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>> I ASK FOLKS TO PLEASE TAKE THEIR SEATS FOR THE LOS ANGELES CITY METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY. L. A. METRO. THANK YOU, EVERYBODY AND GOOD MORNING. IF WE CAN PLEASE CALL THIS MEETING TO ORDER. BEFORE OUR ROLL CALL, I WILL ASK EVERYBODY TO PLEASE STAND AND WE WILL DO THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. MADAM DUPONT WALKER, IF YOU WILL PLEASE LEAD US. >> I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO THE REPUBLIC FOR WHICH IT STANDS, ONE NATION, UNDER GOD, INDIVISIBLE, WITH LIBERTY AND JUSTICE FOR ALL.\r\n\r\nTHANK YOU. MADAM SECRETARY, PLEASE CALL THE ROLL. >> DIRECTOR BULINSKI, DIRECTOR NAJARIAN, HERE, DIRECTOR KUEHL, DIRECTOR KREKORIAN, DIRECTOR HAHN, DIRECTOR GARCIA, DIRECTOR FASANA, DIRECTOR WALKER, PRESENT, DUPONT, DIRECTOR BONIN, DIRECTOR BARGER, DIRECTOR SOLIS, DIRECTOR GARCETTI. >> ERIC GARCETTI: I'M HERE. I WILL BE CHAIRING AS VICE-CHAIR. THE OTHER TWO ARE ON THEIR WAY. IF WE CAN TAKE THE CONSENT ITEMS FOR BUSINESS.\r\n\r\nARE THERE ANY ITEMS THE MEMBERS WOULD LIKE TO PULL FROM THE CONSENT CALENDAR? ITEM 8 AND 29. ANY OTHERS? THEY MIGHT BE PULLED. I THINK 8 IS. WE'LL ADD 29 TO THAT. ANY OTHERS? IF NOT, WE'LL MOVE THE CONSENT ITEMS.\r\n\r\n>> ALL IN FAVOR SAY, "AYE". >> AYE. >> ANY OPPOSED? HEARING NONE, THOSE CONSENT ITEMS ARE APPROVED. OKAY, ITEM 33, I HAVE BEEN INFORMED WE HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH THE PROPERTY OWNER, SO THAT CAN BE WITHDRAWN. WE DO NOT NEED TO TAKE THAT UP IN OUR ORDER OF BUSINESS TODAY. NEXT ITEM OF BUSINESS WILL BE THE CHAIR'S REPORT. I WILL BE GIVING THE REPORT FOR MR.\r\n\r\nBUTTS. GOOD MORNING, EVERYBODY. I WILL DO A FEW ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THIS BOARD. FIRST I WANT TO THANK THIS AGENCY FOR THE RESPONSE FOR RIGHT AFTER THE CRISIS, THE BIGGEST CRISIS WE FACE IS THE HOMELESS CRISIS. METRO'S DEDICATED COMMITMENT TO RESPOND TO THIS CRISIS WHETHER IT'S DEPLOYING OUTREACH WORKERS AND SERVICES. BUT ALSO WAS REALLY HIGHLIGHTED IN A COMMITMENT WITH METRO PROPERTY IN A COMMITMENT WITH VENICE IN SOUTH LOS ANGELES WITH ANGELENOS. YOU MAY REMEMBER A TOWN HALL WE HAD 14 MONTHS AGO IN VENICE AND IT OPENED THIS WEEK.\r\n\r\nMR. BONIN AND METRO DESERVE A LET'S GIVE A ROUND OF APPLAUSE FOR OPENING UP 154 BEDS TO MEN AND WOMEN AND TRANSITIONAL YOUTH COMING OUT OF FOSTER CARE SYSTEM. IT WAS FULL OF DOG RUNS AND EVERYTHING THAT MAKES THIS A SPECIAL COMMUNITY. I DON'T KNOW IF YOU WANT TO ADD ANYTHING TO THAT, MR. BONIN. >> COUNCIL MEMBER MIKE BONIN: JUST VERY BRIEFLY, THERE HAS BEEN VERY FEW THINGS IN ELECTIVE OFFICE THAT WAS JUST AS MEANINGFUL OF SEEING THE PHOTOS OF PEOPLE WHO MOVED IN AND HAD THEIR FIRST NIGHT UNDER A ROOF IN A VERY VERY LONG TIME, BUT I WANTED TO THANK YOU, MR. MAYOR, FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP, AND DIRECTOR KUEHL FOR YOUR SUPPORT IN OUR INITIAL PUSH TO GET METRO BEHIND THIS, AND I WANT TO THANK METRO STAFF FOR REALLY PICKING UP THE GAUNTLET AND HELPING TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.\r\n\r\nIT'S NEVER EASY WHEN DIFFERENT GOVERNMENT AGENCIES ARE ATTACKING EACH OTHER, BUT METRO HAS BEEN PHENOMENAL AND I WANT TO THANK YOU AND YOUR STAFF. >> THANK YOU, MR. BONIN. PACIFIC SUNSET IS ON A METRO BOARD MAINTENANCE FACILITY. THANKS TO COUNCIL MEMBER KREKORIAN, WE ARE OPENING UP ANOTHER HOUSING SHELTER FOR FOLKS IN VAN NUYS. WITH OUR LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, MS. MARTINEZ.\r\n\r\nWE WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO DO IT WITHOUT THE FOLKS THAT STEPPED UP. I WANT TO THANK EVERYBODY FOR MAKING SURE THAT GOT DONE. SECOND, I'M PROUD TO ANNOUNCE. THERE IS AN ELECTION