TO THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR DIRECTLY THROUGH LETTERS AND PHONE CALLS AND DESPITE HIS VERY BUSY AND COMPLEX SCHEDULE, FIG, KIM AND MYSELF, WORK WITH OTHER LEADERS IN THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND THE GOVERNOR HIMSELF ARE TRYING TO LOCK DOWN A TIME IN HIS SCHEDULE TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH A GROUP OF YOU BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IS IMPORTANT. JUST LIKE OTHER GROUPS ARE

REACHING OUT, HIS COMMITMENT TO THIS EFFORT IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING AND REALLY LOOKING ACROSS, NOT JUST OUR FINANCIAL RESOURCES, HOW THEY INVEST IN THE WELL-BEING OF OLDER CALIFORNIANS, BUT SOME OF THE OTHER ASSETS THAT WE HAVE SORT OF MOVING FORWARD AND HOW WE ALIGN THOSE AND BRING THOSE TOGETHER DESPITE SORT OF HAVING SO MANY DREAMS STOPPED BECAUSE OF THIS BUDGET PROBLEM. HOW DO WE CONTINUE TO INNOVATE AND USE THE CRISIS OF COVID THAT ARE GOING TO BE IMPORTANT IN THE TRANSFORMATIONS, HOW DO WE DO THOSE WELL. I WILL WRAP UP SAYING, DESPITE ALL THE FOCUS ON COVID, I RECEIVED AN E-MAIL LAST NIGHT, NOT BECAUSE I WAS DREADING IT, BUT I WAS EXPECTING IT. WE GOT A FIRST NOTICE OF A POTENTIAL POWER SHUT OFF IN OUR PART OF THE STATE. AS WE MOVE FORWARD AND TRYING TO STAY FOCUSED ON PROTECTING VULNERABLE POPULATIONS IN THE FACE OF COVID-19 AND THIS BUDGET, I'M JUST REMINDED THAT WE DON'T GET A BREAK FROM THE OTHER PARTS OF OUR GREAT STATE THAT WE CONTEND WITH ON AN ANNUAL BASIS AND THOSE ARE COMING. I IMPLORER ALL OF US TO CONTINUE TO THINK HOW WE PUT THESE THINGS TOGETHER A MEANINGFUL WAY TO PROTECT ALL THE PEOPLE AS MUCH AS WE CAN. NOT ONLY PROTECT THEM, THROUGH IN THRIVING DESPITE THE HARD CONDITIONS THAT WE ARE ALL FACING AT THIS MOMENT. I LOOK FORWARD TO THIS DIALOGUE AND I'M GRATEFUL TO KNOW THAT YOU ARE ALL MEETING.

ONE THING THAT IS CERTAIN TO ME, HAVING WORKED CLOSER WITH KIM MCCOY-WADE, HER RESOLVE TO KEEP THIS EFFORT MOVING IS GREATER THAN EVER, AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO HER LEADERSHIP MANIFESTING AND GREAT WORK WITH ALL OF YOU ON BOTH PLAN AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THINGS THAT WILL MAKE A MEANINGFUL DIFFERENCE. NOT ONLY FOR THE FOLKS ON THIS CALL, BUT THE MILLIONS OF OTHERS THAT WE WORK FOR AND WITH EVERY SINGLE DAY. KIM, I WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU AND JUST GRATEFUL FOR EVERYONE'S POSITION.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU, WE ARE ALSO GOING TO HEAR FROM RICHARD FIGUEROA, I BELIEVE YOUR LINE IS UNMUTED.

>> RICHARD FIGUEROA: CAN YOU HEAR ME, KIM? HELLO, JUST TO CHIME IN ON A FEW THINGS THAT MARK SAID. AGAIN, WANT TO THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR EFFORTS ON HELPING US MEET WILL PANDEMIC, IT HAS HAD A MASSIVE IMPACT ON EVERYBODY, BUT PARTICULARLY, THE MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND JUST SEEING THE PEOPLES' WILLINGNESS

TO DIVE IN AND BOTH ON INDIVIDUAL EFFORTS, EFFORTS AS AN ORGANIZATION, EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE STATE AND THE MANY THINGS THAT WE'VE TRIED TO DO TO ASSIST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS, INCLUDING OUR OLDER CALIFORNIANS, IT HAS BEEN TREMENDOUS. AND AGAIN, YOU'VE BEEN RESPONDING BOTH WITH A SENSE URGENCY AND INNOVATION. THIS HAS BEEN A TREMENDOUS CHALLENGE AS THE SECRETARY INDICATED, IN TERMS OF ITS IMPACT ON PROGRAMS AND THE IMPACT TO EVERYBODY PSYCHOLOGICALLY, FINANCIALLY, EVERY OTHER KIND OF WAY. AND AGAIN, WE APPRECIATE YOUR PATIENCE AND DILIGENCE ON WORKING WITH US AS WE WORK THROUGH THESE THINGS MANY OBVIOUSLY, WE ENTERED IN JANUARY IN A WHOLE DIFFERENT MODE IN TERMS OF OUR BUDGET PREPARATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS. AND WE'VE HAD TO DRASTICALLY CURTAIL PRETTY MUCH ALL OF OUR ASPIRATIONS, AT LEAST IN THE SHORT-TERM. TO REAFFIRM, DREAMS DEFERRED, THIS IS A MASTER PLAN, AND IT IS OVER A LONGER TERM. AND WE WILL GET PAST THIS. OBVIOUSLY WE HOPE FOR ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO GET THERE AND HOPE TO GET OUT OF IT QUICKER THAN WE TO OTHERWISE. BUT WE WANT TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON WORKING ON A FORWARD LOOKING DOCUMENT THAT IDENTIFIES THOSE ASPIRATIONS AND GOALS. IN THE LIGHT OF COVID, MAYBE THERE ARE OTHER THINGS WE WOULD CHANGE OR ADDITIONS WITH THINGS THAT WE WOULD TRY OUT THAT WORKED AND HAVEN'T WORK THAT WOULD HELP INFORM THIS DECISION. BUT WE'RE VERY COMMITTED TO THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS AND WE APPRECIATE YOU CONTINUING WORK ON IT. THE GOVERNOR DOES LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING THE RESULTS, AS MARK INDICATED EARLIER, TRYING TO WORK THROUGH THE LOGISTICS OF TRYING TO SET UP A MEET AND CONTINUE THE CONVERSATION.

I WILL BE LISTENING TODAY TO PUBLIC AND FEEDBACK FROM THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS WELL. BUT AGAIN, JUST WANT TO CHIME UP FROM THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE AND OUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS AND YOUR WORK. THANKS, KIM.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AND THANKS FOR YOUR TIME THIS MORNING BEING WITH US. AMANDA, CAN DO THE ROLL CALL OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

>> I WILL START BY READING OFF THE NAMES.

(CALLING ROLL)

BRANDI WOLF, BRUCE CHERNOF, DEB TOTES, DONNA BENTON, JOED REID, JUDY THOMAS, LAURA CARSTENSEN, LE ONDRA CLARK HARVEY, NANCY FISHER, NINA WEILER-HARWELL...

THAT WAS EVERYONE WE HAVE LOGGED IN THROUGH WEBINAR. IF I MISSED EVERYONE AND YOU CALLED IN VIA THE PHONE AND YOU ARE A STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER, CAN YOU PRESS STAR 9.

>> DR. FERNANDO TORRES GIL: I'M HERE AS WELL.

>> AND PETER HANSEL, THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU. DO WE HAVE ANYONE ELSE?

>> I DON'T THINK SO. WE HAVE A COUPLE FOLKS RAISING THEIR HANDS. THANK YOU SO MUCH, BUT I DON'T THINK THEY ARE SAC COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: WE DO HAVE ONE MORE CHRISTINA MILLS IS TRYING TO GET IN.

>> AMANDA: YOU CAN E-MAIL ME AND I CAN ANNOUNCE THAT YOU ARE HERE.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU AS WE ARE MOVING TO THIS NEW TECHNOLOGY, OUR FIRST VIRTUAL MEETING AND TRYING TO BE INCLUSIVE AND TRANSPARENT AND EFFICIENT. I WANT TO WELCOME THE FULL STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AS WELL AS THE 222 ATTENDEES. THIS IS THE DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING. I'M PLEASED TO WELCOME TWO NEW MEMBERS TO OUR SAC. WE'LL TALK ABOUT THE AGENDA IN JUST A SECOND. ANDY IMPARATO, THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA. WE ARE BOTH GRATEFUL TO CATHERINE FOR OUR SERVICE AND GLAD THAT SHE IS CONTINUING TO SERVE ON THE COMMITTEE.

THANK YOU TO ANDY AND CATHERINE FOR THE TEAM WORK. AND WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE SHIREEN MCSPADDEN JOIN US. THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND SERVICES. WELCOME. WOULD EITHER OF YOU LIKE TO SAY A WORD?

>> ANDY IMPARATO: I'M JUST GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE AND I LOOK FORWARD.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: IS SHIREEN HERE? OKAY, WE WILL TRY TO FIND HER, TOO AND MAKE SURE THAT SHE IS ABLE TO HEAR AND SPEAK. THANK YOU. IF WE CAN GO BACK JUST A SECOND TO TALK ABOUT WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO TODAY. WE REALLY ARE GOING TO DO ONE THING, HEAR FROM ALL OF YOU ABOUT THE WAY FORWARD FOR THE MASTER PLAN. HEAR FROM THE STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE AND ALSO PUBLIC COMMENT FOR AT LEAST 20 MINUTES. I WILL DO A LITTLE BIT OF TABLE SETTING JUST TO SET THE TABLE ABOUT WHERE THINGS ARE, OPERATIONALLY AND MORE IMPORTANTLY, MEETING THE MOMENT. BUT WE'LL SPEND MOST OF THE TIME ON THE DISCUSSION.

BEFORE WE DID THAT, WE WANT TO REALLY TAKE A PAUSE AS WE PAUSE THE MASTER PLAN TWO MONTHS AGO WHEN COVID CAME HOME, TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE ENORMITY OF THE MOMENT AND THE RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE ON THIS COMMITTEE AND THE PEOPLE YOU SERVE HAVE DEDICATED AND COMMITTED THE PAST 3 MONTHS. MORE THAN EVER. OF COURSE, WE WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT THE PUBLIC KNOWS ABOUT ALL THE RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, CAREGIVERS, FAMILIES, COMMUNITIES ENCOURAGE YOU TO GO TO THE SITE FOR FACT SHEETS AND PHONE NUMBERS AND DATA. BUT WE WANTED TO HEAR FROM THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND THE STORIES OF THEIR COVID-19 EXPERIENCE TO DATE. WE'VE ASKED FOUR OF THE SAC MEMBERS OF SHARE A COUPLE MINUTES OF REFLECTIONS ON THEIR EXPERIENCE. IF WE CAN GO TO THE NEXT SLIDE PLEASE. WE WOULD BE GRATEFUL. AND WE HAVE YOU IN ALPHABETICAL ORDER. IS MAYA HERE?

>> MAYA ALTMAN: YES, I AM.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: WE CAN'T SEE YOU, BUT WE CAN HEAR YOU.

>> MAYA ALTMAN: I CAN TURN ON MY VIDEO, TOO. HI EVERYBODY, THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SOME REFLECTIONS WITH YOU TODAY. YOU KNOW, I WAS THINKING THAT EARLIER THIS YEAR, A FEW OF US FROM THE MASTER PLAN GROUP ATTENDED AN EVENING MEETING IN MOUNTAINVIEW AT A CBAS AND SENIOR CENTER. THERE WERE ABOUT 100 PEOPLE THERE AND THE STORIES WE LISTENED TO WERE HEART WRENCHING. MANY PEOPLE SPOKE ABOUT FAMILY MEMBERS STRUGGLING IN NURSING FACILITIES AND STRUGGLING TO FIND ALTERNATIVES. AND WE FAST FORWARD A FEW MONTHS TO TODAY, IN THE MIDST OF THE COVID CRISIS WHERE WE HAVE SEEN A SHOCKING NUMBER OF DEATHS IN THE HOMES. IN MY COUNTY, TWO-THIRDS OF THE DEATHS OCCURRED AMONG PEOPLE IN THESE SETTINGS. I THINK WE HAVE AN URGENCY NOW MORE THAN EVER, TO GET PEOPLE OUT AND HELP THEM AVOID CONGREGATE SETTINGS. I APPLAUD THE ADMINISTRATION'S LONG-TERM CARE AT HOME CONCEPT. I THINK IT HAS A LOT OF PROMISE. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, I

DON'T THINK IT MAKES SENSE TO BUILD A NEW PROGRAM FOR THE SAME PEOPLE SERVED BY PROGRAMS THAT ARE BEING ELIMINATED OR PROPOSED FOR ELIMINATION. WHAT HAPPENS TO THE INDIVIDUALS IN THE MEANTIME AND HOW WILL THEY BE PROTECTED? ESPECIALLY SINCE WE DON'T KNOW HOW LONG IT WILL TAKE TO BUILD SOMETHING NEW AND WHAT THAT WILL LOOK LIKE.

THIS CRISIS HAS CAST A HARSH SPOTLIGHT ON NURSING FACILITIES AND THEIR STRUGGLES AND I'M HOPING WE CAN COMMIT TO REFORM NOW. THE CHALLENGE IS TO BUILD A UNIFIED STRATEGY AMONG ALL OF THE REGULATORS AND PAYERS ORGANIZATIONS INVOLVED WITH NURSING HOMES TO REALLY IMPROVE THE QUALITY AND THROUGH THE CREATIVE USE OF PAYMENT AND REGULATORY OVERSIGHT. CLEARLY THE OLD WAYS HAVE NOT WORKED AND WE HAVE TO DO BETTER. THE OTHER THING IS SOCIAL ISOLATION. IT IS REMARKABLE TO ME, HOW THE STATE AND OUR LOCAL COMMUNITIES HAVE COME TOGETHER ON THIS. MY HEALTH PLAN OF SAN MATEO, WE'VE IMPLEMENTED SEVERAL STRATEGIES, BUT I'M MOST PROUD OF WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN TERMS OF WHAT WE CALL "BUDDY CALLS" OUR MEMBERS WHO ARE ALL ON MEDI-CAL, HAVE A PROGRAM WHERE THEY CAN CALL EACH OTHER AND BE BUDDIES TO EACH OTHER AND HAVE CHECK IN CALLS ONCE A WEEK. AND WE'RE TRYING TO ENGAGE MEMBERS THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY TO WRITE LETTERS TO THE MEMBERS.

I WANT TO END WITH WHAT THE IMPACT OF THESE SIMPLE HUMAN CONNECTIONS AND WHAT KIND OF IMPACT THEY CAN HAVE ON PEOPLE. I HAVE A FEW QUOTES FROM PEOPLE WHO MADE CALLS. WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT MARIA WAS HUNGRY AND OUT OF TOILET PAPER AND WAS SCARED TO LEAVE HER APARTMENT, HER NEIGHBOR DROPPED OFF BASIC NECESSITIES AT HER DOORSTEP. WHEN I CALLED, MY NEIGHBOR WAS FEARING THE WORST AND DESPARATE FOR THE COVID-19 NEWS. AND WORRIED ABOUT CATCHING THE VIRUS.

[READING]

MEMBER, ISABELLE, ALONE AND SCARED TO LEAVE HER HOME WAS PASSING HER TIME IN BED, SLEEPING ALL DAY AND NIGHT. WE PUT TOGETHER A PLAN TO CHANGE THAT. WE ARE NOW PLAYING PUZZLES TOGETHER VIRTUALLY AND SHE IS MAKING BEADED JEWELRY FOR THE NEIGHBORS. I CHECK IN ON HER DAILY AND SHE IS DOING GREAT AND FEELS LIKE HERSELF AGAIN.

JUST IN CLOSING, THESE FOLKS AND OTHERS LIKE THEM ARE GOING TO BE ISOLATED FOR MUCH LONGER THAN ANYONE ELSE. HOW DO WE SUSTAIN

THE EFFORTS STATE WIDE OVER MONTHS AND MAYBE YEARS, TO MAKE SURE WE STAY CONNECTED TO PEOPLE.

>> JANNY CASTILLO: CAN YOU HEAR ME?

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: YES, WE CAN.

>> JANNY CASTILLO: GOOD MORNING EVERYONE. GOOD MORNING KIM. IT LOOKS LIKE I'M GOING TO ECHO A LITTLE BIT OF THE STORY THAT MAYA SHARED. I WANT TO DIRECT YOU TO A NEW YORK TIMES ARTICLE THAT WILL BE E-MAILED TO YOU, OR IT WAS E-MAILED YESTERDAY FROM AMANDA. IT IS ABOUT ONE OF OUR SENIORS WHO STAYED IN OUR EMERGENCY SHELTER AND IT SHARES A DEEPER STORY OF WHAT IT WAS LIKE DURING THE FIRST STAGES OF THE COVID CRISIS HERE IN WEST OAKLAND. MOST OF OUR SENIORS ARE AT RISK AND LIVE WITH COMPLICATED HEALTH ISSUES, SOME IN LESS THAN OPTIMAL LIVING SITUATIONS. MARCH 11, WHICH WAS THE WEEK THAT COVID REALLY HIT IN THE BAY AREA, I WAS ON A FIELD TRIP WITH 28 SENIORS GOING 4 HOURS AWAY. WE WERE THE ONLY VISITORS IN THE WHOLE PARK. ON THE WAY BACK THE NEWS REPORTS STARTING COMING IN ABOUT THE PANDEMIC. AND I KID YOU NOT, IT FELT LIKE WE WERE DRIVING BACK TO HELL. WORRY BEGAN RIGHT AWAY. WITHIN DAYS THE CENTER WAS CLOSED AND THE WINTER SHELTER WAS OPENED AND TURNING IT IN TO A SAFE HAVEN FOR 28 SENIORS. MORE THAN HALF THE STAFF WAS SENT HOME TO WORK. LATER, WE HAD MOVED SENIORS INTO TRANSITIONAL AND PERMANENT HOUSING. I WAS MOVED TO MANAGE THE FOOD PROGRAM, WHICH HAD BEEN TRANSFORMED TO DELIVERY ONLY. SINCE APRIL, WE DELIVERED 1700 MEALS, 500 BAGS OF FOOD AND DELIVERED 23 FREE DESKTOP COMPUTERS TO SENIORS AND FAMILIES SHELTERING IN PLACE. AFTER INTERVIEWING SEVERAL CASE MANAGERS FROM THIS REPORT, WE HAVE THE FOLLOWING TO SHARE. EFFECTS OF COVID WAS LEFT FOR SENIORS WHO ARE LEFT IN SHOCK AND SET ADRIFT. CALLING EACH ONE AND ESTABLISHING RESOURCES FOR FOOD, HEALTH CARE AND FINANCES. WE ARE SENIORS WHO ARE TAKING SHELTER IN PLACE SERIOUSLY AND PRACTICING GOOD HABITS. AND THEN THERE ARE THOSE WHOSE ANXIETY HAS EXACERBATED AND SCARED TO GO OUT AND SHOP, OR TAKE A WALK. TO COMPETENCE, WE USE TELEPHONE REASSURANCE AND COAX THEM INTO A MORE HEALTHY RESPONSE. WE HAVE SEEN INCREASE IN MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES AND LONELINESS AND SENIORS WHO ARE EXHIBITING A SPECTRUM OF SYMPTOMS. BECAUSE OF THE NEED FOR COMPANIONSHIP, SOME SENIORS ARE IGNORING THE WARNING BY GOING TO VISIT FAMILY AND FRIENDS. HAVE FOUND THERE IS INCREASED NEED TO ADVOCATE TO GET APPOINTMENTS. ONE OF CASE MANAGERS SET UP REGULAR CONFERENCE CALLS AND HELPS THEM REACH OUT TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN WHO LIVE IN THE PHILIPPINES. THAT MAKES A BIG DIFFERENCE FOR THESE PEOPLE.

MANY SENIORS ARE BENEFITING FROM THE EXTRA FOOD STAMPS AND ONE OF THE LOCAL MARKETS IS DOUBLING EVERY FOOD STAMP DOLLAR AND OFFERING CURB SIDE PICK UPS.

MANY SENIORS HAVE FEAR OF GOING OUTSIDE, FEAR OF CONTAMINATION AND ALSO RETALIATION. OUR HOME HEALTH CARE WORKERS, ALL BUT ONE HAS STAYED WITH THE SENIORS. THEY ARE LIFE SAVERS. THESE ARE THREE POINTS, WE CAN SPLIT THE SENIORS INTO TWO CATEGORIES, THOSE THAT CAN OPERATE DEVICES AND INCREASING CHANCES OF STAYING CONNECTED AND THOSE THAT CAN'T. WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLANS TO BUILD BRIDGES TO TECHNOLOGY FOR SENIORS AND THIS HAS BROUGHT UP THE NEED FOR AFFORDABLE INTERNET AND DEVICES AND TRAINING, TRAINING, TRAINING. SECONDLY, WHEN THE WORLD TURNED UPSIDE DOWN FOR SENIORS, THEY FOUND THAT RELATIONSHIPS WITH THE TRUSTED PROVIDERS CHANGED DRAMATICALLY. AND IT MADE A DIFFERENCE WHEN WE STAYED IN TOUCH. WE ASKED THAT THE DOCTORS AND CLINICS DO THE SAME BY REACHING OUT. SENIORS NEED PREDICTABLE AND DEPENDABLE ACCESS. LASTLY, ALL OF THE SERVICES I MENTIONED ARE FOR THE EXISTING CLIENTELE. OUR CHALLENGE IS HOW DO WE OPEN SAFELY TO ALLOW NEW SENIORS TO WALK THROUGH THE DOORS, INTO THE COMMUNITY CENTER FOR LUNCH AND HOW DO WE OPEN THE WINTER SHELTER AGAIN. HOW DO WE BRAINSTORM TO PROVIDE QUALITY SERVICES WHILE KEEPING SENIORS AND STAFF SAFE AS THE SHELTER IN PLACE LIFTS AND THE FLU SEASON RETURNS. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU, VERY, VERY MUCH. RIGO SABOIRO.

>> RIGO SABORIO: THANK YOU, KIM. I APPRECIATE THE REFLECT WHAT WE'VE BEEN THROUGH. TO GIVE YOU A CONTEXT, ST. BARNABAS, WE SERVE OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY. CLIENTS RANGE FROM 60 TO EVEN 100 YEARS OLD, MAJORITY IN THE 70S. MOST ARE DEPENDING ON SOCIAL SECURITY, \$12 TO \$1600 A MONTH AND 70% ARE FOREIGN BORN, SPEAKING CHINESE, KOREAN AND SPANISH. MOST OF THEM HAVE MULTIPLE CHRONIC CONDITIONS AND 90% HAVE VERY LITTLE TECH SKILLS AS WELL. AND AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, THEY COME TO ST. BARNABAS TO ADDRESS MANY OF THEIR PROBLEMS, CONSULTATIONS AND COUNSELING, AND THEY ARE SEEKING EMOTIONAL SUPPORT. SO WE HELP TO ADDRESS THAT AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH. THEY COME TO SOCIALIZE, DANCE, PLAY GAMES AND EXERCISE AND GET A MEAL AS WELL. AND IN ADDITION,

ALSO, SEEK TRANSLATION SUPPORT OF MATERIALS AND LETTERS THAT THEY RECEIVE.

AND ALSO, RECEIVE TRAINING ON HOW TO USE TECHNOLOGY AND NAVIGATE THE INTERNET. ESSENTIALLY, WE ARE THEIR HOME AWAY FROM HOME. WE'RE AN EXTENSION OF THEIR FAMILY OR ACTUALLY BECOME THEIR FAMILY IN SOME CASES. AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, WHEN THE CRISIS HIT AND OUR SENIOR CENTERS, THE NUMBER OF THEM CLOSED AND OUR NUMBER OF CONGREGATE AND DINING SITES ALL CLOSED AND WE HAD TO CANCEL THE TECH CONVERSATION AND ADVOCACY SUMMIT, THE SENIORS DID NOT HAVE ANYWHERE TO GO. LEFT WITHOUT THE ABILITY TO SOCIALIZE, EXERCISE, LEARN AND ENGAGE. AS A RESULT, WE EXPECT THAT THEY GREW INCREASINGLY ANXIOUS AND WERE SCARED, ISOLATED, ALONE AND TRULY MISSING THEIR FRIENDS AND THE CONNECTION WITH OUR STAFF. AND ALSO, THEY WERE TOO AFRAID TO LEAVE THEIR HOME. AND TO ADD INSULT TO INJURY, SOME WERE THREATENED TO BE EVICTED FROM HOMES AND FACING HOMELESSNESS. SOME CASES THEY HAD PART-TIME OR FULL-TIME JOB AND BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS, SOME HAVE LOST JOBS AS WELL, ADDING TO THE CRISIS. ALL OF THIS IS VERY DESTABILIZING. OUR JOB WAS TO BRING STABILITY, COMFORT AND SUPPORT. CASE MANAGERS AND ADDITIONAL STAFF MADE WELLNESS AND SOCIAL CALLS TO CLIENTS. SOME CASES TWO TIMES A WEEK. WE RECRUITED VOLUNTEERS TO BUILD CAPACITY TO DELIVER MEALS TO THOSE WHO ARE NOW HAVING TO RECEIVE THEM AS HOME AS OPPOSED TO COMING TO OUR SITES. WE SENT INFORMATIONAL FLIERS WEEKLY WITH THE MEALS TO THE CLIENTS. MANY OF THEM HAD NO OTHER WAY TO CONNECT WITH US. AND WE PROVIDED ADVOCACY RESOURCES TO FIGHT EVICTIONS AND PREVENT THEM. WE PURCHASED APPLIANCES IN SOME CASES. SOME PEOPLE NEEDED MICROWAVES OR FANS BECAUSE OBVIOUSLY IT IS STARTING TO GET HOT. AND MANY OF THE FOLKS CANNOT AFFORD AC AND WE HAD TO WORK ON THAT. WE BOUGHT THEM TOILETRIES AND PURCHASED MASKS AND PPES. AND KNOWING THAT SOME OF THEM CANNOT CONNECT VIA TECHNOLOGY, WE DESIGNED A APPROPRIATE INFO CALLS TO ADDRESS EMOTIONAL AND OTHER KINDS OF NEEDS.

AS I LOOK AT ALL THIS AND REFLECT ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED, ALL I CAN SAY IS REALLY, I ADMIRE OUR CLIENTS, THEY ARE TRULY FIGHTERS AND RESILIENT. THEY HAVE ENDURED POVERTY, INEQUITY, POOR HEALTH. IN OUR CASE WE SERVE SO MANY FOREIGN BORN OLDER ADULTS, THEY ARE SURVIVORS CONTRIBUTORS TO OUR SOCIETY. BUT ESPECIALLY DURING THIS CRISIS, THEY ARE SURVIVORS, BUT NEED A LIFE LINE. THAT IS WHERE

ORGANIZATIONS LIKE ST. BARNABAS AND OTHER SISTER AGENCIES, THIS IS WHERE THEY COME IN AND THEY HAVE SERVED AS AT LINE LIFE. WITHOUT THAT, OUR CLIENTS WOULD HAVE ENDED UP HUNGRY, HOSPITALS OR ON THE STREETS, HOMELESS. IT IS A STARK REMINDER AS TO WHY WE ARE HERE AND WHY WE EXIST. AND THAT IS TO SERVE OLDER ADULTS BECAUSE THEIR LIVES TRULY MATTER. AS WE THINK ABOUT WHERE WE WANT TO MAKE CHANGES AND WHERE WE WANT TO CUT AND ELIMINATE, LET US BE REMINDED AS TO WHAT VALUE WE BRING THIS TIME. NOT ONLY IN EMERGENCY, BUT SORT OF AN ON GOING SITUATION. WE ARE DEFINITELY A LIFE LINE AND THAT IS WHY WE'RE HERE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE MY THOUGHTS.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> DR. FERNANDO TORRES GIL: THANK YOU. I HOPE YOU CAN HEAR ME. I WILL DO MINE BRIEFLY FIRST. LET ME COMMEND ALL THOSE WHO ARE ON THE FRONT LINE AND RESPONDING TO THE IMMEDIATE NEEDS OF OUR CONSTITUENTS AND I WILL TAKE A DIFFERENT PERSPECTIVE AND FIRST ON MY SMALL PART, I HAVE A SET OF OLDER PERSONS, 90 YEARS PLUS THAT I CHECK IN REGULARLY. ONE 93-YEAR-OLD WOMAN IN EAST LA, BEING TAKEN CARE OF BY HER 71-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER. AND SADLY THEY WERE ESTRANGED FROM EACH OTHER. THE 93-YEAR-OLD MOVED IN WITH HER 90 YEAR OLD COUSIN. NOW SHE IS WORRIED, WHAT IF ONE OF US GETS SICK, WHO WILL TAKE CARE OF US? THOSE ARE THE VERY PEOPLE THAT ALL OF YOU ARE SUPPORT AND I'M DOING MY SMALL PART.

LET ME ADD THIS OTHER PERSPECTIVE. I'VE BEEN PRIMARILY SHELTERING AT HOME AND TEACHING REMOTE WITH OUR UCLA STUDENTS. AND THEY ARE NOT ONLY WORRIED ABOUT THEIR FUTURE IMPLICATIONS IN TERMS OF JOBS AND THEIR EDUCATION, BUT THEY ARE NOW STARTING TO REALIZE THAT SOME DAY THEY MAY BE OLDER, CERTAINLY THEY HAVE PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS. I'VE TAKEN ADVANTAGE OF THIS TERRIBLE CRISIS TO GERONTOLOIZE THEM ABOUT NOT JUST WHAT WE DO TODAY FOR ELDERS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES, HOW WILL THEY PREPARE FOR THEIR FUTURE AS THEY AGE AND THE LIFE PERSPECTIVE. AND I WANT TO LEAVE ON TWO AREAS, THE FIRST IS THE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AND SARA AND HER GROUP HAVE GIVEN US A WONDERFUL EFFECTIVE GUIDE POST AND ROAD MAP. FOR THIS IS ONE OF OUR MOST CRITICAL AREAS TODAY AND IN THE FUTURE. BUT THE OTHER IS REMINDING US THAT NOT ONLY OLDER ADULTS HAVE BEEN MOST IMPACTED, BUT PERSONS THAT ARE LOW INCOME, ETHNIC AND MINORITY AND DIVERSE. ESPECIALLY AFRICAN AMERICANS AND THE LATINO POPULATION. SO WE HAVE TO ASK OURSELVES, WHY IS THEIR HEALTH CONDITION COMPROMISING THEM TO

MAKE THEM MORE AT RISK? WE KNOW IT IS BE DIABETES, HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE. IN LOOKING TO THE FUTURE WITH THE MASTER PLAN GROUP, I'M HOPING THAT WE CAN GIVE ADDITIONAL ATTENTION TO WHAT IT IS ABOUT UNHEALTHY PRACTICES AND THEREFORE, UNHEALTHY AGING THAT IS GOING TO INCREASE THOSE AT RISK AS THIS STATE BECOMES PRIMARILY MAJORITY, MINORITY. SO LOOKING TO THE FUTURE, THOSE MOST AT RISK BECAUSE OF UNHEALTHY PRACTICES AND HOW WE CAN REVERSE THAT, LONG-TERM CARE. AND LASTLY, IT IS JUST FASCINATING, IF I CAN ADD A LITTLE HUMOR, TO THINK THAT IT IS REALLY THE BABY BOOMERS, A LOT OF US, OUR COHORT THAT ARE MOST IMPACTED AND MOST CONCERNED. I THINK BACK WHEN WE WERE YOUNGER IN THE 60S AND 70S AND WE NEVER WORRIED ABOUT GROWING OLDER THAN 30. IT IS INTERESTING TO SEE THAT WE HAVE A WHOLE NEW CONSTITUENCY, OUR COHORT, WHO WE ARE SERVING. BUT WE NEED TO USE THE LIFE SPAN PERSPECTIVE TO BEGIN TO PREPARE TO BE IN A BETTER SITUATION, 5, 10, 15, 20 YEARS FROM NOW FOR THE YOUNGER COHORTS. THANK YOU AND APPRECIATE ALL THE WORK EVERYONE IS DOING.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU, TO EACH OF YOU FOR GROUNDING US IN THE LIVED EXPERIENCE ACROSS THE STATE IN DIVERSE COMMUNITIES. GROUNDING US BOTH IN THE LOSS AND THE NEED FOR LIFE LINES AND ALSO THE INCREDIBLE RESILIENCE THAT OLDER ADULTS, PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, FAMILIES, PROVIDERS, ALL OF YOU ARE SHOWING. WITH THAT GROUNDING, I WANT TO TURN TO THE OPEN DISCUSSION ABOUT MASTER PLAN FOR AGING NEXT STEPS.

I'M GOING TO DO ABOUT 2 MINUTES OF JUST TABLE SETTING. AND PANELISTS, YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND AND WE WILL HAVE AN OPEN DISCUSSION. NEXT SLIDE.

LET ME START WITH THE BASICS. THE TIMELINE. BACK IN THE BEGINNING, THERE WAS AN EXECUTIVE ORDER IN JUNE AND WE HAVE BEEN MEETING AND WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK, MANY OF YOU, TO HEAD TOWARDS A FINAL DEADLINE OF OCTOBER FIRST. OF COURSE, WE HAVE NOW BEEN ON PAUSE FOR 2 AND A HALF MONTHS AND WORKING ON COVID. MARCH 15 YOU SEE ON THE TIMELINE OF THE STAY AT HOME DIRECTIVE. AND YOU SEE THAT WE ARE CONVENING HERE TODAY. THIS WAS TO BE A FULL DAY MEETING WHERE WE RECEIVED THE FINAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON GOALS 2, 3, 4. IN MARCH WE RECEIVED GOAL 1 AND HOPED IN MAY TO RECEIVE 2 AND 3. YOU SEE THE HOLD ON AUGUST 11 AND HAVE THE REPORT READY OCTOBER FIRST. A COUPLE TIMELINES, OBVIOUSLY WE'RE HAVING A SHORTER MEETING TODAY AND WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE WILL GATHER RECOMMENDATIONS AT A TIME WHEN PEOPLE ARE STILL FULLY ENGAGED IN THE COVID

RESPONSE AND THE NEW CLIMATE. HOW WE WANT TO MEET IF WE CONTINUE MEETING REMOTELY TO BE RESPONSIVE TO PUBLIC HEALTH AND BE INCLUSIVE. WE BELIEVE THAT THE RELEASE NEEDS TO BE PUSHED BACK, THAT 2 MONTH WINDOW, UNTIL THE END OF THE YEAR. I WILL START WITH THAT PROPOSAL. DIFFERENT PACE AND FREQUENCY AND METHOD OF MEETINGS.

THE NEXT SLIDE IS OPERATIONAL ITEMS. THERE ARE SEVERAL SAC BUSINESS ITEMS OPEN, IF YOU WILL. FIRST IS THE TRANSMISSION OF THE LTSS SUBCOMMITTEE SUPPORT TO THE ADMINISTRATION. SUSAN DEMAROIS DID GIVE US AN UPDATE ON DATE AND THERE ARE MATERIALS ATTACHED TO THE MEETING ABOUT THAT. SECOND, KEVIN PRINDIVILLE HAS BEEN ORGANIZING THE SAC TO ADVISE THE ADMINISTRATION ON RESPONSE TO COVID IN A SERIES OF AD HOC MEETINGS. AND WE HAD AN EQUITY WORK GROUP MEETING, THE LAST OFFICIAL MASTER PLAN MEETING, CONTINUING TO ADVISE ON EQUITY ISSUES, INCLUDING THE DATA DISPARITIES WE'RE SEEING, THE CULTURAL COMPETENCE. THE SAC DELIVERED A LETTER ON FRIDAY TO THE GOVERNOR, AND NINA WEILER-HARWELL IS REQUESTING A MEETING ON BUDGET AND THAT IS IN PROGRESS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE.

AND NEWLY, ALSO ON LAST FRIDAY, DHCS AND CDA WERE ABLE TO ANNOUNCE THE CONCEPT OF A LONG-TERM CARE AT HOME BENEFIT AND THE DESIRE TO ENGAGE MASTER PLAN SAC, ON ADVISING ON THAT. THAT IS VERY TBD, BUT THE NEWEST ITEM ON THE LIST. ALL FOUR OF THOSE THINGS ARE IN FLIGHT AND NEED TO LANDS.

PULLING BACK, WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE BIGGEST OPPORTUNITY AND CHALLENGE AND URGENCY IS TO INCORPORATE THE LEARNINGS THAT IMPACTS WHAT WE JUST HEARD. THE HEALTH, THE LOSSES, THE ECONOMIC IMPACTS, HOUSING IMPACTS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS, ON AND ON. ALL THAT WE SET OUT TO DO, WE ARE LEARNING AND SEEING IMPACTS OF RIGHT NOW AND HOW DO WE MAKE THE MASTER PLAN RELEVANT TO THIS MOMENT AND TO THE VISION OF 2030 AS WE WERE CALLED TO DO. THE FOURTH SLIDE IS THAT WE ARE THRILLED TO ANNOUNCE THAT EVEN BEFORE COVID HIT WE HAD BEEN TALKING A LOT WITH THE GOVERNOR AND THE ALZHEIMER'S PREPAREDNESS TASK FORCE ABOUT HOW ALIGNED WE WERE IN VISIONS, GOALS, PARTNERS AND STRATEGIES. AND WE WILL BE ALIGNING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S PREPAREDNESS TASK FORCE. WE'RE FORTUNATE THAT SUSAN DEMAROIS, THERE SHE IS IN THE BOTTOM ROW, IS ON BOTH

BODIES AND HAS BEEN ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN THE LEADERSHIP OF BOTH AND WILL BE ADVISING US ON THAT. SO THAT THE MASTER PLAN CAN BRING A LENS TO ALL OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS AND HAVE A STRONG ZOOM IN ON DEMENTIA AS WELL. THE TASK FORCE IS MEETING ON TUESDAY AND WE'LL BE ANNOUNCING MORE DETAILS HOW THE ALIGNMENT IS GOING TO GO FORWARD.

WITH THIS INFORMATION, THE TIMELINE CONSIDERATIONS, THE OPEN BUSINESS, THE COVID IMPACTS, WHICH CONTINUE AT THIS MOMENT, AND THE ALZHEIMER'S ALIGNMENT, I DO WANT TO OPEN IT UP FOR SAC DISCUSSION. THE WAY IT WILL WORK, YOU CAN RAISE YOUR HAND. WE ARE NEW AT THIS TECHNOLOGY AND I HOPE THAT RAISING HANDS WORKS FOR FOLKS. IF YOU ARE ON THE PANEL AS A SAC MEMBER, E-MAIL AMANDA AND WE'LL FIGURE OUT HOW TO OPEN THE LINE. I AM SEEING THE BLUE HANDS GO UP. MARIA, WOULD YOU CALL ON FOLKS?

>> KEVIN, YOU'VE HAD YOUR HAND RAISED FOR A WHILE.

>> KEVIN PRINDIVILLE: THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CALLING ME AND HAVING THIS MEETING TODAY. I'M SORRY THAT OUR DISCUSSION HERE IS GETTING SHORTENED QUITE A BIT BECAUSE I THINK THERE IS QUITE A LOT TO DISCUSS. THE SAC HAS BEEN DOING WORK TOGETHER TO THANK ABOUT THE IMPORTANT ITEMS THAT WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE CAME UP TODAY. WE HAVE PEOPLE CUED UP TO HIT ON KEY ITEMS. IF THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO USE WHAT WE PREPARED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE ABLE TO COVER AS MUCH OF THE ITEMS AS POSSIBLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE THAT WOULD BE GREAT. I WANT TO START BY SAYING THAT WE THOUGHT THIS MEETING WAS REALLY CRITICAL, WHEN WE CAME TO THIS WORK AS A COLLECTIVE GROUP AND REALLY WORKED WITH THE ADMINISTRATION TO SET A CORE SET OF VALUES THAT WOULD DRIVE THE WORK TOGETHER AND I WILL ASK BRUCE TO OUTLINE THOSE VALUES. WE'VE BEEN CONCERNED WHERE IT DOES NOT FEEL LIKE THERE IS ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE VALUES AND THE ACTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. SOME PLACES THERE HAVE BEEN GOOD EFFORTS UNDERTAKEN BECAUSE OF THE COVID RESPONSE. OTHER SPOTS, WE SEE IT HAS NOT ALIGNED WITH WHAT WE THOUGHT OUR VALUES WERE AND THE GOVERNOR'S STATED INTENTION TO PRIORITIZE OUR POPULATION. NOT JUST IN THE COVID CRISIS, BUT IN THE LONG-TERM PLANNING OF THE STATE. WE'VE BEEN CONCERNED BY POLICIES THAT CAME OUT AROUND CRISIS CARE STANDARDS OR EVEN WHILE THERE HAS BEEN A LOT OF WORK DONE ABOUT SNFS AND RCFES,

ACROSS THE STATE, 43% OF DEATHS ARE IN THESE FACILITIES. WE STILL DON'T SEE A STATEWIDE STRATEGY FOR ADDRESSING THOSE PROBLEMS. MOST RECENTLY, THE GOVERNOR'S REVISED BUDGET TOOK EXTREME CUTS TO SENIOR PROGRAMS, INCLUDING THE PROGRAMS THAT KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF NURSING HOMES AND HAVE BEEN KEEPING SENIORS ALIVE IN OUR COMMUNITIES THROUGHOUT THIS CRISIS. AND THE CUTS ARE DISPROPORTIONALLY TOWARDS OLDER PEOPLE. THESE ARE NOT DECISIONS THAT HAD TO BE MADE. THE SENATE PUSHED FORWARD A PLAN LAST NIGHT THAT DOES NOT CONCERN CUTS LIKE THIS. WE ARE CONCERNED ABOUT THE MISS ALIGNMENT AND THE MASTER PLAN PROCESS AND THEN THE ACTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION. THAT IS WHY WE ASKED FOR A MEETING WITH THE GOVERNOR. ASKED ALMOST A WEEK AGO AND HAVE NOT GOTTEN A RESPONSE. WE'RE MEETING TODAY. YESTERDAY THE GOVERNOR WAS MEET WITH YOGA STUDIOS AND GYMS TO SEE HOW THEY WERE DOING. LAST WEEK HE WAS MEETING WITH HOLLYWOOD TO SEE HOW THEY WERE DOING. 80% OF DEATHS ARE AMONG OLDER ADULTS AND IT IS THOSE PEOPLE MOST AT RISK AND HE HAS NOT BEEN ABLE TO FIND TIME TO MEET WITH US. THESE ARE FOUNDATIONAL ISSUES. WE'VE GOT PEOPLE QUEUED UP TO GO INTO MORE DETAIL ON EACH OF THE IMPORTANT PIECES. MORE PEOPLE ARE RAISING THEIR HANDS, MANY ARE PART OF OUR QUEUE. WE WANTED TO START WITH VALUES, IF BRUCE IS AVAILABLE TO JUMP IN AND TALK ABOUT WHERE WE'RE COMING FROM, FROM VALUES. WE ASKED NINA TO TALK ABOUT WHY IT IS IMPORTANT TO MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR. WE HOPED THAT JEANNEE COULD TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT WHERE WE THINK WE ARE IN THE COVID RESPONSE. AND A COUPLE PEOPLE TO TALK ABOUT OUR CONCERNS ON THE BUDGET. SUSAN TO TALK ABOUT WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE MASTER PLAN AND THE WORK THAT THE LTSS SUBCOMMITTEE HAS DONE. AND MARTY AND DONNA TO TALK ABOUT POTENTIAL BUT ALSO A LOT OF QUESTIONS WE HAVE AROUND THE LTSS AT HOME BENEFITS. AND THERE ARE OTHER IMPORTANT VOICES IN OUR COMMUNITIES TOO, THAT ARE GOING TO WANT TO JUMP IN THROUGHOUT. THOSE ARE THINGS WE WANTED TO MAKE SURE WE HIT ON. IF BRUCE CAN LEAD US OFF AND BRING US BACK TO THE IMPORTANT VALUES THAT WE ARE AT THE TABLE TO PROMOTE TOGETHER.

>> DR. BRUCE CHERNOF: THANKS KEVIN. FIRST I REALLY DO WANT TO THANK KIM AND SECRETARY GHALY FOR YOU ALL BEING ON THE PHONE AND SHARE WHERE WE ARE. I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT THING ON BEHALF OF THE ENTIRE SAC, WE APPRECIATE YOUR CONTINUED COMMITMENT TO A MASTER PLAN. IT IS AN IMPORTANT FRAMEWORK DOCUMENT FOR THE FUTURE OF THE STATE AND IMPORTANT FOR THE FUTURE OF NOT JUST KIM'S DEPARTMENT AND THE AGENCY AS A WHOLE, BUT HOW THE OTHER

AGENCIES AND DEPARTMENTS WORK TOGETHER. SO THAT REALLY REMAINS AN IMPORTANT GOAL, BUT IT THE TIME HORIZON IS SOLVING THE CUTS WE FACE TODAY. I WILL SAY ON BEHALF OF THE SAC, WE APPRECIATE MARK AND KIM AND FIG AND ALL THE OTHER FOLKS IN THE ADMINISTRATION. SEEING THE SAC IS AN IMPORTANT AND HELPFUL GROUP. AND POTENTIALLY TRYING TO ADVANCE AND INFORM THOSE DISCUSSIONS. THAT HAS CREATED CHALLENGES FOR US BECAUSE THE SAC WAS SET UP FOR VERY SPECIFIC PURPOSE AND I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE VALUES HERE IN A SECOND. AND SOMEWAYS, ISSUES ARE BEING RAISED WHERE SAC MEMBERS, YOU HAVE THE SMARTEST PEOPLE IN THE STATE, SOME OF THEM WITH RESPECT TO AGE AND DISABILITY ISSUES. THERE ARE OTHER FOLKS NOT ON THE SAC WHO ARE ALSO SUPER SMART AND HAVE INPUT AND WE'RE MINDFUL OF THOSE FOLKS. AND MANY PEOPLE FROM THE SAC COME FROM ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE FUNDAMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES, IT IS NOT WHAT THE SAC WAS CREATED TO DO, IT IS NOT THAT WE CAN'T HAVE A VOICE OR SHARED OPINION. IT IS MEANT TO BE THE ADVISORY GROUP TO YOU, MARK AND THE OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS IN THE CABINET OR AGENCY HEADS RESPONSIBLE FOR CREATING THE MASTER PLAN. AND BY EXTENSION TO THE GOVERNOR. AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR THAT WE ARE GLAD TO SERVE AND WE HAVE DONE THAT AS YOU HAVE ASKED. BUT YOU HAVE COMPLICATED OUR ROLE. AND I JUST THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOU GUYS TO RESPECT THAT AS I LEAN INTO THE VALUES. SOMETHING KIM SAID, THIS IS ABOUT RESPECT AND VALUE IN BOTH DIRECTIONS. AND I DO THINK IT IS TIME FOR THE GOVERNOR TO SHOW UP AND MEET WITH US. WHILE HAVING BEEN A PUBLIC SERVANT MYSELF, I WILL OWN THIS COMMENT AND NOT TACK IT TO THE SAC, I THINK YOU KNOW, IT DOESN'T -- I UNDERSTAND THE CHALLENGES OF SERIOUS BUDGET CRISIS THAT YOU ALL FACE. AND I THINK EVERYBODY ON THIS SAC RESPECTS HOW DIFFICULT THE POSITION IS THAT YOU ALL ARE IN. WHEN THINGS COME OUT OF THE BLUE, CRISIS CARE GUIDELINES AND THESE SUT CUTS, THEY ARE PROBLEMATIC. NOT TELLING YOU SOMETHING YOU DON'T KNOW. TREATING AND SEEING US AS PARTNERS IS IMPORTANT. AND THAT IS WHY THE VALUES ARE IMPORTANT TO GET TO WHAT KEVIN ASKED ME TO TOUCH ON. WE LEAD WITH OUR VALUES, EVEN IF YOU HAVE ORGANIZATIONS, SOME WHO ADVOCATE, SOME WHO CANNOT, SOMETIMES YOU HAVE SAC MEMBERS WITH DIFFERENT VIEWPOINTS ON A PARTICULAR ITEM. OUR VALUES ARE NOT ON WALLPAPER LIKE THEY ARE FOR A BUNCH OF ORGANIZATIONS THAT DO THEM FOR THE SAKE OF HAVING THEM. CHOICES ARE REALLY IMPORTANT, THAT MEANS ACCESS, QUALITY AND AUTONOMY FOR FOLKS. WE NEED TO FOCUS ON THE LIMITED AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES, THIS IS IMPORTANT. WE PUT DIGNITY FIRST. AND AGE BIAS AND AGE DISCRIMINATION IS A REALLY IMPORTANT PART OF THIS. WE ACTUALLY WALK THAT TALK AND WE DON'T JUST SAY THAT WE BELIEVE IN THOSE THINGS. WE FOCUS ON INCLUSION AND ACCESSIBILITY AND JUST

HOW IMPORTANT THAT IS FOR OLDER ADULTS AND ALL PEOPLE WITH
DISABLES.

THE INNOVATION AND EVIDENCE-INFORMED PRACTICE IS REALLY
IMPORTANT. AND WE LODGE IT FOR EXAMPLE, AND START TO THINK
THROUGH A NEW LONG-TERM AT CARE HOME BENEFIT. THE IDEA THAT WE
CAN GET RID OF A BUNCH OF WAIVER-BASED PROGRAMS WHO DON'T REACH
THE PEOPLE THAT NEED THEM IS TERRIFIC. BUT THAT DOES NOT MEET THE
NEEDS OF FOLKS WHOSE SERVICES ARE OUTSIDE WHAT THAT BENEFIT
MIGHT DO, BUT STILL NEED SOME KIND OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE. I
WOULD END WITH THE IDEA OF PARTNERSHIPS. THIS HAS ALWAYS BEEN
ABOUT PARTNERSHIPS IN THE LOCAL STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS,
PHILANTHROPY AND THE PRIVATE SECTOR. I URGE YOU TO GET BACK INTO
THAT SENSE OF PARTNERSHIP WITH US. IT IS THERE, BUT WE NEED TO
REINVEST WITH IT GIVEN THE DIFFICULT TIMES. AND OTHERS THAT WE NEED
TO DRAW TO THE TABLE, PRIVATE SECTOR AND OTHERS TO HELP ADVANCE
THIS DISCUSSION. KEVIN, I WILL TURN IT BACK.

>> KEVIN PRINDIVILLE: WE'D LIKE FOR NINA TO TALK MORE ABOUT WHY
WE THINK IT IS IMPORTANT FOR US TO BE ABLE TO MEET WITH THE
GOVERNOR AT THIS TIME.

>> NINA WEILER-HARWELL: SURE. SO GOOD MORNING. WITH AARP.
AND KEVIN AND BRUCE HAVE ALL STATED REALLY, WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT.
BUT I WANT TO DRIVE SOME OF THE POINTS HOME. BRUCE, WE DO WANT TO
BACK UP AND SAY WE DO APPRECIATE, AT LEAST I WILL SPEAK FOR MYSELF.
I APPRECIATE THAT WE HEARD TODAY THAT YOU ALL ARE WORKING ON THE
LOGISTICS OF HAVING US MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR. WE ASKED THAT
WOULD BE SOONER RATHER THAN LATER. BUT A COUPLE MORE POINTS
ABOUT WHY THIS IS SO IMPORTANT. BRUCE POINTED OUT THAT WE SEE
OURSELVES AS PARTNERS IN THIS EFFORTS. AND THAT REALLY NEEDS TO
BE A TWO-WAY STREET AND COMMUNICATION. WE'VE GOT TO SEE THAT WE
ARE ALIGNING STATED GOALS OF LIVABLE CALIFORNIA FOR ALL, NOT JUST IN
WORDS, BUT ACTIONS. AS YOU ARE AWARE, MEMBERS OF THE SAC ARE
ALREADY DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT ON ONE HAND, AN INCREDIBLY AND I
BELIEVE, AND THE SAC DID VOTE TO PUSH THIS FORWARD, WE PUT OUT A
REALLY IMPORTANT REPORT. THE LTSS SUBCOMMITTEE REPORT, WHICH I
KNOW STILL NEEDS TO BE FULLY FINALIZED. IN THERE IS A RICH SET OF
IDEAS OF HOW WE MOVE CALIFORNIA FORWARD, JUST IN THE AREA OF LONG-
TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS. THAT IS EQUITABLE, MEANINGFUL AND

DOES NOT ALSO GO TO, OKAY, WHERE DO WE CUT AND WHAT DO WE REDUCE? BUT RATHER THINKS BROADLY AND SYSTEMATICALLY, HOW DO WE CREATE A SYSTEM OF LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS THAT THERE BE THERE FOR ALL CALIFORNIANS. WITHIN THAT REPORT IS AN IMPORTANT RECOMMENDATION REGARDING A FUTURE LTSS OR LONG-TERM CARE INSURANCE BENEFITS. AS A GROUP, I BELIEVE WE'VE ALREADY SHOWN OUR INCREDIBLE COMMITMENT TO THIS PROCESS. WE WERE AND WE'VE SAID THIS, WE WERE APPOINTED TO PROVIDE EXPERTISE IN THE AREA OF FUTURE PLANNING FOR AN AGING CALIFORNIA. WE HAVE WORKED REALLY HARD NOT JUST ON THE REPORT, BUT EACH OF THE SUBGROUPS FOR AREA 2, 3, 4 ARE WORKING HARD TO DEVELOP RECOMMENDATIONS BOTH FOR SHORT AND LONG-TERM. BOTH IN THE COVID REALITY SHORT-TERM WORLD AS WELL AS LONG-TERM.

THIS IS WHY IT IS SO IMPORTANT THAT WE GET THIS MEETING BECAUSE WE NEED TO HEAR FROM THE PERSON WHO IS RUNNING THE ENTIRE STATE. YES, I AM COMMITTED, YES, THIS IS SOMETHING THAT WE'RE GOING TO TAKE THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, SOME OF WHICH YOU HAVE ALL RIGHT PUT FORWARD AND LOOK AT THESE SERIOUSLY AND START LOOKING AT A DIFFERENT WAY TO DO BUSINESS IN CALIFORNIA. CAN'T ALWAYS BE DEFAULTING TO THE SAME THING, THE CUTS AND REDUCTIONS IN SERVICES, SHIFTING THINGS AROUND BETWEEN WAIVERS AND STATE PLAN AMENDMENTS. SO I WON'T TAKE UP TOO MUCH MORE TIME ON THIS BECAUSE I THINK THAT THE PRECEDING SPEAKERS SPOKE TO WHY THIS IS IMPORTANT. BUT WE LOOK FORWARD TO SETTING TIME UP TO MEET WITH THE GOVERNOR SHORTLY TO BEGIN TO WORK THROUGH THE ISSUES AND DISCUSS AGAIN, OUR SHARED COLLECTIVE COMMITMENT TO SUCH AN IMPORTANT MISSION. THANKS A LOT.

>> KEVIN PRINDIVILLE: WE HAD JEANNEE QUEUED UP NEXT TO TALK ABOUT THE RESPONSE. IF I CAN ASK EVERYBODY TO KEEP YOUR COMMENTS TO 1 OR 2 MINUTES BECAUSE THERE ARE OTHERS THAT HAVE THEIR HANDS UP AND WE WANT TO HEAR FROM AS MANY AS POSSIBLE.

>> JEANNEE: I JUST WANT TO UNDERSCORE NINA'S COMMENTS, ECHO, ECHO, SO CRITICAL AND THANK YOU TO ALL THE OTHER SPEAKERS. THANK YOU, KIM FOR YOUR DILIGENCE AND KEEPING US PULLED TOGETHER AND ALSO TO ALL THE OTHER SPEAKERS WHO HAVE MADE VALUABLE COMMENTS. BUT THERE HAS BEEN SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS IN THE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 AND I JUST WANT TO COMMENT A LITTLE BIT ON THE IMPACTS. THERE

HAVE BEEN ADJUSTMENTS TO THE LENIENCIES TO THE PROVIDERS AND THE PLETHORA OF PROVIDERS AROUND THE STATE. CCRCS, SKILLED NURSING, ASSISTING LIVING AND OTHER HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SETTINGS. THERE IS A VERY CRITICAL ELEMENT OF TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS THAT HAVE HAD LENIENCIES AND REQUIREMENTS. WE'RE GRATEFUL BECAUSE IT HAS MADE MANY ACTIVITIES EASIER TO HAVE THE LENIENCIES. THERE HAS BEEN ACUTE ATTENTION DRAWN TO THE IMMEDIATE FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR THE MANY WHO LIVE ON THE PRECIPICE OF HOMELESSNESS AND WE ARE SEEING THAT TODAY. AS WE MOVE FORWARD, IT IS CRITICAL TO SHIFT OUR THINKING TO WHAT WE NEED FOR REOPENING. WITH THAT, THE CONGREGATE FACILITIES COMMUNITIES ARE STILL CARING FOR THE SAME OLDER ADULTS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES. THESE ARE THE EXTREMELY VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU KNOW AND HEARD ABOUT. IT IS CRITICAL THAT WE REMEMBER THOSE INDIVIDUALS IN THE SETTINGS STILL EXIST TODAY AND BY THEIR NATURE ARE CARING FOR THESE VULNERABLE INDIVIDUALS. WE HAVE TO BE CLEAR AND DILIGENT ON THE APPROACH OF REOPENING AND RECOGNIZE THAT THE CONSEQUENCES OF ONGOING EXTREME ISOLATION EXISTS. TO THAT ENDS WE ASK THAT YOU BE CLEAR AND SEEK OUR EXPERTISE FROM THE MANY SAC MEMBERS WHO ARE DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THOUSANDS OF OLDER ADULTS LIVING IN THESE SETTINGS. WE KNOW THIS IT IS A CHALLENGING TIME TO LEAD. MAKE TESTING AVAILABLE AND BE CLEAR ON THE FREQUENCY, HOW IT WILL OCCUR, WHEN STAFFING IS LIMITED AND THE IMPORTANCE OF WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR IT. NUMBER TWO, THAT YOU MAKE AVAILABLE ADEQUATE PPE. THERE ARE ABOUT 670,000 HEALTH CARE WORKERS IN CALIFORNIA. IN SNFS ALONE, THEY REQUIRE ABOUT THAT NUMBER, 670,000 MASKS PER DAY AND IT IS VERY DIFFICULT TO ACQUIRE THOSE. EVEN THOUGH SUPPLIES HAVE BECOME MORE ACCESSIBLE, SURGES IN THE DISEASE REQUIRED INFECTION CONTROL PROCEDURES UPCOMING NATURAL DISASTERS THAT WE ALL DAY WITH IN THE STATE ANNUALLY AS WAS SAID EARLIER TODAY, ARE GOING TO LIMIT AVAILABILITY. AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THOSE THINGS EXIST. AND NUMBER 3, WE MAKE VISITATION REQUIREMENTS CLEAR. NOTING THAT THE DEEPENING IMPACT OF SOCIAL ISOLATION ON THE POPULATIONS IS GOING TO CONTINUE TO EXIST. TWO DAYS AGO, WE HEARD OF THE VERY UNFORTUNATE AND DEVASTATING IMPACT ON A COUPLE IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WHO HAD A MURDER SUICIDE IN ONE OF OUR MEMBER COMMUNITIES.

WE WANT AN IMPROVED STRUCTURE, RELATED TO DECISION MAKING AND LEADERSHIP FOR THE COMMUNITIES AS WE CROSS OVER MANY OF THE DEPARTMENTS AND OFTEN THE REGULATIONS, WHILE NOT NECESSARILY CONFLICTING, ARE OFTEN CONFUSING. WITH THAT, THANK YOU SO MUCH

FOR EVERYTHING THAT YOU ARE DOING. THE ONGOING WORK THAT PULLS THIS ALL TOGETHER AND WE KNOW THAT YOU ARE PULLED IN MANY DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS EVERYDAY. BUT WE HOPE THAT YOU WILL BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO FOCUS ON THE REOPENING OF THESE COMMUNITIES IN A CLEAR AND DILIGENT WAY SO THAT THE VULNERABLE OLDER ADULTS AND THOSE WITH DISABILITIES CONTINUE TO BE PROTECTED AND NOT SO SEVERELY IMPACTED BY COVID 19. AND AGAIN, ASK THE GOVERNOR TO SHOW UP.

>> KEVIN PRINDIVILLE: NEXT WE HAD A FEW SPEAKERS LINED UP TO TALK ABOUT THE BUDGET IMPACT AND HOW IT HITS OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES. DEBBI, JODIE AND RIGO. KEEP YOURSELF BRIEF.

>> DEBBIE. THANK YOU KIM, OBVIOUSLY THIS WOULD NOT HAVE BEEN YOUR CHOICE FOR HOW TO MOVE THINGS FORWARD. BUT I DO WANT TO POINT OUT AS KEVIN SAID, THE SENATE HAS PROVIDED THE PROPOSAL THAT DOES NOT HARM OUR POPULATION AND THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER WAS CLEAR ABOUT CREATING A CALIFORNIA FOR ALL FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AS THEY AGE. IT CALLED OUT THE BACKBONE OF OUR SERVICES, WHICH ARE COMMUNITY-BASED ADULT SERVICES, WHO PIVOTED ON A DIME TO REDESIGN EVERYTHING THAT THEY ARE DOING TO SERVE THE PEOPLE MOST AT RISK AND MOST AT RISK OF DEATH FROM THIS VIRUS. THERE IS SOMETHING IN THE SYSTEM THAT WE ABSOLUTELY HAVE TO FIX THERE. IN MSSP, THE POPULATION SERVES ABOUT 12,000 A YEAR, 65 AND OLDER. THERE ARE DEATHS AND COMPARE THAT TO THE STATISTICS THAT KEVIN SAID AND THERE IS NO EXCUSE. WE NEED TO ADDRESS AND FIX THIS PART OF THE SYSTEM AND RECOGNIZING THAT A CALIFORNIA FOR ALL INCLUDING KEEPING THE INFRASTRUCTURE IN PLACE, FIRST. THANK YOU.

>> JODIE: I JUST WANT TO START BY JUST SAYING HOW GRATEFUL I AM TO EVERYBODY WHO IS ON THE SAC, TO KIM, TO SECRETARY GHALY, TO FIG, FOR HELPING CONTINUE THIS CONVERSATION. BUT ESPECIALLY TO THOSE PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ON THE FRONT LINE. I JUST THINK WE NEED TO -- WE ARE CERTAINLY ALL HERE TO SUPPORT AND ENGORGE CHOICE AND DIGNITY AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES. ESPECIALLY IN THIS TIME WHERE THE DEATHS ARE HAPPENING IN SKILLED NURSING FACILITIES WE'RE TRYING TO KEEP THE PEOPLE OUT OF THEM. THE IHSS WORKERS, HOME CARE, FOOD DELIVERERS, SOCIAL WORKERS, ALL OF THOSE FOLKS HAVE BEEN KEEPING PEOPLE HOME, SAFELY. AND WE NEED TO BUILD ON THAT AND NOT LOOK AT THOSE CUTS. RATHER THAN REPEAT

WHAT WAS JUST SAID, THE OTHER THING I JUST WANT TO PUT OUT THERE AS IT RELATES TO THE CUT, WE SHOULD BE BUILDING ON THE PROGRAMS THAT WE HAVE NOW EXPERIENCED NOT ONLY WORK IN NORMAL SITUATIONS, BUT SHIFTED TO ADDRESS THIS VIRUS AND THE UNIVERSE THAT WE'RE LIVING IN. INSTEAD OF ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT CUTS, I DON'T HEAR VERY MUCH TALK ABOUT REVENUE. AND THERE IS A COUPLE WAYS TO LOOK AT REVENUE THAT I THINK NEED TO BE PART OF THE CONVERSATION. ONE IS COST SAVINGS. IT IS MUCH MORE EXPENSIVE TO HAVE SOMEONE WIND UP IN A NURSING FACILITY THAN IT IS TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE CARE AT HOME. THAT IS WHAT A LOT OF THE LTSS REPORTS BUILD FROM. IF THE CUTS GO THROUGH, WE ARE GOING TO SEE PEOPLE NOT ONLY POTENTIALLY DIE, BUT MOVE INTO AN ENVIRONMENT THAT IS GOING TO WIND UP COSTING MORE MONEY. YES, WE NEED TO GET AS MUCH MONEY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AS WE CAN AND I THINK EVERYONE ON THIS CALL, ALL 275 PLUS THE OTHERS WHO ARE NOT ABLE TO MAKE IT, ARE WILLING TO DO OUR PART TO ENCOURAGE CONGRESS TO PROVIDE THE MOST ROBUST BENEFIT.

BUT THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO LOOK AT REVENUE AT THE STATE LEVEL THAT WE HAVE NOT ADDRESSED. LOOKING AT WEALTH TAXES OR OIL SEVERANCE OR OTHER WAYS TO BRING IN DOLLARS SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO GO THROUGH THIS EXERCISE OF CUTTING, WHICH AT PRESENT I FEEL THAT THE CUTS ARE SO GEARED TOWARDS THE POPULATIONS THAT WE SERVE. WHICH JUST MAKES ME FEEL LIKE WE'RE KIND OF COUNTER PRODUCTIVE. HERE WE ARE TRYING TO UPHOLD THE VALUES THAT BRUCE STARTED US OFF WITH, YET SOME OF THE PROPOSALS ARE SO AGIST AND ABLEIST, THAT WE'RE FIGHTING AGAINST EACH SO AND WE CAN DO SO MUCH BETTER. OUR GOAL IS TO TRY AND GET US THERE. AND I THINK EVERYBODY HERE IS WILLING TO BE HELPFUL, BUT WE NEED TO BUILD FROM WHAT WE KNOW WORKS. AND NOT FROM STARTING OVER BY CUTTING THE VARIOUS PROGRAMS THAT ARE KEEPING US HEALTHY AND SAFE. THANKS.

>> IT APPEARS THAT KEVIN GOT KNOCKED OFF. NEXT UP WAS RIGO.

>> RIGO SABORIO: THANK YOU, AND I WANT TO ECHO WHAT MY COLLEAGUES HAVE EXPRESSED. I WANT TO START BY THANKING KIM AND FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND THE TEAM AS WELL. BUT SORT OF WHERE I ENDED MY COMMENTS IN TERMS OF OLDER ADULTS' LIVES MATTER AND THEM BEING RESILIENT. NO MATTER HOW RESILIENCE THEY ARE AND HOW MUCH SURVIVORS THEY ARE, THEY NEED A LIFE LINE. YET THE PROGRAMS PROPOSED TO BE CUT ARE THE LIFE LINE TO THE OLDER ADULTS AND ALSO

TO THE FAMILY STRUCTURE AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE. IT IS ALL INTERCONNECTED. AS WE PROPOSE THE CUTS, IT HARMS INDIVIDUALS AND THE FAMILIES. I THINK HISTORICALLY, WE HAVE SEEN TOO MANY BUDGET CUTS IS IMPACTING OLDER ADULTS. IN THIS CURRENT CRISIS, IT HAS SHED LIGHT ON HOW THE PAST DECISIONS PLAY OUT TODAY. I IMPLORE US ALL AND I THINK THIS MASTER PLAN IS THE PATHWAY FORWARD. LET'S LEARN FROM THE PAST AND HOLD STEADY TO KEEP THE LIFE LINE STRONG. THIS IS NOT A TIME TO STRENGTHEN, WEAKEN, ACTUALLY, BUT TO STRENGTHEN LIFE LINES. THAT IS WHERE I THINK WE NEED TO REALLY FOCUS. IT IS NOT HOW TO WEAKEN, WHERE TO CUT, BUT RATHER, HOW TO STRENGTHEN. THANK YOU.

>> I BELIEVE KEVIN IS BACK IN, BUT HE IS AN ATTENDEE.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: SUSAN, MARTY AND DONNA AND THEN GO TO PUBLIC COMMENT.

>> SUSAN DEMAROIS: I'M SPEAKING FOR ALL OF MY SAC COLLEAGUES THAT WE REMAIN COMMITTED TO THIS EFFORT. IN FACT YOU MIGHT HAVE HEARD, WE'RE FIRED UP. ON BEHALF OF THE LTSS SUBCOMMITTEE, WE ARE EXTREMELY PROUD TO FORMALLY SUBMIT TODAY THE FINAL LTSS REPORT. AS WAS UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED AT THE MARCH MEETING. MOST OF YOU KNOW THIS REPORT IS THE PRODUCT OF HUNDREDS OF HOURS OF COLLECTIVE WORK AND OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP BY MANY, MANY PEOPLE. LYDIA MISSAELIDES, CLAIRE RAMSEY, CATHERINE BLAKEMORE AND SARAH STEENHAUSEN. WE STARTED WITH BIG FIVE IDEAS, NAVIGATION, ACCESS, AFFORDABILITY, WORK FORCE AND GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE. TODAY AT THIS SAC MEETING, WE URGE TRANSMITTAL OF THE LTSS REPORT TO THE GOVERNOR, SECRETARY GHALY AND THE SECRETARIES WHO MAKE UP THE PLAN ON LEADERSHIP. ATTACHED TO THE REPORT IS A TRANSMITTAL LETTER AND A NEW PREFACE. IT UNDERSCORED THE SHARED CALIFORNIA VALUES AND REINFORCES THE ORIGINAL RECOMMENDATIONS AND CAPTURES NEW LEARNINGS IN THE WAKE OF COVID. WE WANT TO CALL OUT FIVE TIMELY ADDITIONS IN THE WAKE OF COVID, THE NEED FOR GUBERNATORIAL LEVEL LEADERSHIP THAT IS COORDINATED AND ENGAGED. TWO, WE WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE TEMPORARY GATEWAYS TO INFORMATION, RESOURCES AND REFERRALS, BUT NOTE THAT THESE INITIATIVES VERY REAL TO US WHAT A MASSIVE UNDERTAKING THIS IS TO DO WELL. PAID AND UNPAID STAFF ARE IN THE EYE OF THIS STORM. FOURTH, NEW LICENSE CONGREGATE SETTING MODELS MUST EMERGE FROM THIS

IDEA. AND FINALLY, WE MUST GRAB AHOLD OF THE INGENUITY WE ALL DISPLACED THROUGH THE CRISIS. TODAY WE'RE PROUD TO TRANSMIT THE LTSS REPORT AND WITH THAT, I WILL PASS IT TO THE NEXT SPEAKER.

>> DONNA, DO YOU WANT TO GO FIRST? OKAY.

>> I AM READY TO GO.

>> DR. DONNA BENTON: THANK YOU TO KIM, SECRETARY GHALY AND FIG FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO REALLY LISTEN AND HEAR THE STAKEHOLDERS DISCUSSION SO FAR. ONE OF THE THINGS I WANT TO EMPHASIZE BECAUSE WE DO WANT TO HAVE MORE CONVERSATION IS THAT REALLY, OUR GOAL IS TO REMOVE THE SYSTEMIC BARRIERS THAT HAVE BEEN CONTRIBUTING TO THE FINANCIAL AND EMOTIONAL STRESS THAT OUR OLDER ADULTS AND FAMILY MEMBERS ARE EXPERIENCING NOW HAVE IN THE PAST AND IN THE FUTURE. IF WE ARE ABLE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH THE PLAN ON AGING, THAT WILL ALWAYS INCLUDE NOT ONLY THE PERSON-CENTERED APPROACH, BUT ALSO EMBRACING FAMILIES THAT HELP WITH CARE, THAT DO THE MEDICATIONS, THAT ARE THERE TO HELP NAVIGATE THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM. AND OF COURSE, AS WE'VE NOTICED DURING THIS CRISIS, FAMILIES AND FRIENDS ARE ON THE FRONT LINE OF KEEPING OUR OLDER ADULTS IN THE COMMUNITY AND AWAY FROM NURSING HOMES, HOSPITALS, THEY HAVE BEEN THE PROTECTORS. AND YOU HEARD DR. FERNANDO WHO DISCUSSED HIS INVOLVEMENT. WHAT WE WANT TO MAKE SURE IS THAT WE CONTINUE IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND WE KNOW THAT THE LTSS DISCUSSION IS SOMETHING THAT WE HAVE VERY FEW DETAILS AT THIS POINT. AS WE MOVE ON, WE REALLY ARE WORKING FORWARD TO BEING AN INTEGRAL PART OF THAT DISCUSSION AND REMEMBER TO EXTEND THAT OUT TO OTHER MEMBERS OF THE AGING COMMUNITY, BUT ALSO TO PEOPLE THAT ARE WORKING ON OTHER AREAS WITH AGING SERVICES, BUT ALSO THOSE THAT MAY BE ALSO WORKING ON JUST GENERAL FAMILY ISSUES. BECAUSE HALF OF THE CAREGIVERS ARE WORKING AND THEY HAVE TO HAVE SUPPORTS IN PLACE LIKE MSSP AND CBAS SO THAT THEY CAN WORK AND THRIVE AND CARE AND PROVIDE THAT MULTI-CULTURAL AND GENERATIONAL CARE FOR OUR FAMILIES AND FRIENDS IN THE COMMUNITIES WHO ARE OLDER ADULTS. I WILL MOVE IT ON. MARTY?

>> MARTY. A COUPLE PEOPLE ASKED US TO MEET AND ROLLED OUT THE IDEA OF A STATE PLAN AMENDMENT TO DO A STATEWIDE LONG-TERM

SERVICES AT HOME BENEFIT. A VERY EXCITING POSSIBILITY WITH LOTS OF DETAILS TO BE WORKED ON. AND ASKED US AS A SAC, IF WE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN PLANNING THAT. I THINK WE WILL BE WHEN THE TIME IS RIGHT, BUT I JUST WANTED TO SAY A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT IT. NUMBER ONE, IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO THINK ABOUT A CONCEPT THAT GETS BEYOND THE SILOS THAT WE'VE HAD IN THE PAST AND GETS US A HEALTH AND ALONG TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS BENEFIT THAT IS FULLY INTEGRATED. THAT IS ONE OF THE GOALS OF THE LTSS REPORT THAT CAME OUT THAT SUSAN JUST TALKED ABOUT A MINUTE AGO. GETTING TO THAT SERVICE THAT BEATS THE SILOS AND EASY FOR THE CONSUMERS TO USE HAS BEEN A LONG-TERM GOAL OF ALMOST ALL OF US ON THE SAC. BUT WE HAVE TO REMEMBER THAT WE CAN'T DO THAT UNTIL WE SOLVE THE CBAS, MSSP PROBLEM IN THE BUDGET. WE CAN'T GO FOR A PERIOD OF TIME ON THE PROMISE OF AN L LTSS BENEFIT THAT MAYBE WE CAN WORK OUT SOME TIME IN 2021 WHILE WE'RE CUTTING KEY SERVICES TO STAY IN THE COMMUNITY. THE PROMISE OF THE BENEFITS IS TO KEEP PEOPLE OUT OF THE NURSING HOMES AND PLACES WHERE WE ARE DYING FROM COVID. AND WE HAVE TO KEEP ALL OF THOSE BENEFITS IN PLACE AND WE HAVE TO MAKE SURE THAT THE BASELINE STAYS THERE. AND THEN WE GO ON TO PLAN FOR THIS VERY EXCITING NEW BENEFIT, WHICH WE WILL DO AND WE'LL ALL TOGETHER TRY TO GET THAT RIGHT SO IT IS A REAL IMPROVEMENT AND ONE THAT WE WOULD BE PROUD OF AS THE MASTER PLAN MOVES FORWARD.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: I WANT TO ASSURE THE PUBLIC THAT WE WILL STILL DO THE FULL PUBLIC COMMENT. THE CAPTIONERS CAN STAY AND OTHERS ON THE TEAM.

>> I APPRECIATE HOW MANY PEOPLE HAVE BROUGHT UP DISTRICT ISSUES WITH THE COMMENTS. I WANT TO CLOSE AND I WILL BE BRIEF BY REMEMBERING THE GOVERNOR'S PRESS CONFERENCE ON A SUNDAY WHERE HE ANNOUNCED THE SHELTER IN PLACE AND HE WAS ASKING ALL CALIFORNIANS TO MAKE A SACRIFICE SO THAT WE COULD PROTECT VULNERABLE CALIFORNIANS FROM THIS PANDEMIC. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THAT THEME AND APPLY IT TO THE BUDGET AND WHAT WE DO TO REBUILD THE ECONOMY IN CALIFORNIA. THIS PANDEMIC HAS DISPROPORTIONALLY AFFECTED PEOPLE OF COLOR, SENIORS. WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT THE BUDGET, WHAT ARE WE DOING TO SUPPORT THE POPULATIONS AND TO ASK ALL CALIFORNIANS TO MAKE THE SACRIFICES IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN. THAT IS MISSING IN THE GOVERNOR'S PROPOSAL. WHAT ARE WE DOING AS A STATE TO RESPOND TO THIS FISCAL CRISIS. WE NEED PEOPLE WHO HAVE DONE WELL TO SUPPORT PEOPLE WHO ARE VULNERABLE. SO

FAR WE HAVE NOT HEARD THAT MESSAGE COMING FROM THE GOVERNOR AND I HOPE THAT IS SOMETHING WE CAN SEE MOVING FORWARD. THANK YOU.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH ANDY AND TO ALL OF YOU FOR SUCH THOUGHTFUL AND CAREFULLY ORGANIZED SO WE CAN HEAR THE MANY DIFFERENT VOICES ON THE ISSUES. I'M GOING TO TURN IT TO PUBLIC COMMENT. MARIA IS GOING TO RUN THAT FOR US. WE HAVE 8 PEOPLE WITH HANDS UP. 20 MINUTES SET ASIDE AND WE URGE YOU TO TRY TO DO THE MINUTE. BUT VERY MUCH WANT TO REMIND YOU, YOU CAN MAKE COMMENT BY E-MAIL. IN THERE ARE ACCESSIBILITY ISSUES, WE CAN DO THAT OVER-THE-PHONE OR BY MAIL. WILL YOU START US WITH THE QUEUE.

>> WE'VE GOT TONY WHO IS GOING TO GO FIRST. GO AHEAD.

>> TONY: TONY, WE'LL LOOP BACK AROUND.

>> SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO PRESS THE BUTTON.

>> OKAY, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. JEFFREY? DID YOU HAVE SOME COMMENTS? LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE MUTED.

>> HELLO, THIS IS JEFFREY. FIRST THING I WILL SAY TO KIM, LIKEWISE, APPRECIATE YOUR LEADERSHIP. PUSHING THIS WEEK FOR GETTING REVENUES AND THIS AFTERNOON AND TODAY, THE SENATE WILL BE MEETING ON BUDGET. COMMENT HERE FOR TODAY IS THAT YOU SOUNDED VERY LOW VOLUME LIKE YOU WERE IN THE OTHER ROOM. I KNOW THIS IS THE FIRST TIME YOU DID A VIRTUAL MEETING, BUT INCREASE THAT BECAUSE IT WAS VERY HARD TRYING TO SEND A PUBLIC COMMENT, I GOT BACK THE ENGAGE NOT BEING THE RIGHT WAY TO SEND A PUBLIC COMMENT. BUT IN TRYING TO INCREASE, YESTERDAY SPOKE TO THE BUDGET COMMITTEE IN REGARDS TO INCREASING REVENUE AS THE FOCUS. AND I AGREE WITH THE THINGS THAT I'VE HEARD SAID. AND LET'S KEEP PUSHING ON. THANK YOU.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU, JEFFREY.

>> JUST GOING TO LOOP BACK AROUND AND SEE TONY, IF YOU ARE READY? UNMUTE. OKAY. HOW ABOUT COLLIN?

>> COLLIN: CAN YOU HEAR ME. I WAS A LITTLE BIT LATE TO THE MEET AND NOT SURE IF I MISSED THIS, BUT I WANTED TO SEE IF THERE WERE DISCUSSIONS ABOUT TRANSPORTATION OR PARA TRANSIT?

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: IT HAS COME UP FROM THE PRESENTERS SHARING ON THE FRONT LINE, SOME OF THE CHALLENGES AND IT IS ABSOLUTELY PART OF THE MASTER PLAN'S FRAMEWORK. TODAY HAS BEEN FOCUSED ON THE COVID RESPONSE LESS THAN POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS. BUT TRANSPORTATION OVERALL IS ABSOLUTELY PART OF THE MASTER PLAN APPROACH.

>> GREAT. THANK YOU.

>> SASHA?

>> SASHA: HELLO. AND I'M WITH THE HAND IN HAND. THE DOMESTIC EMPLOYER'S NETWORK. I LIVE IN SAN FRANCISCO. AND I HAVE EMPLOYED HOME CARE WORKERS OVER 25 YEARS. AND LINDSAY IS GOING TO READ MY STATEMENT. FIRST THANK YOU TO THE SAC FOR ALL OF THE HARD WORK THAT YOU ARE PUTTING IN AND THAT YOU HAVE PUT IN. WE, I AND HAND IN HAND AGREE THAT NOW IS THE TIME TO BE SHORING UP OUR EXISTING PROGRAMS TO ALLOW PEOPLE TO REMAIN INDEPENDENT IN THEIR HOMES. IT IS CLEAR THAN EVER IF WE ARE SAFER AND ABLE TO AGE AND LIVE WITH DIGNITY AT HOME AND NOT IN INSTITUTIONS. SO I'M HERE TO URGE YOU DIRECTOR WADE AND SECRETARY GHALY AND TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT MEMBERS OF THE SAC TO USE YOUR POWER TO INFLUENCE THE GOVERNOR TO RETHINK THE PRIORITIES IN THE BUDGET. AND TO NOT TAKE FROM LTSS PROGRAMS LIKE IHSS, MSSP, CBAS, SSI, ET CETERA. AND TO LOOK INSTEAD FOR FUNDING FROM PROGRAMS LIKE PRISONS. TO USE THE RAINY DAY FUNDS AND TO CREATE NEW REVENUE, PROGRESSIVE REVENUES SUCH AS THE SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST INITIATIVE SO THAT WE DON'T HAVE TO MAKE CUTS IN THE VERY SOCIAL SAFETY NET THAT WE ALL DEPEND ON. THANK YOU.

>> OKAY, NEXT IS LORINDA. YOU MAY HAVE TO UNMUTE YOURSELF.

>> LORINDA: OKAY, SO I ECHO ALL OF THE PREVIOUS COMMENTS AND GRATEFUL TO ALL OF THE WORK THAT ALL OF YOU ARE DOING. TO SPEAK TO DEBBIE'S QUESTION, THE CUTS ARE ROUTED ON INTERNALIZED AND EXTERNALIZED AGEISM. IT MARGINALIZES OLDER PEOPLE AND ALSO WHY OLDER PEOPLE BECOME ACCEPTING OF MARGINALIZATION. IT IS INSIDIOUS. PEOPLE DO NOT KNOW THEY ARE ENGAGING IN IT WHILE THEY ARE DOING IT. IF THEY ARE IN POSITIONS OF POWER, IT TRANSLATES INTO CHANGES IN POLICY. ADVOCATING FOR ANY VULNERABLE GROUP IS A STRATEGIC PROCESS AND EXTREMELY IMPORTANT. AND TO GET ANY MOVEMENT IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION REQUIRES EXTREME EFFORT AND GENERALIZED SUPER ACTIVE STATEMENTS. NEGATIVE ASPECTS OF AGING OR CHALLENGES FACED BY A SUBGROUP OF SPECIAL NEEDS ARE EXAGGERATED, EMPHASIZED AND IN THE PUBLIC'S EYE. ONCE THE EFFORT SUCCEEDS, THERE IS A BACKLASH CALLED PASSIONATE AGEISM. WHEN THE MESSAGES EXPRESSED DURING THE CAMPAIGN ARE GENERALIZED TO ALL OLDER PEOPLE. AND HEALTHY PERSPECTIVES NOT AGING. WITH COVID-19, I BELIEVE WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEDIATE AND MINIMIZE THE BACKLASH, AT LEAST HERE IN CALIFORNIA. IT DOES NOT REQUIRE US TO CHANGE THE MESSAGES ABOUT OLDER PEOPLE BEING VULNERABLE, BUT OTHER GROUPS GET EQUAL TIME. THERE ARE MANY GROUPS THAT INCLUDE PEOPLE OF ALL AGES WITH COMPROMISED HEALTH DEFENDS, ALL AGES AND RACES. IF ANY OF YOU ARE IN A POSITION TO INFLUENCE MESSAGING TO THE GENERAL POPULATION, I IMPLORE YOU TO BE VIGILANT.

THAT'S IT. THANK YOU.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU. I WANT TO NOTE THAT WE ARE AT 10:30 AND WE'RE GOING TO STAY ON TO FINISH THE PUBLIC COMMENT TIME AND I'M GRATEFUL TO SEE THE SAC MEMBERS WILLING TO DO THE SAME. THANK YOU FOR THE CHANCE TO BE IN THIS DIALOGUE.

>> MARTY, YOU ARE UNMUTED ON THIS END.

>> MARTY OMOTO: CAN YOU HEAR ME? THANK YOU. FIRST OF ALL, THANK YOU, CALIFORNIA DISABILITY, SENIOR ACTION NETWORK AND ALSO A MEMBER OF THE SUBCOMMITTEES OF THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY. KIM, BUT ALSO THE STATE STAFF FROM ALL THE DEPARTMENTS FOR THEIR HARD WORK FOR THE MASTER PLAN. AND ALSO IN RESPONSE TO COVID. NUMBER 2, STRONGLY SUPPORT THE WORDS OF MY COLLEAGUES ON THE STAKEHOLDER GROUPS AND ALSO ON THE SUBCOMMITTEES. ESPECIALLY ON THE ISSUE OF PROPOSED CUTS, BUT ALSO ON ALTERNATIVES. THIRD, THIS IS AS WE ALL KNOW, A PUBLIC HEALTH CRISIS THAT IS UNPRECEDENTED, A PANDEMIC WITH NO END IN SIGHT. AND URGE FOR THE STAKEHOLDER GROUP AND THE GOVERNOR AND THE ADMINISTRATION, TO LOOK AT THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS. IT PROVIDES GUARD RAILS FOR BETTER SOLUTIONS, BUT PROVIDES OFF RAMP AGAINST BAD IDEAS AND CUTS AND ON RAMP TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR US. THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO ARE THERE. THANK YOU.

>> THANKS NEXT IS NANCY.

>> NANCY: I'M HERE TO ASK YOU THAT PRESERVE THE -- AND EXPAND THEM TO THE SOCIAL INSURANCE PROGRAM. ACTIVE SENIORS WITH DEMENTIA LIKE MY MOM FACE ENORMOUS COSTS IN THEIR DESIRE TO KEEP ACTIVE. MY MOM RODE HER BIKE UP INTO THE STEEP OAKLAND HILLS INTO HER LATE 70S. AS SHE DEVELOPED DEMENTIA IN HER 80S, STILL WALKING. SHE REMAINED ACTIVE, BUT HER MIND WAS FAILING. AND 18 MONTHS LATER SHE WAS GETTING LOST. AND HER CARE FACILITY WAS GOING TO REQUIRE OPTIONS, AN AID TO ATTEND HER 6 HOURS A DAY, TOO COSTLY, OR TRANSITION HER TO A LOCK DOWN CARE. BUT THE DOCTOR DEEMED THIS TO BE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT. SHE WAS NOT ADMITTED. THE BEST OPTION WE FOUND WAS TO SEND MOM TO MEXICO TO RECEIVE HUMANE CARE. THIS HAS BEEN HEART WRENCHING, AND A HUGE RELIEF BECAUSE SHE CAN REMAIN AN ACTIVE SENIOR WHO CAN PARTICIPATE IN THE THINGS THAT MATTER TO HER. BECAUSE SHE NOW HAS A LOVING CARETAKER WHO TAKES HER OUTDOORS WALKING DAILY, WE WISH MOM WERE HERE IN CALIFORNIA WITH US. AN LTSS PROGRAM COULD HAVE HELPED MY FAMILY AFFORD THIS. PLEASE, PRESERVE EXISTING LTSS PROGRAMS THE STATE BUDGET AND EXPAND THEM WITH THE UNIVERSAL INSURANCE SOCIAL PROGRAM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR WORK.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU VERY MUCH NANCY FOR SHARING.

>> THE NEXT COMMENT IS COMING FROM A NUMBER ENDING IN 8201.

>> JEFF WITH THE CALIFORNIA COUNCIL OF THE BLIND AND LTSS SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBER. I WANT TO ASSOCIATE MYSELF WITH THE COMMENTS OF MARTY OMOTO. THE SAC IS NOT FULLY INCLUSIVE. THERE ARE COMMUNITIES THAT ARE NOT REALLY REPRESENTED ON IT. AND ONE OF THEM IS THOSE WITH SENSORY DISABILITIES, THOSE WHO ARE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING AND THE COMMUNITY I REPRESENT, THOSE WITH VISION LOSS. AND IF IT DOESN'T REPRESENT, IT IS INCUMBENT UPON YOU IN THE SAC TO DO YOUR BEST TO REFLECT OUR UNIQUE CONCERNS AND PERSPECTIVES. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

>> THANK YOU, JEFF. NEXT WE'VE GOT RUSSELL?

>> RUSSELL RAWLINGS: GOOD MORNING STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS. I TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO STAY ON. I'M AM THE STATE WIDE COMMUNITY ORGANIZER FOR CALIFORNIA FOUNDATION FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS. THROUGH THE DISABILITY ORGANIZING NETWORK WE ORGANIZE ACROSS DISABILITY ISSUES WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZERS AND SYSTEMS CHANGE ADVOCATES THROUGHOUT THE STATE. WE ENCOURAGE THE SAC TO CONTINUE SUPPORTING US AND PREVENTING BUDGET CUTS. FOR THE STATES LONG-TERM SERVICES AND SUPPORTS AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS, IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. AS SOMEONE WHO RELIES ON IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES MEANS A 7% CUT IN CARE. I WOULD HAVE LESS TIME ATE, BATHE AND HAVE LESS TIME.

FOR THE GROW AND AGING AND DISABILITIES POPULATION, ELIMINATING AND CUTTING PROGRAMS SUCH AS INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS, CBAS AND AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTERS, DOES NOT REFLECT THE VISION OF THE CALIFORNIA FOR ALL. CFILC CONTINUES TO SUPPORT CALIFORNIA'S INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS, IT WAS FOUNDED ON GIVING THE PEOPLE THE RIGHT TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY. WE ARE SADDENED AND HORRIFIED BY THE LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE AFFECTED BY COVID-19. ESPECIALLY PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, OLDER ADULTS AND THE PERSONAL ASSISTANTS PROVIDING THE CARE. WE URGE THAT THE SAC ENLIST THE GOVERNOR NOT TO CUT. IT GOES AGAINST THE OLMSTEAD ACT. LET US NOT

DISENFRANCHISE THOSE WHO NEED US NOW MORE THAN EVER. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME.

>> NEXT IS MICHAEL LION. WILL GIVE YOU JUST A COUPLE MORE SECONDS TO UNMUTE. THE BUTTON IS ON THE LOWER RIGHT HAND SIDE. CHRISTOPHER?

>> CHRISTOPHER. THANK YOU, I APPRECIATE EVERYBODY'S EFFORTS IN THIS DIFFICULT SITUATION. AND I WAS ONE OF THE FUNDERS OF PROCESS FROM THE ARCH STONE FOUNDATION. I'M GRATEFUL TO EVERYBODY FOR THEIR CONTINUING PARTICIPATION IN THESE DIFFICULT CIRCUMSTANCES. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I'VE BEEN RAISING OVER THE PROCESS THAT I THINK IS PARTICULARLY USEFUL, POTENTIALLY NOW, IS THE ABILITY THAT WE HAVE, IF WE WORK TOGETHER AND WORK COHERENTLY TO DRAW DOWN MORE FEDERAL MONEY UNDER EXISTING LAW. I THINK OF A NEW REVENUE SOURCE, NOT FROM TAXES, BUT MEDICARE. THE CHRONIC CARE MANAGEMENT BENEFIT IS SOMETHING THAT PHYSICIANS AND OTHER HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS WORKING UNDER MEDICARE CAN BILL AND CAN USE AS CONTRACT PARTNERS FOR THE DELIVERY OF THE SERVICES, COMMUNITY-BASED ORGANIZATIONS. AND BRING AS MUCH AS A BILLION DOLLARS TO CALIFORNIA TO HELP ADDRESS THINGS LIKE DISPARITIES, THE CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS OF OLDER ADULTS. AND POTENTIALLY ANOTHER WAY OF KEEPING THEM OUT OF LONG-TERM CARE FACILITIES AND HOSPITALS AND UNDER UNPLEASANT CIRCUMSTANCES. IT WOULD REQUIRE SUPPORT FROM THE STATE, PRESUMABLY FOR LEGAL ASSISTANCE AND THE USE OF THESE CODES IS UNCLEAR AND FRIGHTENING TO PROVIDERS. IF THE STATE WERE TO ENCOURAGE SOMEWHERE BETWEEN A MANDATE AND ASK, THE HEALTH CARE DELIVERY SYSTEMS TO FULLY USE THESE BENEFITS UNDER MEDICARE, WE CAN BRING A LOT OF MONEY AND PAY FOR A LOT OF SERVICES WITHOUT HAVING TO RAISE TAXES. THANK YOU.

>> MICHAEL, IT LOOKS LIKE YOU ARE UNMUTED.

>> MICHAEL: YES, WE'RE FACING THE WORST ECONOMIC CRISIS SINCE THE 1930S. AND A PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY. TRYING TO PROCEED BY CUTTING PROGRAMS TO MATCH LOWER REVENUES WILL KILL MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN VULNERABLE AND DISADVANTAGED POPULATION. WHO CAN PREDICT WHAT SOCIAL UNREST WILL RESULT WHEN PEOPLE ARE FINALLY FED UP OF THE TRANSFER OF WEALTH FROM THE POOR TO THE

RICH AND LACK OF CARE FROM THE GOVERNMENT. LOW HANGING FRUIT WILL NOT DO, THE TREE MUST BE SHAKEN AND SHAKEN HARD. FULL SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS AND COMMUNITIES FIRST IN 2020, AND THE WEALTH TAX AND AN OIL SEVERANCE TAX WOULD BE A START. THANK YOU.

>> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO KIM.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU. WE CLOSE TO 200. I WILL SUM UP WITH WHAT I HEAR ARE THREE AREAS WHERE NEXT STEPS ARE NEEDED. FIRST THE LTSS REPORT TRANSMISSION, WE WILL WORK WITH YOU, SUSAN TO MAKE SURE THAT GOES TO THE SECRETARY GHALY, THE GOVERNOR AND THE ENTIRE CABINET WORK GROUP. AND SECOND, YOU ALL SURFACED SOMETHING THAT I'VE -- I WILL TRY TO FRAME. THERE HAS BEEN A RUPTURE AND A NEED FOR REPAIR. MANY OF THE BUDGET PROPOSALS CAUSED THAT FEEL OF RUPTURE IN THE PARTNERSHIP. THE SHARED PEOPLE IN CALIFORNIA, THE SHARED COMMITMENT TO THIS PROJECT. THAT IS A RUPTURE THAT NEEDS REPAIR. THERE IS A CRISIS PROVISION THAT MANY OF YOU WORKED ON. I HOPE IT WILL BE A STEP ON THAT PATH TO REPAIR. I'M OPTIMISTIC THAT WORKING WITH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, WE CAN FIND THE TIME TO HAVE THAT IMPORTANT BUDGET CONVERSATION SHORTLY AND HAVE MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THAT, TOO. HEAR YOU AND HEAR THE NEED FOR A WAY FORWARD ON THOSE AREAS.

THIRDLY, WE WILL OWE YOU A NEW TIMELINE AND WORK ON THAT, ADJUST FOR THE PAUSE AND THE ONGOING IMPACTS OF CORONA AND INCORPORATES THE ALZHEIMER'S AND LONG-TERM CARE BENEFITS REPORT COMING AND REPORTS INCORPORATES THE LONG-TERM HOME BENEFIT SHARE FROM DHCS. MORE TO COME ON WHAT A PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE TIMELINE FOR THIS PROJECT IS, BUT WITH THAT, I THINK THAT IS WHERE WE WILL END THE REPORT TRANSMISSION IMMEDIATELY. AND A TIMELINE TO GET BACK TO WORK.