

## 7/28/2020 Voting Session transcript

1 >> GOOD MORNING. THIS IS THE JULY 28th, 2020, VOTING SESSION OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT AND I CALL IT TO ORDER. COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY WILL MISS TODAY'S MEETING. THE OTHER FOUR OF US WILL BE HERE CARRYING ON COUNTY BUSINESS. UNLESS THERE IS OBJECTION,

I REQUEST THAT WE PAUSE FOR 30 SECONDS OF SILENT PRAYER OR MEDITATION AS YOU SEE APPROPRIATE. ANY OBJECTION TO THAT, BY THE WAY, FOR CONGRESSMAN JOHN LEWIS WHO DID A LOT FOR OUR COUNTRY AND GAVE A LOT AND LUCKILY HE'S BEEN CELEBRATED FOR THE LAST WEEK OR SO. ANY OBJECTION? >> NO, JUDGE. >> AND 30 SECONDS WILL START NOW. THANK YOU, COURT MEMBERS, FOR INDULGING. THAT WAS 30 SECONDS BY A TIMEX, NOT A ROLEX.

BECAUSE THREE OF US ARE PARTICIPATING VIA TELECONFERENCE, WE WILL NEED A MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE COUNTY JUDGE WHO IS IN THE COURTROOM AT 700 LAVACA TO SIGN FOR COURT MEMBERS WHO ARE NOT HERE AND THAT IS FOR DOCUMENTS INCLUDING ORDERS RELATED TO ITEMS BEFORE THE COURT TODAY ON THEIR BEHALF. THEIR VOTING ACTION WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE COURT'S MINUTES. >> SO MOVED. >> SECOND. 2 >> MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION, SECONDED BY -- IS THAT COMMISSIONER SHEA? >> YES. >> ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

POSTED ON THE AGENDA ARE C1 THROUGH C4, CONSENT ITEMS. ANY REASON TO DISCUSS ANY OF THESE SEPARATELY? THEN I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE C1 THROUGH C4. >> SECOND. >> ANY DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. WE HAVE A LONG LIST OF ITEMS TO RECOMMEND FOR INCLUSION ON ONE CONSENT MOTION AND THESE ARE ITEMS THAT WE BELIEVE TO BE PRETTY STRAIGHTFORWARD, NON-CONTROVERSIAL, AND SO THIS ONE MOTION WOULD CALL ALL OF THESE UNLESS A COURT MEMBER WANTS US TO PULL ONE FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION. ITEM NUMBER 4, 5, 6, 7 -- DID I HEAR SOMEBODY SAY PULL? 8. AND MEDIA, WE'VE GOT A FUNNY NOISE IN THE BACKGROUND. FROM 8 WE GO TO 10A. >> JUDGE, I NOTICED LAST NIGHT THAT ITEM NUMBER 11 IS NOT INCLUDED ON CONSENT AND IT'S NOT INCLUDED ON THE ORDER FOR DISCUSSION AND IT LOOKED LIKE SOMETHING YOU MIGHT HAVE BEEN WANTING TO PUT ON CONSENT. >> NUMBER 11? >> YES. >> OKAY, NUMBER 11-. >> SHOULD NO GO CONSENT. THIS IS JESSICA. >> NUMBER 11 IS ON OUR LIST 3 OF ITEMS TO BE DISCUSSED. ROBERT, DOES THAT TAKE CARE OF YOUR PROBLEM? >> YES, SIR. >> OKAY. SO WE GO FROM 10A TO 12. AND 13. 15 -- AND BY THE WAY WE WILL NEED TO TAKE 14 INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION. THERE ARE A FEW ISSUES WE NEED TO HAVE ADDRESSED BY LEGAL AND BEFORE WE TAKE ACTION ON THAT AND THE TWO OR THREE QUESTIONS I HAD I DID SHARE WITH LEGAL YESTERDAY. BUT 12, 13, THEN WE GO TO 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 AND 27. >> MOVE APPROVAL OF THE CONSENT AGENDA. >> MOTION BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHEA. WOULD ANYONE LIKE FOR US TO PULL ANY OF THE ITEMS WE JUST LISTED FOR SEPARATE DISCUSSION? >> JUDGE BISCOE, THIS IS LARRY SCHOOLER. THERE IS A CITIZEN WHO HAS CALLED ON ITEM 5, JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION. >> OKAY. CAN WE GET THAT CITIZEN ON THE PHONE? >> YES, SIR. WE CAN. WE SHOULD HAVE ZENOBIA JOSEPH STANDING BY TO SPEAK TO ITEM 7. MS. JOSEPH. >> THANK YOU, JUDGE, COMMISSIONERS, I'M ZENOBIA JOSEPH. COMMUNITY BLOCK GRANT FUNDING AND IT'S

STRAIGHTFORWARD, HAS 1,164 -- [INAUDIBLE] AND MY 4 COMMENT IS NOT SPECIFICALLY ABOUT THE AMOUNT, IT WAS A CONCERN THAT I HAD RELATED TO DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS. AND THAT INFORMATION HAS TO BE PROVIDED BY AUGUST 15th TO HUD. AND SO I JUST WANTED TO CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO THE MEMORANDUM I SENT EACH OF YOU SPECIFICALLY AS IT RELATES TO TRANSIT. YOU HAVE A HOUSING PLAN THAT SPOKE ABOUT BACK IN PROGRAM YEAR 17. IT WOULD PUT FORTH AND IT ACTUALLY INCLUDED A REQUEST FOR COURT GUIDANCE. I DID EMAIL HER LAST NIGHT AND ASK FOR GUIDANCE AS RELATES TO PUBLIC SERVICES. THE PROBLEM I HAVE IS THAT YOU HAVE A MULTI-YEAR INVESTMENT IN THE RURAL AREA, WHICH IS FINE, BUT IT ACTUALLY TAKES THE 15% THAT COULD BE ALLOCATED FOR PUBLIC SERVICES AND USES IT IN THE MULTI-YEAR PROGRAM. SO THE CONCERN THAT I HAVE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO CDBG-CV IS THAT THE DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS TALKS ABOUT THERE NOT BEING ANOTHER SOURCE OF FUNDING THAT THE FUNDING SHOULD NOT BE USED FOR IT. SO I JUST WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND THAT THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT COVID-19 FUNDING ACTUALLY INCLUDED MENTAL HEALTH FUNDING. TO ME THAT WAS DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS AND ALSO COVERED TELEHEALTH AND TELECOMMUNICATION SERVICES IN THE RURAL AND NON-RURAL AREAS AB AND THEY LISTED A NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS THAT WOULD BENEFIT INCLUDING 5 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS, LOCAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS, COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH CENTERS, NON-PROFITS, RURAL CLINICS. SO MY REASON FOR BRINGING THIS TO YOUR ATTENTION IS THE MONIES AVAILABLE STOP TAKING APPLICATIONS AS OF JUNE, BUT WHEN MS. COLEMAN PRESENTED THIS ITEM TO YOU IT WAS DUPLICATION OF BENEFITS BECAUSE THE FRUGAL INDICATED FUNDING THROUGH THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT [INAUDIBLE] AND I WOULD JUST CALL YOUR ATTENTION TO FOUNDATION FOR LOCAL FUNDING FOR FOOD. THEY ARE GIVING MONEY TO THE GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES AS WELL AS NON-PROFITS. THEY'VE ALLOCATED \$10 MILLION FOR COVID-19 RELIEF AND PART OF THAT FUNDING IS \$150,000 OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT -- I MEAN THE LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES CAN APPLY FOR THAT AS WELL. AGAIN, THAT APPEARS TO BE A DUPLICATION. I DON'T THINK MS. COLEMAN APPLIED FOR THOSE FUNDS AND I'M SIMPLY ASKING YOU TO TAKE A LOOK AT WHERE YOU CAN CUT THE AMOUNT THAT'S BEING ALLOCATED FOR JUST MENTAL HEALTH AND FOOD THROUGH THE CDBG-CV FUNDING AND CONSIDERING A [INAUDIBLE] PROJECT. ONE LAST COMMENT, THE RECOMMENDATION I GAVE HER WAS YOU HAVE THE CARTS VEHICLE OVER IN AUSTIN'S COLONY, IT'S A PILOT WHERE PEOPLE HAVE TO CALL, IF THEY DON'T CALL YOU ARE NOT CHARGED IS WHAT I 6 UNDERSTAND. THEN YOU HAVE THE BUS [INAUDIBLE] ON 969. IF YOU CONNECT THOSE TWO, THAT WOULD GIVE PEOPLE ACCESS TO JOBS LIKE DEL VALLE ISD SCHOOL DISTRICT ON THAT ONE CORRIDOR. I DON'T THINK THEY ARE TALKING ABOUT A WHOLE LOT OF MONEY, BUT IF YOU NEVER GET PRESENTED WITH A TRANSIT PROJECT, THEN THE CITIZENS ARE SIMPLY ASKING TO CHECK A BOX. >> IS THAT -- >> I WOULD ASK YOU TO LOOK AT THE MEMO I GAVE YOU. >> IS THAT NUMBER 5 OR NUMBER 7 THAT YOU WERE COMMENTING ON? >> JUDGE, I THOUGHT IT WAS NUMBER 5. DID I MISSPEAK? >> OKAY, LET ME MAKE THIS SUGGESTION. MS. JOSEPH, YOU WILL GET A BETTER RESPONSE FROM THE COUNTY IF YOU SEND YOUR COMMENTS IN NOT THE NIGHT BEFORE THE MORNING, NEXT MORNING THAT WE CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER. BUT IF YOU CAN GIVE US, LIKE, 24 HOURS OR 48 HOURS NOTICE WE'LL GET YOU SOME ANSWERS TO THOSE QUESTIONS. BUT WHEN WE SIT HERE THIS MORNING -- >> JUDGE, RESPECTFULLY -- >> THE CONCERN THAT YOU MENTIONED WHICH I'M NOT SURE I UNDERSTOOD, BUT THAT DIDN'T SURFACE. BUT IF I HAD A DAY, TWO DAYS' NOTICE, I WOULD GET WITH COUNTY STAFF AND GET SOME ANSWERS AND GET THEM BACK TO YOU. SO IN THE FUTURE IF WE CAN 7 DO THAT. BUT AS OF TODAY, MY VIEW IS THAT 5 STAYS ON THE CONSENT MOTION UNLESS A MEMBER OF THE COURT

WANTS TO PULL IT. MEMBERS, DO YOU AGREE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION I JUST GAVE MS. JOSEPH? >> YES. CALL THE QUESTION. >> OKAY. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. JOSEPH, AND IF YOU -- >> JUDGE. >> -- YOU KNOW WHICH COUNTY STAFF WOULD BE ON ITEMS SO IF YOU SEND THAT COMMUNICATION TO THAT STAFF MEMBER, WE'LL TRY TO GET YOU AN ANSWER. IN THE FUTURE. OKAY? >> JUDGE, RESPECTFULLY, JUST FOR THE RECORD, I GAVE THAT INFORMATION TO MS. COLEMAN ON THE 24th BECAUSE THAT'S WHEN IT WAS DUE FOR THE PUBLIC COMMENT. I DIDN'T COPY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT BECAUSE IT WAS EXTENSIVE BUT IN THE FUTURE I CAN COPY YOU ON ALL THE CORRESPONDENCE, BUT SHE DOES HAVE IT AND SHE CAN RESPOND ACCORDINGLY. THANK YOU. >> MS. COLEMAN, IF YOU AND MS. FLEMING HEARD MS. JOSEPH GET HER A WRITTEN RESPONSE UNLESS YOU HAVE DONE SO ALREADY. OKAY, COURT MEMBERS, ARE WE READY? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NOW, ITEM NUMBER 1 IS A PUBLIC HEARING TO RECEIVE COMMENTS REGARDING THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 4, 8 BLOCK E, HAZY HILLS RANNETTES, TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN DRIVE, NO ETJ, PRECINCT 3. AND THIS IS ACTION ITEM NUMBER 26 WHICH IS ALSO POSTED TODAY. LARRY, ANYBODY COME TO GIVE COMMENT? STAFF, DO YOU HAVE A -- >> NO, SIR. >> DO YOU HAVE A BRIEF LAYOUT? >> YES, I DO, SIR. ANNA BOWLIN, TRAVIS COUNTY TNR. THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS ITEM IS TO RESUBDIVIDE A ONE-LOT, ONE RESIDENTIAL LOT IN THIS EXISTING SUBDIVISION -- >> ANNA, I DON'T WANT TO INTERRUPT. JUDGE, DID YOU HAVE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING? >> I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T HEAR THAT QUESTION. >> I'M SORRY, JUDGE, THIS IS ANN MARIE. DID YOU HAVE A MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING? >> NO. >> SO MOVED. >> SECOND. >> MOTION TO OPEN THE PUBLIC HEARING BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHEA. THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MS. ANN MARIE. ALL IN FAVOR? HOLD ON. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU. MS. BOWLIN, SORRY TO INTERRUPT. >> NO WORRIES, SORRY I WAS JUMPING THE GUN. THE PURPOSE BEHIND THIS ITEM 9 IS TO RESUBDIVIDE A ONE LOT RESIDENTIAL LOT INTO FOUR RESIDENTIAL LOTS. THIS IS AN EXISTING SUBDIVISION CALLED HAZY HILLS AND IT IS IN WESTERN TRAVIS COUNTY OFF OF 71, AND THESE LOTS WILL BE TAKING ACCESS OFF OF TABLE TOP MOUNTAIN DRIVE. THIS MEETS OUR REQUIREMENTS AND WE RECOMMEND THIS ITEM. I DO WANT TO NOTE THAT WATER -- THERE IS NOT FIRE FLOW HERE, BUT THIS -- THESE LOTS WILL BE SERVED ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE SUBDIVISION. THERE'S THREE ESDs THAT RESPOND IN THIS AREA AND THE CLOSEST ONE IS TWO MILES AWAY. THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE HAS REVIEWED THIS AND THEY HAVE SIGNED OFF ON THIS AS WELL. >> OKAY. LARRY, WE HAVE A PERSON WHO HAS CALLED IN? >> NO, SIR, NO CALLS. >> OKAY. >> I DO HAVE A QUESTION. THIS IS COMMISSIONER SHEA. >> YES. >> I KNOW WE HAVE A LOT OF EXISTING SUBDIVISIONS THAT IN MANY CASES DON'T HAVE EITHER ADEQUATE FIRE FLOW OR MORE THAN ONE WAY IN AND ONE WAY OUT. AND WE CAN'T GO BACK AND CORRECT ALL THE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST, BUT I DON'T SUPPORT WHAT I VIEW AS GENERAL PROBLEMS WITH REGARD TO THESE FIRE FLOW SUBDIVISIONS. AND WE'VE HAD THIS CONVERSATION A LOT, ANNA, THIS IS NOT NEW TO YOU. 10 BUT IT DOES CONCERN ME WE'RE ADDING MORE HOUSES TO AN AREA THAT WILL RELY ON A TANKER TRUCK GETTING FILLED UP, AND SO THE WATER SOURCE IS AT THE FIRE STATION, IT'S TWO MILES AWAY? YOU ARE MUTED, ANNA. I CAN'T HEAR YOU. >> SORRY. YES, MA'AM, THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING. >> AND DO WE KNOW THE CAPACITY OF THE TANKER TRUCK, HOW MANY HOUSES IF THERE WERE A FIRE IT COULD EXTINGUISH? >> ALL THAT I KNOW IS THAT THERE'S A 6,000-GALLON CAPACITY FROM ALL -- IF THEY ALL ARRIVE. THAT'S MY UNDERSTANDING AFTER TALKING WITH GARY HAL AT THE FIRE MARSHAL'S OFFICE. >> YOU ARE GOING TO ASSUME ROUGHLY 2,000 GALLONS PER TANKER TRUCK. I JUST -- I THINK THIS IS NOT

IDEAL, AND WHEN WE HAVE A CHOICE, I THINK WE SHOULDN'T BE ADDING MORE HOUSES TO AN AREA ALREADY SERVED BY A TANKER TRUCK. SO JUDGE, I WILL NOT BE VOTING FOR THIS, BUT I WANTED TO LAY OUT MY CONCERNS. AND WE ARE -- I THINK WE ARE GENERALLY ATTEMPTING TO TALLY HOW MANY HOMES ARE SERVED BY TANKER TRUCKS JUST SO WE HAVE SOME UNDERSTANDING OURSELVES OF THE SIZE OF THE ISSUE IN THE COUNTY. I DON'T KNOW WHERE WE ARE ON -- ON TRYING TO IDENTIFY THOSE. IT'S A DIFFICULT PROCESS. 11 BUT I DON'T THINK IT'S A GOOD SITUATION AND I DON'T WANT TO MAKE IT WORSE. SO I WON'T BE VOTING FOR IT. BUT THANK YOU SO MUCH. APPRECIATE IT, ANNA. >> THANK YOU, MA'AM. >> WE'RE STILL ON THE PUBLIC HEARING, ITEM NUMBER 1. ANYBODY ELSE TO GIVE COMMENT? THEN I MOVE THAT THE PUBLIC HEARING BE CLOSED. IS THERE A SECOND TO CLOSE THE PUBLIC HEARING? >> SECOND. >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NOW NUMBER 26, THE ASSOCIATED ACTION ITEM, AND 26 PRETTY MUCH THE SAME LANGUAGE, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE RESUBDIVISION OF LOT 4, BLOCK E, HAZY HILLS RANCHETTES AND NO ETJ. I MOVE THAT WE APPROVE ITEM 26. IS THERE A SECOND? >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? SHOW COMMISSIONERS GOMEZ AND TRAVILLION AND YOURS TRULY VOTING IN FAVOR. COMMISSIONER SHEA VOTING AGAINST OR ABSTAINING? >> I'LL BE VOTING NO. >> NO. SO THAT PASSES BY A VOTE OF 3-1. PARDON ME.

BY THE WAY, I GUESS I SHOULD GO AHEAD AND ANNOUNCE THAT 12 WE WILL NOT NEED AND WILL NOT TAKE UP ITEMS 3, THE BURN BAN, SO IT STAYS IN PLACE. 29, 30 AND 31. AND ON ON THE BEE CAVE ROAD DISTRICT, ITEMS 1 AND 2 VOTING SESSION NOT NEEDED. BEE CAVE ROAD DISTRICT.

SO THAT BRINGS US TO NUMBER 9, C.A.R.E.S. ACT FUNDING ACTIONS. AND SPECIFICALLY THE LANGUAGE READS CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON CORONAVIRUS AID, RELIEF AND ECONOMIC SECURITY, CARES, ACT FUNDING INCLUDING A, ALLOCATING REMAINING FUNDING AND SETTING A PROCESS FOR REALLOCATING UNSPENT FUNDS, AND 9B IS ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR PURSUING ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING. AND MS. RAMIREZ IS HERE TO LAY THIS OUT FOR US? >> YES, SIR. GOOD MORNING, JUDGE BISCOE. THIS IS DEANNA RAMIREZ WITH PLANNING AND BUDGET OFFICE, EDSI. SO TODAY WE'RE GOING TO TALK ABOUT THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. AS WE KNOW, IT INCLUDES A NUMBER OF FUNDING SOURCES THAT TRAVIS COUNTY IS ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE THROUGH VARIOUS MECHANISMS. TODAY WE'RE JUST DISCUSSING TWO OF THEM. THE DIRECT ALLOCATION RECEIVED FROM THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND, AND NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES SUCH AS GRANT PROGRAMS THE COMMISSIONERS COURT MAY WANT TO CONSIDER. REGARDING THE [INAUDIBLE] ON APRIL 23 OF THIS YEAR THE 13 TRAVIS COUNTY RECEIVED A DIRECT ALLOCATION FROM THE U.S. TREASURY DEPARTMENT OF \$61,147,507.20. OVER THE INTERVENING MONTHS WE HAVE BROUGHT TO COURT VARIOUS PROGRAMS FOR ALLOCATING FUNDS FOR THE CRF. THAT'S INCLUDED ON THE APRIL 28th, \$10 MILLION FOR THE TCTX SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM. ON MAY 12, \$10 MILLION TO EXPAND HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES RENT AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND THEN OVER THE WEEKS OF JUNE 2nd AND JUNE 9th, \$7,333,920 FOR ALLOCATION TO SMALL CITIES IN TRAVIS COUNTY. SO FAR THE TCTX TRI-FUNDING -- THIS IS ANTICIPATED TO BE FULLY SPENT. WILL UPDATE ON THE RENT AND MORTGAGE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. AND BEER STILL WAITING ON MANY CITIES TO RETURN THEIR ILAs AND SUBMIT THEIR SPENDING PLANS FOR THEIR ALLOCATIONS. IN THE MEANTIME, WE'VE RECEIVED VARIOUS FORMAL AND INFORMAL REQUESTS FOR COUNTY CRF FUNDING. THEY COME FROM A WIDE VARIETY OF ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS

FOR A VARIETY OF PROGRAMS. THE HOSPITAL SYSTEM REQUESTING FUNDING FOR TESTING, TEMPERATURE MONITORING STATIONS AND PPE. PPE FOR AUDIBLE, A MODERN CONSERVATION COARSE AND COVID-19 TESTING FOR COMMUNITIES DISPROPORTIONATELY IMPACTED 14 BY THE PANDEMIC. STAFF OUTLINED A LIST OF PROJECTS STAFF IDENTIFIED TO IDENTIFY FOR COURT CONSIDERATION. TODAY AS PART OF THIS AGENDA ITEM, STAFF IS RECOMMENDING A SYSTEM OF REALLOCATING -- ALLOCATING THESE FUNDS AND THEN FOR REALLOCATING ANY UNSPENT FUNDS AS WE MOVE FORWARD. SO THE AMOUNT THE \$33,813,587.20, STAFF ARE RECOMMENDING ALLOCATIONS AS INDICATED IN THE BACKUP IN THE CHART. FOR COUNTY DIRECT RESPONSE, \$20 MILLION OR 32.7% OF OUR TOTAL ALLOCATION. THAT FUNDING WILL GO TO PAY FOR OUR LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT FOR FEMA FUNDING AND THAT'S 25% LOCAL MATCH REQUIREMENT. FOR EMPLOYEE AND CUSTOMER SAFETY AND RETURN TO WORKPLACE EFFORTS, AND THAT INCLUDES SOME RETURN TO WORK CHANGES TO OFFICE AND BUILDING CONFIGURATIONS, REMOTE WORK EQUIPMENT, SOFTWARE AND SUPPLIES, PPE PURCHASE AND DISTRIBUTION. IT ALSO INCLUDES PAYROLL FOR PERSONNEL SUBSTANTIALLY DEDICATED TO COVID-19 RESPONSE, WHICH INCLUDES OVERALL PUBLIC HEALTH RESPONSE AND PROTECTIVE MEASURES. ANOTHER \$8.8 MILLION SPECIFICALLY \$8,813,537 OR 14.4% IS RECOMMENDED TO BE ALLOCATED FOR OUR COUNTY RESPONSE THAT MAY INCLUDE JOINT RESPONSE WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S PUBLIC HEALTH PROGRAM. AND OTHER REQUESTS THAT MAY 15 ARISE, THE INCREASING COMMUNITY INFECTION RATE AND SURGE IN HOSPITALIZATIONS ARE SUFFICIENTLY CONTAINED IN COMING WEEKS. THEN WE HAVE A \$2 MILLION ALLOCATION RECOMMENDED FOR FURTHER HHS FOOD DISTRIBUTION PREP AND DELIVERY AND THAT \$2 MILLION INCLUDES 614,000 HHS HAS ALREADY SPENT IN GENERAL FUND BUDGET FOR THE [INAUDIBLE] CONTRACT AND ADDITIONAL \$614,000 TO CONTINUE FUNDING THE PROGRAM AT THE END OF THE CALENDAR YEAR. AND THEN APPROXIMATELY \$800,000 ALLOCATED TOWARDS OTHER FOOD RESPONSE EFFORTS INCLUDING ANY SUPPORT TO THE CAPITAL AREA FOOD BANK. THAT'S 3.3% OF THE TOTAL ALLOCATION. THEN WE HAVE ANOTHER 4% ALLOCATION OF \$3 MILLION FOR OUR HHS SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAMS. AND THAT PROGRAM ALLOCATION IS EXPECTED TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO COURT BY HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ON A FUTURE AGENDA. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT I WANTED TO REMIND COMMISSIONERS COURT IS THAT WE'RE REALLY INTERESTED IN HAVING THESE SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS, THIS FUNDING GO TO SOCIAL SERVICE PROGRAMS THAT ALREADY HAVE AN ESTABLISHED PIPELINE TO HHS TO ENSURE THAT THE FUNDS CAN BE PUT TO USE AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE, GIVEN OUR CURRENT DEADLINE FOR EXPENDITURE. THESE NEW ALLOCATIONS TOTAL THE FULL REMAINING BUDGET OF \$33,813,587.20.

16 AND THEN THE -- ADDED TO THE EXISTING ALLOCATION OF 27 MILLION, WE GET TO 100% ALLOCATION. WE EXPECT THAT THE USE OF THE FUNDS WILL LIKELY CHANGE TO SOME EXTENT AS SOME PROGRAMS ARE SPENT AT A FASTER RATE AND OTHERS AT A SLOWER RATE. SO STAFF PROPOSES TO UPDATE COMMISSIONERS COURT ON OUR STATUS OF THE EXPENDITURE FROM AUGUST TO OCTOBER WITH THE UPDATES MOVING TO WEEKLY IN NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER AS WE APPROACH THE FUNDING DEADLINE. THE UPDATES WILL IDENTIFY EXPENDITURES TO DATE AND REMAINING ALLOCATIONS FOR PROGRAM. DURING THOSE UPDATES, STAFF WILL ALSO REQUEST THE SHIFTING OF ANY ALLOCATIONS THAT ARE NEEDED FOR PROGRAMS PROJECTED TO FALL SHORT OF FULL EXPENDITURE BY THE DEADLINE TO PROGRAMS SHOWING A GREATER NEED FOR RESOURCES. BREAKING NEWS THAT CAME OUT YESTERDAY AFTERNOON IS THAT SENATE REPUBLICANS INTRODUCED THE HEALS ACT OR THE HEALTH ECONOMIC LIABILITY STABILITY ACT WHICH IS BASICALLY PHASE 4 OF THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. WE ARE STARTING TO REVIEW THE TEXT IN THE BILL. IT

APPEARS TO RELAX REQUIREMENTS FOR THE CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUNDS TO ALLOW GOVERNMENTS TO COVER REVENUE SHORTFALLS. WE'RE STILL LOOKING AT THE LANGUAGE, THOUGH, SO DEVIL IS IN THE DETAILS AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT'S 17 INDEED COVERED, BUT THAT WOULD BE GOOD NEWS. WE CAN COVER REVENUE SHORTFALLS. THEN IN ADDITION THERE MIGHT BE AN EXTENSION IN THE USE OF FUNDS BEYOND DECEMBER 30, 2020. SO THOSE TWO THINGS WOULD BE GOOD FOR THE COUNTY, WOULD HELP US BE ABLE TO IDENTIFY IF THERE'S ANY BETTER USES OF THE FUNDING. UNFORTUNATELY, IT ALSO APPEARS THAT THAT RELAXATION IS NEEDING THE SENATE TO NOT PROPOSE ADDITIONAL FEDERAL FUNDING FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. BUT STAFF WILL BE WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT FINANCE OFFICERS ASSOCIATION AND NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES TO MAKE SURE THAT THE LOCAL PERSPECTIVE IS INCLUDED IN THE SENATE BILL AND IN THE HOUSE BILL AS WE MOVE FORWARD. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS PORTION OF THE BACKUP? AND THE RECOMMENDATION? >> COURT MEMBERS, QUESTIONS? OR COMMENTS? I HAVE TWO OR THREE. >> YES, SIR. >> SO IF WE FOLLOW THESE RECOMMENDATIONS, WE STILL LEAVE INTACT THE FULL AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE ALLOCATED TO THE SMALL CITIES. >> YES, SIR. >> SOME OF WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REQUESTED OR COMMITTED THUS FAR. >> CORRECT, YES, SIR, THAT'S STILL SET ASIDE. >> OKAY. CAN YOU TELL US HOW YOU CAME -- HOW WE CAME UP WITH THE LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS? 18 SO THE PUBLIC WILL KNOW? >> YES, SIR. WE'VE HAD ONGOING CONVERSATIONS AMONG THE DIFFERENT COUNTY DEPARTMENTS, ESPECIALLY THE COUNTY EXECUTIVES. AND THEN WE'VE HAD A LOT OF THE CONVERSATIONS ALSO INCLUDING OUR CONSULTANT GUIDE HOUSE TO MAKE SURE THAT WE WERE LOOKING AT HOW OTHER COUNTIES ARE SPENDING THE MONEY. WHAT WE'RE SEEING AS [INAUDIBLE] IN THE COMMUNITY WHERE THE GREATEST NEED IS THAT THE COUNTY HAS AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY TO RESPOND TO. >> DO YOU HAVE A SORT OF BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE STATUS OF THE RENTAL ASSISTANCE? >> I'LL ASK SHERRI FLEMING TO CHIME IN ON THAT. >> MS. FLEMING? >> YES, SIR. GOOD MORNING, JUDGE, COMMISSIONERS, SHERRI FLEMING, COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. SO AS YOU CAN IMAGINE, JUDGE, WITH THE START OF A NEW PROGRAM IT IS PROGRESSING A LITTLE SLOW, BUT WE DO HAVE -- AGAIN, WELL [INAUDIBLE]. ARE YOU ALL HEARING ME? >> YOU ARE COMING IN AND OUT ON MY MONITOR. >> OKAY. YEAH, I WAS COMING IN AND OUT ON MINE AS WELL. I'M HOPING WE'RE BETTER. OKAY. SO WE HAVE A TREMENDOUS RESPONSE IN TERMS OF APPLICATIONS. WE HAVE BEEN PROCESSING 19 THOSE APPLICATIONS, I THINK WE'VE DONE ABOUT 300 THUS FAR WITH A VARIETY OF GLITCHES THAT WE HAVE DISCOVERED IN THE PROCESS. BUT WE ARE PROCESSING MORE EACH WEEK AND SO I THINK IT'S A BIT EARLY FOR US TO REPORT, YOU KNOW, HIGH SPENDING, LOW SPENDING, BUT WE ARE WATCHING THAT ON A WEEKLY BASIS. WE FIND THAT WE ARE ENGAGING WITH FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY WHO HAVE NOT WORKED WITH US IN THIS WAY BEFORE, SO WE'RE HAVING TO REACH BACK OUT AND REQUEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SO THAT WE CAN PROCESS THOSE APPLICATIONS AND STAFF IS DOING THAT TREMENDOUSLY. SO WE EXPECT A CONTINUAL RAMP-UP IN EXPENDITURES, YOU KNOW, IN THE COMING WEEKS. >> CAN YOU REMIND ME OF WHETHER OUR RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM COVERS ALL OF TRAVIS COUNTY OR THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS? >> IT COVERS ALL OF TRAVIS COUNTY WITH THE CAVEAT THAT APPLICANTS MUST IDENTIFY IF THEY BELIEVE THEY'VE RECEIVED SUPPORT FROM ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT IS FUNDED BY THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. >> SO ARE WE TRYING TO COORDINATE THAT WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN? >> TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE. OF COURSE, IT HELPS US TO KNOW THEIR PLANS AND THEY ARE VERY GOOD ABOUT SHARING THAT, BUT WE ALSO HAVE BEEN GIVEN GUIDANCE BY CONSULTANTS THAT WE MUST ASK OUR RESIDENTS AS WELL IF THEY ARE AWARE THAT THEY

20 HAVE RECEIVED ASSISTANCE THROUGH ANOTHER PROGRAM THAT IS FUNDED BY THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. SO WE DO ASK THAT QUESTION ON EVERY APPLICATION. >> SO MS. RAMIREZ, IN 9A YOU ARE ASKING THE COURT TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED ALLOCATION OF THE REMAINING FUNDING AND SETTING A PROCESS FOR REALLOCATING UNSPENT FUNDS, AS YOU HAVE DESCRIBED TODAY? >> YES, SIR. >> I MOVE APPROVAL OF 9A, COURT MEMBERS. >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? >> NONE OTHER, JUNE, THAN TO SAY REALLY GREAT WORK BY OUR STAFF. I KNOW THEY'VE HAD TO DIVE IN IMMEDIATELY WITH THE RECEIPT OF THIS FUNDING AND THEN WITH THE UNEXPECTED SORT OF HARD LEFT TURN THAT THE GOVERNOR THREW IN WHEN HE TOLD THE SMALL CITIES IN TRAVIS COUNTY GO GET THE MONEY FROM TRAVIS COUNTY INSTEAD OF THE -- FROM THE 11 BILLION THAT THE STATE HAD RECEIVED FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, AND THEN THE TESLA AGREEMENT IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THAT. I WANT ACKNOWLEDGE STAFF, YOU'VE DONE AN INCREDIBLE JOB. I HONESTLY DON'T KNOW WHEN DEANNA RAMIREZ SLEEPS, SO KUDOS TO STAFF. >> I THINK THEY ARE DOING AN EXCELLENT JOB TOO. WE HAVE TO CONTINUE TO MONITOR THIS, THOUGH, BUT THIS IS ONE OF THOSE USE IT OR LOSE IT PROPOSITIONS, THE MONEY GOES BACK TO THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IF WE DON'T USE IT, AND THE NEED IS SO GREAT UNTIL -- THERE'S NO QUESTION ABOUT OUR NEEDING TO EXPEND IT. THE QUESTION WAS THAT WE NEED TO DO IT SMARTLY SO IT WILL HAVE MAXIMUM IMPACT. ANY MORE DISCUSSION? >> THERE'S AGENDA ITEM B. >> I'M SORRY? >> ARE YOU GOING TO TAKE A VOTE ON A AND THEN WE'LL GO TO B? >> YES. >> OKAY. >> ARE YOU TRYING TO JUDGE THE COUNTY JUDGE, MISS RAMIREZ? ALL IN FAVOR OF THE MOTION? COVERING 9A. >> SHE'S TIRED, SHE WANTS TO GET SOME SLEEP. >> DID I SEE EVERYBODY'S HAND? >> YES. >> THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. NOW, MS. RAMIREZ, 9B. >> THANK YOU SIR. JUST FOR THE RECORD, IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO GET ALL OF THIS DONE AND IT'S BEEN A BUNCH OF US WORKING ON ALL OF THESE ISSUES. IT'S NOT JUST ME. I JUST GET TO BE THE ONE PRESENTING. SO ON ESTABLISHING A PROCESS FOR PURSUING ADDITIONAL COVID-19 RESPONSE FUNDING, SO STAFF HAS BEEN WORKING WITH A CONSULTANT GUIDEHOUSE TO IDENTIFY FEDERAL, STATE AND FOUNDATION OR PHILANTHROPIC SOURCES, AND WE RECEIVE A WEEKLY UPDATE FOR POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES SO GUIDEHOUSE HAS DEVELOPED A SPREAD SHEET THAT THEY SHARE WITH OUR SMALLER TEAM. BUT THE AUDITOR IS WORKING WITH PBO AND GUIDEHOUSE TO CREATE A DOCUMENT REPOSITORY AT THE COUNTY FOR THE INFORMATION TO MAKE IT AVAILABLE TO COUNTY OFFICES AND DEPARTMENTS. SO I THINK THAT'S GOING TO HELP US TO MAKE SURE THAT ALL THESE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES ARE FURTHER DISTRIBUTED AND EVERYBODY KNOWS WHAT'S AVAILABLE. BECAUSE IT'S A LONG LIST OF FUNDING PROGRAMS, AND THERE ARE A FEW I THINK OUT THERE THAT THE COUNTY MAY WISH TO PURSUE MOVING FORWARD. THE ISSUE WITH THE FUNDING PROGRAMS IS THAT THEY OFTEN HAVE A SHORT APPLICATION TIME FRAME, THEY HAVE DIFFERENT LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND SOME OF THEM MAY REQUIRE ONGOING FUNDING COMMITMENTS WHICH CAN BE A CONCERN FROM THE BUDGET SIDE GIVEN OUR BUDGET CONSTRAINTS. SO WE WANT TO ESTABLISH A PROCESS BY WHICH THESE GRANTS ARE PRIORITIZED. AND INITIAL PRIORITY METRICS IN NO PARTICULAR ORDER THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO FUNDING SOURCES INCLUDE PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT A MANDATED OR CORE COUNTY SERVICE OR PROGRAM. SUPPORT A NEW COUNTIER IS RESUBDIVIDE OR PROGRAM, BUT IT'S NEEDED SPECIFICALLY TO RESPOND TO THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19. THE FUNDING SUPPORTS ONE OR THE OTHER FUNDING PRIORITIES THAT ARE IDENTIFIED ABOVE IN 23 OUR BIG BUCKETS AND WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WERE JUST APPROVED IN ITEM A. THE GRANT FUNDING DOES NOT REQUIRE AN ONGOING FUNDING COMMITMENT. IT DOES NOT REQUIRE A CASH MATCH OR

FUNDING PARTNERS ARE IDENTIFIED TO HELP US MEET THAT MATCH. IT WON'T PULL COUNTY RESOURCES FROM EXISTING PROGRAMS OR SOURCES. BECAUSE EVERYBODY IS PRETTY MUCH AT OR NEAR CAPACITY. AND IT CAN BE IMPLEMENTED WITHIN A REASONABLE TIME FRAME OR IS SHOVEL READY. IT DEPENDS, AGAIN, ON THE GRANT PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY ALL HAVE DIFFERENT REQUIREMENTS, BUT WE CAN GET SOME OF THESE PRIORITY METRICS WOULD HELP US REALLY RESPOND TO AND APPLY FOR THE FUNDS THAT REALLY WORK WITH THE COUNTY BEST. SO PROCESSWISE, WE'RE RECOMMENDING THAT A SMALL TEAM BE COMPRISED OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE THAT'S REQUESTING THE GRANT FUNDING, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM PBO AND FROM THE COUNTY AUDITOR'S OFFICE, THAT CAN REVIEW THESE NEW GRANT APPLICATIONS AND REQUIREMENTS AND BRING A RECOMMENDATION TO COMMISSIONERS COURT IN A TIMELY MANNER. THE -- THIS SUPPORTING TOOLS CAN BE USED TO REVIEW AD HOC REQUESTS WITHIN THE ALREADY PRIORITIZED LARGER FUNDING BUCKETS PROVIDING GREATER [INAUDIBLE] FOR THE CRF DOLLARS. WE THINK THIS WOULD BE 24 SOMETHING THAT WOULD BE A LITTLE MORE NIMBLE AND WOULD HELP US STAY FOCUSED ON THE BIG PICTURE WITH THE CRF FUNDING. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS ON THIS RECOMMENDATION? >> ANY QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? >> JUST A COMMENT. IF I COULD. >> YES, SIR. >> I REALLY WANT TO COMMEND STAFF HERE BECAUSE WE HAVE BEEN TALKING ABOUT TAKING A PROJECT MANAGEMENT APPROACH WHICH WILL LEAD US TO A PROGRAM MANAGEMENT APPROACH. AS WE THINK ABOUT STANDARDIZING OUR APPLICATION DETAIL, AS WE THINK ABOUT MAKING SURE THAT WE HAVE THE APPROPRIATE DATA FOR ANY TYPE OF RESOURCES THAT WE MIGHT SEEK. I THINK THIS IS A HUGE CONSTRUCTIVE, POSITIVE STEP IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION AND STAFF SHOULD BE COMMENDED FOR IT. >> ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? LET ME JUST ASK THIS. SO ARE THESE SET OUT IN PRIORITY ORDER? >> NO, SIR, THEY ARE NOT. THEY ARE NOT IN PRIORITY ORDER BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, WE HAVEN'T TESTED IT YET SO I THINK AS WE MOVE FORWARD INTO IF THIS IS APPROVED, WE CAN START TESTING WHICH OF THESE METRICS REALLY MAKE SENSE AND WHICH NEED TO BE TWEAKED AND WE CAN BRING THEM BACK TO COURT. >> SO THESE ARE LISTED IN THE EVENT THAT THERE IS ADDITIONAL MONIES AVAILABLE THROUGH THE C.A.R.E.S. ACT. >> CORRECT. 25 FOR EXAMPLE, THE U.S. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ADMINISTRATION HAS FUNDING AVAILABLE TO ADDRESS THINGS LIKE TELEHEALTH AND REMOTE WORKFORCE TRAINING THAT I THINK WOULD BE AN INTERESTING THING FOR US TO LOOK INTO AND WORKING WITH PAUL HOPINGARDNER AND CAPCOG AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN AND USVBA IS INTERESTED IN SEEING A GRANT APPLICATION THAT IS COUNTY WOULD SUBMIT IN ALIGNMENT WITH THE CITY FOR BROADBAND EXPANSION WITHIN THE CITY AND IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA. SO THAT KIND OF PROJECT IS THE KIND OF PROJECT THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT HERE. >> OKAY. COURT MEMBERS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? THEN A MOTION? >> MOVE APPROVAL. >> OF 9B. I SECOND THE MOTION. >> SECOND. >> WAS THAT COMMISSIONER SHEA? >> IT IS, JUDGE, BUT I WILL DEFER TO YOUR SECOND. >> OKAY, WELL, THANK YOU. ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? LET'S GIVE THE COUNTY JUDGE CREDIT FOR THAT SECOND. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU, MS. RAMIREZ. >> THANK YOU, SIR.

>> 10B IS NEXT, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON B, ORDER DESIGNATING THE BUDGET OFFICER TO CALCULATE THE TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2020, FISCAL YEAR 2021, IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR A 26 SPECIAL TAXING UNIT DUE TO A DECLARED DISASTER. WE INDICATE THIS MAY BE TAKEN INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY EXCEPTION. MS. RIO? >> GOOD MORNING. THIS IS JESSICA RIO, COUNTY EXECUTIVE. YOU MAY WISH TO TAKE THIS ITEM UP CONCURRENT WITH ITEM 11. MOST OF THE DISCUSSION WILL BE UNDER ITEM 11 AND THEN THE



ACTION UNDER 11 WOULD WRAP BACK AROUND TO ITEM 10B IF APPROPRIATE. >> THAT'S FINE WITH ME. ANY OBJECTION? 11 IS CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON THE PROPOSED FY 2021 PROPERTY TAX RATE INCLUDING, A, SETTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2020, AS THE DATE THE COURT WILL ADOPT THE 2020 PROPERTY TAX RATE, FISCAL YEAR 2021. 11B, ANNOUNCING THE PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE 2020 APPROXIMATE RATE, FISCAL YEAR 2021, TO BE HELD ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2020. WE INDICATE 11 MAY BE TAKEN INTO EXECUTIVE UNDER THE CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY EXCEPTION ALSO. >> RIGHT. THANK YOU, JUDGE. GOOD MORNING, IT'S BEEN AN EXTRAORDINARY AND VERY UNUSUAL BUDGET PROCESS SO FAR THIS YEAR. WE DID RECEIVE THE CERTIFIED ESTIMATE FROM THE TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT ON SATURDAY. AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING HARD TO GET SOME TAX CALCULATIONS 27 AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR TODAY'S ITEM. WE'LL GO OVER THAT HERE IN A SECOND. JUST WANTED TO REMIND THE COURT THAT THIS YEAR IS A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN PREVIOUS YEARS. THERE'S NEW REQUIREMENTS. ONE REQUIREMENT THAT IS NEW THIS YEAR IS THAT WE ARE ASKED AND OBLIGED TO UP LOAD ALL THE INFORMATION ON THE PROPOSED TAX RATE AS WELL AS THESE HEARINGS ON THE PUBLIC TRANSPARENCY PORTAL AT TCAD, TRAVIS CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT, SO IT WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR THE PUBLIC AND HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE WIDER KNOWLEDGE OF THOSE DATES THAT WE'VE PRESENTED TO YOU TODAY AS WELL. GIVEN THE LATE-BREAKING INFORMATION THAT WE -- WAS MADE AVAILABLE OVER THE WEEKEND, WE DID CHOOSE TO HOLD THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET. WE ARE HOPING TO PUBLISH IT YESTERDAY. WE HOPE TO PUBLISH IT IN THE NEXT DAY OR SO. AT THIS TIME I'M GOING TO TURN IT OVER TO TRAVIS TO JUST GO OVER SOME TAX RATE INFORMATION AT A PROPOSED TAX RATE OF 3.5 AND A PROPOSED TAX RATE UNDER A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT OF 3.6. SO THAT YOU HAVE THAT INFORMATION. YOU'LL SEE THAT IT'S VERY SIMILAR, BUT WE WANT YOU TO HAVE THAT INFORMATION AS YOU MAKE YOUR DECISION TODAY AND THEN IF YOU HAVE ANY LEGAL QUESTIONS, OF COURSE, WE'LL BE AVAILABLE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION AS WILL THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE. 28 TRAVIS? >> GOOD MORNING, JUDGE, COMMISSIONERS. TRAVIS GATLIN, PLANNING AND BUDGET OFFICE. WE DID RECEIVE THE CERTIFIED ESTIMATE FROM THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT ON SATURDAY. A COUPLE OF ITEMS TO HIGHLIGHT BEFORE WE GET INTO THE TAX RATE. OUR OVERALL TAX BASE, TAXABLE VALUE GREW 4.23%. IT INCLUDES \$5,079,685,000 FOR NEW CONSTRUCTION, A RECORD NUMBER AND COMPARES ROUGHLY WITH THE LITTLE LESS THAN 5.1 FROM LAST YEAR. I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT EXISTING VALUES APPRECIATED 1.77%, SO THAT IS LESS THAN TYPICAL -- TYPICALLY OVERALL WE GROW ABOUT 8% OR HIGHER. THIS YEAR 4.2%. WITH THAT, BASED ON THE INFORMATION FROM THE APPRAISAL DISTRICT, WE WERE ABLE TO CALCULATE THE TAX RATES. TAX RATE AT THE 3.6% RATE IS 37.4359 CENTS. AND THAT IS VERY, VERY CLOSE TO OUR CURRENT FY 20 TAX RATE OF 36.9293 CENTS. THE TAX IMPACTS AT THAT RATE IS \$46.52 FOR THE AVERAGE TAXABLE HOMESTEAD. BACK IN FEBRUARY WE WERE PROJECTING A POTENTIAL \$42 [INAUDIBLE]. WE WERE HOPING THAT WOULD GO DOWN. AT THE 3.5% RATE, THE TAX RATE IS 37.4053 CENTS. THAT'S ROUGHLY ABOUT A \$600,000 REVENUE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO. AND I WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT THE 3.6% RATE WE HAVE \$2.9 MILLION MORE OF ONGOING 29 RESOURCES COMPARED TO THE ADOPTED BUDGET. AND AT THE 2.5 WE'RE ABOUT 2.3 MILLION. SO BOTH RATES ONGOING RESOURCES DO HAVE A SLIGHT INCREASE. LESS THAN A HALF OF ONE PERCENT. WE ARE MINDFUL KEEPING THE TAX RATE LOW GIVEN THE CHALLENGES DUE TO ECONOMICS. THE BUDGET ON THE ONGOING SIDE ROUGHLY \$714.3 MILLION, AND AT THE 3.5 IT WOULD BE 713.6 MILLION. AND THE LAST BUT NOT LEAST I WOULD NOTE SINCE OUR JULY 14 UPDATE, WE WERE AT 706.9. NOW WE'RE AT 713.6, AS I

MENTIONED THAT'S A \$6.7 MILLION INCREASE SINCE LAST -- SINCE TWO WEEKS AGO ON TUESDAY, AND THAT INCLUDES THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE USING A 96% COLLECTION RATE FOR THE THIRD REVENUE ESTIMATE. I'M HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS YOU MIGHT HAVE ON THOSE RATES. >> WE WON'T ASK YOU TO MEMORIZE ANY OF THOSE NUMBERS. YOU WILL HAVE ALL OF THAT INFORMATION AVAILABLE ONCE WE PUBLISH THE PRELIMINARY BUDGET. >> WE WANTED YOU TO HAVE THE CONTEXT OF THAT BEFORE YOU MAKE ANY DECISIONS. >> 11A AND B ARE REALLY SETTING FUTURE DATES FOR CERTAIN ACTIONS. DO WE PLAN TO TAKE THAT INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR LEGAL ADVICE? >> ONLY IF THE COMMISSIONERS HAVE QUESTIONS FOR LEGAL. >> JUDGE, I DO HAVE A 30 QUESTION FOR LEGAL. >> OKAY. WHY DON'T WE HOLD OFF ON 10A AND 11 A AND B AND TAKE THOSE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND COME BACK OUT AND TAKE WHATEVER ACTION WE NEED. IS THAT OKAY? >> THAT WILL WORK. THANK YOU.

OKAY. WE'LL DO THAT. WE MAY BE ABLE TO GET THOSE PERSONNEL ACTIONS IN, NUMBER 23, BEFORE WE TAKE UP DR. ESCOTT. IS DR. ESCOTT HERE NOW AND READY? >> JUDGE, CHUCK BROTHERTON, DR. ESCOTT IS STILL WITH CITY OF AUSTIN. I'M MONITORING THAT WORK SESSION AT AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL. I WOULDN'T EXPECT HIM PERHAPS FOR ANOTHER 15 TO 30 MINUTES. >> OKAY. THAT'S FINE. LET'S CALL UP ITEM

NUMBER 23. 23 IS CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A, PROPOSED NEW JOB POSTINGS, B, PROPOSED PERSONNEL ACTIONS, ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS DEPARTMENTS, C, PROPOSED PERSONNEL ACTIONS UNDER THE COMMISSIONERS COURT DEPARTMENTS, AND D, NON-ROUTINE PERSONNEL ACTIONS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. AND ANYBODY NEARBY FOR HUMAN RESOURCES? MR. OSBORNE HAS BEEN TAKING THIS ITEM. MR. OSBORNE OR MS. CALLOWAY OR BOTH? 31 WELL, WHILE THEY ARE GETTING READY,

LET'S CALL UP ITEM NUMBER 28. 28 IS CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING THE TRAVIS COUNTY RESOLUTION ON NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS, JULY 2020. COMMISSIONER SHEA AND GOMEZ? >> JUDGE, I'M HAPPY TO WALK THROUGH THE RESOLUTION. COMMISSIONER GOMEZ, WHAT'S YOUR PLEASURE? WELL, I'LL GO AHEAD AND -- >> GO AHEAD. >> THANKS. I ALSO HAVE JUST A FEW POWER POINT SLIDES IF FOLKS HAVE QUESTIONS AND WOULD LIKE TO SEE A LITTLE VISUAL REPRESENTATION OF OUR COUNTY OPERATIONS, CURRENT GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ACTUALLY THE ENTIRE COUNTY INCLUDING ALL THE RESIDENTS. THAT'S NEW INFORMATION WE'VE GOTTEN THROUGH THE CITY OF AUSTIN SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE. REALLY THIS RESOLUTION I'VE GOT TO GIVE CREDIT TO JIM COLLINS, ONE OF OUR FORMER ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEYS. HE CAME TO BOTH COMMISSIONER GOMEZ AND MYSELF AND I THINK OTHER MEMBERS OF THE COURT A WHILE BACK WHEN WE WERE STILL MEETING IN OFFICES AND SAID THIS IS AN ISSUE THAT HE FEELS VERY STRONGLY BEEN AND HE URGED US TO ADOPT A COMMITMENT TO NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS. FORTUNATELY WE HAVE A LOT TO GO ON. THIS IS AN ACTION THAT MANY LOCAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE ALREADY TAKEN AND A REALLY LARGE NUMBER OF CORPORATIONS AND BUSINESSES AND 32 NON-PROFITS. THIS RESOLUTION ALSO REALLY PUTS SOME KIND OF MEAT ON THE BONES, IF YOU WILL, OF OUR -- BOTH OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WHICH WE ADOPTED THIS YEAR AROUND EARTH DAY AND OUR CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION WHICH WE ADOPTED LAST YEAR. SO I'LL JUST READ THROUGH THIS AND THEN IF THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS, I'M HAPPY TO TRY AND ANSWER THEM AND TO ALSO PULL UP A FEW OF THE SLIDES IF NEEDED. WHEREAS TRAVIS COUNTY RESOLUTION ON NET ZERO CARBON EMISSIONS, JULY 2020. WHEREAS CLIMATE CHANGE IS DEEPLY AFFECTING OUR COMMUNITY THROUGH INCREASING SEVERE WEATHER INCLUDING FLOODS, DROUGHTS, POTTER

TEMPERATURES AND WILDFIRES AND DISASTROUS STORMS WHICH NEGATIVELY IMPACT THE HEALTH AND SAFETY OF OUR RESIDENTS AND THE ECONOMY, AND WHEREAS THE PRIMARY CAUSE OF CLIMATE CHANGE IS THE BURNING OF FOSSIL FUELS AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS DEFORESTATION, LAND USE CHANGES AND LEAKING REFRIGERANTS WHICH CAN BE UP TO 9,000 TIMES FOR DESTRUCTIVE THAN CO2 EMISSIONS. WHEREAS BUSINESS EXECUTIVE, RELIGIOUS LEADERS, CLIMATE SCIENTISTS AND INDIVIDUALS AROUND THE GLOBE HAVE CALLED FOR SYSTEMIC CHANGE TO AVOID THE CONTINUED AND WORSENING EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE. AND WHEREAS CITIES, COUNTIES AND STATES THROUGHOUT THE U.S. ARE ADOPTING TARGETS AND STRATEGIES TO COMBAT 33 CLIMATE CHANGE THROUGH THE RECOLLECTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, AND WHEREAS PARTLY IN RESPONSE TO REQUESTS FROM OUR BOND RATING AGENCY, TRAVIS COUNTY HAS ADOPTED A CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND OTHER POLICIES COMMITTING TO REDUCING GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS, BUILDING FACILITIES THAT MEET ENERGY EFFICIENCY STANDARDS, USING ALTERNATIVE ENERGY TO POWER COUNTY-OWNED FACILITIES AND VEHICLES, AND ENCOURAGING THE USE OF SUSTAINABLE COMMUTE SUCH AS PUBLIC TRANSIT AND TELEWORKING. WHEREAS TRAVIS COUNTY RECOGNIZES THAT WE CANNOT SOLVE CLIMATE CHANGE ALONE AND LOOK TO OUR COMMUNITY AND RESIDENTS TO JOIN US IN TAKING IMMEDIATE AND SWEEPING MEASURES TO ADDRESS AND MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE. NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT WE THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT DO HEREBY DIRECT OUR STAFF AND URGE RESIDENTS TO COMMIT TO REDUCING OUR CARBON FOOTPRINT TO STEM THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON OUR COMMUNITY AND THE WORLD. AND AGREE THAT SECTION 1, TRAVIS COUNTY ADOPTS THE FOLLOWING CLIMATE PROTECTION AND RESILIENCE GOALS AND DIRECTS THE GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE TO BRING BACK A IMPLEMENT PLAN APRIL 22 OF 2021. I'LL MAKE A NOTE THE GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE IS AN EXISTING GROUP OF OUR COUNTY EXECUTIVES, BUT IT HASN'T BEEN -- I DON'T KNOW WHETHER IT WAS LAST CONVENED. 34 IT HASN'T BEEN ACTIVE SO WE'RE NOT CREATING A NEW COMMITTEE, WE'RE SIMPLY REENGAGING AN EXISTING ONE. IN APRIL OF 2021 IS EARTH DAY OF NEXT YEAR. ONE, REACH NET ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS FROM COUNTY OPERATIONS BY 2030 AS OTHER GOVERNMENTS AND BUSINESSES HAVE COMMITTED TO. ANOTHER NOTE HERE, THIS DIRECTION IS GENERALLY CONTAINED IN THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WE'VE ALREADY ADOPTED. NUMBER 2, REACH NET ZERO COMMUNITY GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY 2050. AND 3, CONSISTENT WITH THE COUNTY ADOPTED CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, COMPLETE A VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT OF COUNTY OPERATIONS AND ASSETS AS WELL AS THE LARGER TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY BY 2022. THE ASSESSMENT SHOULD IDENTIFY OPPORTUNITIES TO IMPROVE OPERATIONAL AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ADAPTATION ESPECIALLY AS RELATES TO EXTREME HEAT, FLOODING, WILDFIRES, WATER CONSERVATION AND DISEASE LIKE PANDEMIC. AND I'LL MAKE A NOTE HERE AS WELL, THIS WAS ALSO REFERENCED IN OUR COUNTY CLIMATE ACTION PLAN WHERE WE SAID IN THE NEXT STEPS THAT WE WOULD RECOMMEND HIRING A CONSULTANT TO HELP WITH THE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT. JUST A NOTE, THIS IS THE ONE ITEM WHICH MAY HAVE A FISCAL IMPACT, BUT NOT UNTIL NEXT YEAR, BECAUSE THE DIRECTION IS FOR THE ASSESSMENT TO BE DONE BY 2022. SECTION 2, THE STEERING COMMITTEE COMPRISED OF DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS AND OTHER LEADERS WILL DRIVE RESULTS BY ENSURING THE COMPLETION OF THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS -- DEVELOP COMMUNITY-LEVEL EMISSIONS GOALS, MILESTONES, AND STRATEGIES. AND ANOTHER NOTE. WE HAVE DONE THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER WITH OUR GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS INVENTORY, WHICH OUR STAFF DID THIS SPRING AND REPORTED TO US THIS SPRING. ANOTHER NOTE HERE. THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDED CREATING A

REGIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE. OH, I GOT AHEAD OF MYSELF. NUMBER 2, COOPERATE WITH ENTITIES TO ALIGN GOALS, SHARE INFORMATION, AND COORDINATE REGION-WIDE GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION AND RESILIENCY STRATEGIES. THAT WAS ONE OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. 3, IMPLEMENT GOALS AND TIMELINES FOR MAXIMUM ACHIEVABLE REDUCTION OF GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS AND ENERGY CONSUMPTION IN ALL COUNTY DEPARTMENTS. AGAIN, A NOTE. CLIMATE ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDED AS NEXT STEPS TO SET GOALS FOR CARBON NEUTRALITY. NUMBER 4, WORK WITH THE TRAVIS COUNTY GREEN TEAM, WHICH IS AN EMPLOYEE GROUP THAT EXISTS ALREADY TO CREATE AN EMPLOYEE CLIMATE EDUCATION PROGRAM, RESOURCES AND INCENTIVES TO HELP EMPLOYEES REDUCE THEIR PERSONAL IMPACT AND TRAINING TO HELP EMPLOYEES ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOR CLIMATE PROTECTION. AGAIN, THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN, THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION FOR EMPLOYEE EDUCATION. FIVE, ADVISE AND ASSIST AN INDEPENDENT GROUP OF COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS TO ENGAGE THE BROADER TRAVIS COUNTY COMMUNITY. ANOTHER RECOMMENDATION FROM THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN. AND SECTION THREE, TRAVIS COUNTY ENCOURAGING RESIDENTS TO ENGAGE IN THE FOLLOWING WAYS -- ONE, SEEK OPPORTUNITIES TO REDUCE ENERGY USE AND CONSERVE RESOURCES. A HELPFUL TOOL IS THE CITY OF AUSTIN'S WEB PAGE. SHOP LOCAL AND USE YOUR DOLLARS TO SUPPORT SUSTAINABLE, LOW-IMPACT BUSINESSES. EVALUATE THE IMPACT OF YOUR PURCHASES AND FIND WAYS TO SHARE, RENT, OR BORROW ITEMS. THREE, MAKE A PLAN OF ACTION IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY SUCH AS A FLOOD, WILDFIRE, OR DISEASE OUTBREAK SO THAT YOU CAN BE PREPARED. ANOTHER NOTE, THIS IS ALREADY MANY THE CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION. A. VISIT [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov), A SITE FOR PREPAREDNESS TOOLS AND RESOURCES. B. REVIEW THE TRAVIS COUNTY AWARD-WINNING NEIGHBORHOOD FIRE DRILL INITIATIVE. C. STAY INFORMED AND BE PREPARED. SIGN UP FOR FREE ALERTS FROM THE EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM. AND FOUR, PROVIDE FEEDBACK AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR CLIMATE ACTION AND RESILIENCY PROJECTS YOU WANT TO SEE COMPLETED, AND HOW YOU CAN BE ENGAGED IN ACHIEVING THAT ZERO GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS. THIS WOULD BE ADOPTED, SIGNED, AND ENTERED INTO THIS DAY, JULY 28TH. I'M HAPPY TO TAKE ANY QUESTIONS. THERE'S A LOT OF DETAIL IN HERE. AND I ESPECIALLY WAN TO THANK OUR COUNTY STAFF FOR PUTTING IN SO MUCH WORK ON THIS. BUT I THINK MUCH OF IT IS SPECIFIC DIRECTION FOR US TO HAVE OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN HAVE LEGS AND BE MEANINGFUL. I'M OPEN TO QUESTIONS. THANK YOU. >> COURT MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? >> A COMMENT IF I COULD. >> OKAY. >> I JUST WANT TO COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES, BOTH COMMISSIONER SHEA AND COMMISSIONER GOMEZ, FOR MAKING THIS A PRIORITY. THESE THINGS DON'T HAPPEN ORGANICALLY. AND THEIR LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE OF STAFF, LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THIS IS A PRIORITY FOR US, IS REALLY SIGNIFICANT AND IMPORTANT. AND OUR STAFF IN TURN HAVE DONE EXCELLENT WORK IN INCORPORATING PROGRAMS AND IDEAS THAT WORK AND CAN BE USED IN THIS ENVIRONMENT. I THINK IT IS REALLY SIGNIFICANT THAT WE UNDERSTAND WHAT IS BEING LAID OUT NOT ONLY IN THIS RESOLUTION, BUT THE PROGRAMMING THAT WE'RE DOING. BECAUSE WHAT WE HAVE SEEN OVER THE LAST THREE OR FOUR MONTHS IS WHEN YOU REMOVE VEHICLES FROM THE ROAD, THE AIR QUALITY GETS MUCH BETTER PRETTY QUICKLY. SO IT SHOULD INSTRUCT US ABOUT HOW WE PLAN TOGETHER, HOW WE WORK TOGETHER, AND HOW WE MAKE THIS COMMUNITY BETTER FROM AN AIR QUALITY STANDPOINT. I JUST WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE LEADERSHIP AND GUIDANCE THAT GOT US HERE IS REALLY SIGNIFICANT. SO I JUST WANTED TO COMMEND MY COLLEAGUES. >> ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS? >> JUDGE, I WOULD JUST MAKE NOTE THAT WHEN WE WERE BRIEFED BY STAFF ON THE COUNTY'S FIRST-EVER GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS

INVENTORY, THEY IDENTIFIED THAT COMMUTE AND FLEET VEHICLES WERE THE SECOND OR THIRD LARGEST SOURCE OF EMISSIONS AFTER THE ELECTRICITY USED IN OUR BUILDINGS. IF YOU COMBINE THE TWO, COMMUTING CATEGORIES, YOU'RE OVER HALF OF OUR TOTAL EMISSION SOURCES. SO WE'RE ALREADY MAKING -- I'D SAY -- VERY MEANINGFUL PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING THE EMPLOYEE COMMUTE SOURCE OF EMISSIONS WITH OUR COMMITMENT TO TRANSITION TO LARGE-SCALE TELECOMMUTING AND HAVING THAT BE SUSTAINABLE. THE CITY OF AUSTIN HAS ALSO COMMITTED TO TRANSITIONING TO MORE RENEWABLE ENERGY SOURCES FOR THE ELECTRICITY THEY GENERATE. SO WE WILL PASSIVELY MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD REDUCING OUR EMISSIONS AND REACHING THAT NET ZERO GOAL AS AUSTIN ENERGY TRANSITIONS TO A GREATER USE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY. SO I THINK -- I DO THINK THIS IS DO-ABLE, BUT NOT WITHOUT A SPECIFIC COMMITMENT TO IT AND A PLAN OF ACTION. >> SO, DO THE MEMBERS OF THE GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE KNOW OF THIS COMMITMENT? >> WE DID SEND IT TO THEM. AND I APOLOGIZE, WE WERE MAKING ADDITIONS AND PARTICULARLY TRYING TO IDENTIFY HOW ELEMENTS OF THIS LINED UP WITH OUR CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND OUR CLIMATE EMERGENCY RESOLUTION. SO I THINK WE GOT IT TO THEM YESTERDAY. >> COMMISSIONER, IF I MAY, JOHN WHITE, DIRECTOR, QUALITY. WE HAVE MADE A NATIONAL OUTREACH TO THE GREEN STEERING COMMITTEE TO RECONVENE AFTER SOMEWHAT OF A HIATUS. WE HAVE NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED THIS COMMITMENT, BECAUSE WE THOUGHT THAT MIGHT BE JUMPING THE GUN. HOWEVER, WE HAVE HAD A NUMBER OF THINGS THAT HAVE GONE ON IN THE INTERIM SINCE WE HAVE LAST MET AND WE CERTAINLY WANTED THEIR PARTICIPATION IN IMPLEMENTING THE CLIMATE ACTION PLAN AND VARIOUS OTHER THINGS THAT WE'VE GOT GOING RIGHT NOW. SO THIS WILL BE A GOOD OPPORTUNITY FOR ME TO REACH OUT TO THEM AGAIN. AS YOU MIGHT IMAGINE, THEY ARE UP TO THEIR ARMPITS IN ALL KINDS OF WORK. AND THIS WILL BE A GOOD WAY FOR ME TO REACH OUT TO THEM ONCE MORE AND SAY WE NEED TO GET TOGETHER AND START TALKING ABOUT THIS. SO I APPRECIATE THIS. I ESPECIALLY APPRECIATE THE COMMISSIONER'S COMMITMENT TO THIS AS A HIGH-PRIORITY ITEM. I REALLY WANT TO SAY THANKS TO ELLEN AND TOM FOR ALL THE WORK THEY'VE DONE. THANKS. >> THANK YOU SO MUCH, JOHN. I WAS GOING TO IDENTIFY THEM BY NAME. THEY REALLY PUT AN ENORMOUS AMOUNT OF TIME, TOM IN PARTICULAR, I WANT TO THANK HIM FOR THAT. >> OKAY. LARRY, ANYBODY CALL IN ON THIS ITEM? >> NO, SIR, WE DON'T HAVE ANY CALLERS AT THIS TIME. >> IS THERE A MOTION, COMMISSIONER SHEA OR GOMEZ? >> I MOVE APPROVAL. >> SECOND. >> THERE'S A MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SHEA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOMEZ. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. >> LET'S TRY TO GO BACK AND PICK UP THE PERSONNEL ITEM. >> JUDGE, JUST FOR YOUR INFORMATION, DR. ESCOTT IS AVAILABLE AT THIS TIME. >>

ALL RIGHT. THEN LET'S CALL UP DR. ESCOTT. AND THAT IS ITEM NUMBER 2, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING: A. TRAVIS COUNTY'S RESPONSE TO AND RECOVERY FROM COVID-19, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO AN UPDATE FROM DR. ESCOTT OR HIS DESIGNEE AT AUSTIN/TRAVIS COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH, AND 2B. IS OTHER NECESSARY MEASURES AND ACTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19, INCLUDING TRAVIS COUNTY'S OPERATIONS, POLICIES, EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE, MEASURES NECESSARY TO PRESERVE PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, AND APPLICABLE ORDERS, DECLARATIONS OR RESOLUTIONS, INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE STATE. DR. ESCOTT, WELCOME. >> THANK YOU, JUDGE. THANK YOU FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO UPDATE YOU AND THE COURT ON COVID-19. I'M GOING TO SHOW YOU SOME SLIDES. THIS FIRST SLIDE THAT YOU CAN SEE ON YOUR SCREEN IS AN UPDATE OF OUR GRAPH RELATED TO NEW CONFIRMED CASES IN THE COUNTY.

YOU CAN SEE THAT WE'VE HAD 12 DAYS OF IMPROVEMENT IN OUR SEVEN-DAY MOVING AVERAGE, WHICH IS THAT YELLOW LINE. AND WE NOW HAVE A MOVING AVERAGE OF 275 CASES A DAY, WHICH IS DOWN FROM ABOUT DOUBLE THAT AT 550 AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY. SO WE'RE DOING WELL. WE SAW A REPORT YESTERDAY IN THE MEDIA THAT TRAVIS COUNTY HAS THE 15TH-HIGHEST TOTAL OF ACTIVE CASES IN COUNTIES ACROSS TEXAS, BUT WE ARE THE FIFTH-LARGEST COUNTY IN TEXAS, SO THAT'S REASSURING NEWS. I THINK OUR COMMUNITY HAS DONE A GREAT JOB AT GETTING A LID BACK ON THIS THROUGH THEIR PROTECTIVE ACTIONS, THROUGH MASKING AND SOCIAL DISTANCING, AND THE PERSONAL HYGIENE. BUT AGAIN, NOW IS NOT THE TIME TO DANCE. WE'VE GOT TO CONTINUE THESE EFFORTS. WE'VE GOT TO DOUBLE DOWN ON THOSE EFFORTS, BECAUSE WE WANT TO GET IT MUCH, MUCH LOWER, PARTICULARLY AS WE PREPARE TO TROUBLESHOOT GETTING OUR KIDS BACK INTO THE CLASSROOM. SO IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE CONTINUE THIS EFFORT, THAT WE NOT TAKE A BREAK, AND THAT WE STAY VIGILANT SO THAT WE CAN FURTHER DECREASE THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN TRAVIS COUNTY. THE EFFECT ON THOSE DECREASING CASES HAS BEEN QUITE REMARKABLE IN TERMS OF OUR DOUBLING TIME. WE CAN SEE THAT OUR PREVIOUS BEST WAS BACK ON JUNE THE 7TH, WHERE WE HAD A DOUBLING TIME OF 42 DAYS. LESS THAN A MONTH LATER, WE'VE HIT A DOUBLING TIME OF AROUND 12 DAYS BACK AT THE BEGINNING OF JULY. NOW WE ARE AT GREATER THAN 60 DAYS, CURRENTLY AT 65 DAYS FOR DOUBLING TIME. SO, THIS HAS BEEN A PRODUCT OF OUR ENGAGED EFFORTS IN MITIGATING THIS DISEASE SPREAD. AND AGAIN, IF WE CONTINUE THOSE EFFORTS, IT WILL BE FRUITFUL IN TERMS OF OUR ABILITY TO GET KIDS BACK IN THE CLASSROOM. BUT WE MUST DO BETTER THAN WE ARE NOW IN ORDER TO MAKE THAT HAPPEN SAFELY. JUDGE, WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR NEW ADMISSIONS, WHICH IS OUR KEY INDICATOR FOR STAGING IN TRAVIS COUNTY, WE CAN ALSO SEE THAT WE'VE HAD A 12-DAY DECREASE IN THAT MOVING AVERAGE OF THE NEW ADMISSIONS AND WE ARE NOW AT 47. WE ARE 21 DAYS PAST THE PEAK OF NEW ADMISSIONS, WHICH HAPPENED BACK IN THE FIRST WEEK OF JULY. SO WE ARE PLEASED AT THIS AS WELL. AND AGAIN, WE NEED TO CONTINUE THIS EFFORT SO THAT WE CAN DECREASE THOSE EMISSIONS FURTHER TO GET US AT LEAST INTO A STAGE THREE, BUT PREFERABLY A STAGE TWO IN THE NEXT 30 DAYS OR SO. IN FURTHER DETAIL REGARDING OUR HOSPITALIZATIONS, I'M SHOWING YOU THREE THINGS HERE. THE BLUE IS THE TOTAL HOSPITAL BEDS BEING OCCUPIED BY COVID-19 PATIENTS IN THE MSA. THE ORANGE IS SHOWING YOU THOSE WHO ARE ADMITTED TO THE ICU. AND THE GRAY IS SHOWING THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE ON A VENTILATOR. AGAIN, YOU CAN SEE THAT WE'VE HAD A DECREASE IN THE TOTAL ADMISSIONS. AND THAT HAS -- THAT IS DOWN TO 424 AS OF YESTERDAY, WHICH IS A SEVEN-DAY DECREASE, PROGRESSIVE DECREASE FROM OUR PEAK. YOU CAN SEE THAT IN TERMS OF OUR ICU ADMISSIONS AND INDIVIDUALS BEING VENTILATED, IT'S REALLY MORE OF A PLATEAU WITHOUT ANY SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE AS OF YET. AND I'LL TALK IN A FUTURE SLIDE ABOUT WHY THAT IS AND WHY IT'S LIKELY TO BE PLATEAUED FOR THE NEXT COUPLE OF WEEKS AT LEAST. JUDGE, THIS IS A SLIDE WHICH IS UPDATING OUR HOSPITALIZATION BY RACE AND ETHNICITY. SO, AGAIN, THIS IS SHOWING YOU THE PERCENTAGES BY WEEK OF THOSE CASES. THE GREEN IS SHOWING US THE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAVE IDENTIFIED AS HISPANIC, WHO WERE REPRESENTED LAST WEEK 51.1% OF THOSE WHO WERE HOSPITALIZED, WHICH IS OVERREPRESENTING THEM IN TERMS OF THEIR REPRESENTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. THE WHITE NON-HISPANIC IN BLUE IS 31%. AND THE GRAY LINE REPRESENTS THOSE WHO IDENTIFIED AS AFRICAN AMERICAN, WHICH IS 11%, AGAIN, AN OVERREPRESENTATION AS COMPARED TO THEIR REPRESENTATION IN THE COMMUNITY. SO, AGAIN, THIS CONTINUES TO AFFECT OUR COMMUNITY OF COLOR MORE SUBSTANTIALLY THAN OTHERS. AND WE ARE CONTINUING THOSE MITIGATION EFFORTS TO TRY TO CONTROL THE SPREAD IN THOSE

COMMUNITIES. THIS GRAPH IS SHOWING US A BREAKDOWN OF HOSPITALIZATION BASED ON AGE GROUP. YOU CAN SEE THAT THERE'S A CLUSTER ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE 50 PLUS. TO GIVE YOU A BIT FURTHER DETAIL, ALMOST 50% OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS HOSPITALIZED LAST WEEK WERE 60 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. ALMOST A THIRD OF THEM WERE 70 YEARS OLD OR OLDER. AGAIN, THESE GROUPS REPRESENT GROUPS THAT ARE AT HIGHER RISK FOR HOSPITALIZATION, FOR NEEDING ICU CARE AND FOR DEATH. AND BECAUSE THESE NUMBERS HAVE BEEN SUBSTANTIAL OVER THE PAST SEVERAL WEEKS, WE CAN ANTICIPATE TWO THINGS. NUMBER ONE, THAT THOSE ICU AND VENTILATOR BEDS ARE GOING TO BE OCCUPIED FOR QUITE SOME TIME, AND THAT WE CAN EXPECT THAT OUR DEATH NUMBERS ARE GOING TO GO UP. THESE GROUPS -- PARTICULARLY THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 65 -- HAVE THE HIGHEST RATES OF DEATH IN OUR COMMUNITY AND ACROSS THE COUNTRY FROM COVID-19. AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT MEANS THAT THAT SITUATION IS LIKELY TO CONTINUE TO GET WORSE. THIS SLIDE IS SHOWING AN AGGREGATION OF DATA FROM A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT ENTITIES WHO ARE TESTING ACROSS TRAVIS COUNTY. SO THESE NUMBERS INCLUDE TESTING THROUGH AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH, THROUGH COMMUNITY CARE, AUSTIN REGIONAL CLINIC, SEATON SYSTEM, ST. DAVID'S SYSTEM, AND OTHERS. THIS IS NOT THE COMPLETE TESTING DONE, BUT IT'S A PRETTY GOOD SNAPSHOT OF THE LARGEST ENTITIES DOING TESTING. YOU CAN SEE THAT THE BLUE IS SHOWING YOU THE TOTAL NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS TESTED FOR WHICH WE HAVE RESULTS. AND THE ORANGE IS SHOWING YOU THE PERCENT POSITIVE BY WEEK. NOW, I WANT YOU TO KEEP IN MIND THAT LAST WEEK THE 7/19 TO 7/25 STILL HAS TESTS WHICH ARE PENDING RESULTS. SO WE EXPECT THAT NUMBER IS GOING TO CHANGE. BUT YOU CAN SEE A TREND OVER THE PAST THREE WEEKS OF DECREASING POSITIVE PERCENTS ACROSS OUR COMMUNITY. YOU CAN ALSO SEE THAT WE'VE HAD SOME DECREASES IN THE NUMBERS OF TESTS BEING DONE. AND WE HAVE NOTICED THROUGH OUR PUBLIC HEALTH DRIVE-THROUGH TESTING THAT WE HAVE HAD A DECREASE IN INDIVIDUALS SIGNING UP FOR TESTING. THIS MAY BE BECAUSE WE HAVE LESS DISEASE SPREAD AND LESS FOLKS ARE SYMPTOMATIC. I WANT TO REMIND FOLKS IF THEY HAVE SYMPTOMS, IF THEY'VE BEEN EXPOSED, THEY SHOULD SIGN UP FOR TESTING. YOU KNOW, IT WILL MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS BASED UPON TESTING AVAILABILITY AND THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO MAY NOT CURRENTLY HAVE SYMPTOMS BUT HAVE OTHER RISK FACTORS OR HAVE A KNOWN EXPOSURE MAY STILL BE RECOMMENDED FOR TESTING. AND SO IT'S IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO SIGN UP ON [austintexas.gov/COVID-19](https://austintexas.gov/COVID-19), DO AN ASSESSMENT, AND DETERMINE IF THEY CAN GET A TEST THROUGH AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH. THIS SLIDE IS SHOWING A BREAKDOWN OF THE PERCENT POSITIVE BY AGE GROUP. YOU CAN SEE THAT THE 20-29 AGE GROUP IS THE HIGHEST AGAIN THIS WEEK AT OVER 20%, FOLLOWED CLOSELY BY OUR 30-39 AND 40-49 AGE GROUPS. THERE IS SPREAD ACROSS THE DIFFERENT AGE GROUPS. I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE 10-19 AGE GROUP IS REPRESENTING MORE THAN 10% OF THE POSITIVE CASES. LOOKING AT DIFFERENT DATA SETS THAT ALSO AGGREGATE DATA, IT IS SUGGESTING THAT THE 10-19 AGE GROUP IN THE PAST 14 DAYS, THEY HAVE THE HIGHEST RATE OF POSITIVITY COMPARED TO THE OTHER AGE GROUPS. SO WE ARE WORKING ON CALCULATING THE PERCENT POSITIVE BY AGE GROUP FOR THIS SET OF DATA SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THAT ON OUR DATA SET. AGAIN, THIS IS OF PARTICULAR CONCERN AS WE LOOK TO OPEN SCHOOLS IN A MONTH OR SO. IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO KNOW THAT DISEASE TRANSMISSION AMONGST THE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN SO THAT WE CAN PROVIDE THE MOST UP-TO-DATE AND ACCURATE ADVICE FOR OUR SCHOOL DISTRICTS. THIS SLIDE IS AN UPDATE OF OUR NURSING HOME AND LONG-TERM CARE FACILITY OUTBREAKS. YOU CAN SEE THAT LAST WEEK WE HAD 113 NEW CASES, WHICH IS, AGAIN, DECREASED FROM THE PREVIOUS TWO WEEKS. BUT STILL CONCERNING. WE STILL NEED TO GET A BETTER HANDLE ON THESE OUTBREAKS. AND WE

ARE WORKING THROUGH OUR NURSING HOME STRIKE TEAMS AND OUR NURSING HOME TASK FORCE TO ENSURE THAT TESTING IS BEING DONE AT THESE FACILITIES THAT ARE EXPERIENCING OUTBREAKS AND THAT THEY HAVE APPROPRIATE RESOURCES IN TERMS OF PERSONNEL AND PPE TO ADDRESS THOSE NEEDS. I DO WANT TO POINT OUT THAT WE STILL HAVE REMOVED THE NAMES FROM THE FACILITIES, EVEN THOUGH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL HAS PROVIDED AN OPINION WHICH HAS DIRECTED THE STATE HHSC TO RELEASE THIS INFORMATION. WE DO HAVE AN ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINION IN HAND IN TERMS OF RELEASING THAT INFORMATION FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT WHICH STATES THAT WE CANNOT. SO THE CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IS LOOKING INTO THIS TO DETERMINE IF WE CAN RELEASE THIS INFORMATION THROUGH OUR LOCAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT. FINALLY, JUDGE AND COMMISSIONERS, I WANT TO TALK A LITTLE BIT ABOUT SCHOOLS AGAIN. WE HAVE A SCHOOLS AND CHILDCARE TEAM WHICH IS WORKING ON RISK-BASED GUIDELINES FOR SCHOOLS THAT WILL MIRROR SOME OF WHAT YOU SEE HERE. AND IT IS LIKELY THAT THAT RECOMMENDATION WILL INCLUDE A PHASED REOPENING OF SCHOOLS, LIKELY THAT WE ARE GOING TO RECOMMEND THAT IF -- THAT WE OPEN SCHOOLS TO NO MORE THAN 25% OF STUDENTS IN PERSON WHEN WE BEGIN THE REOPENING PROCESS AND THEN PROGRESSIVELY ALLOW MORE STUDENTS IN AS THEIR RISK DECREASES IN OUR COMMUNITY. THEY ARE WORKING ON THIS. THEY ARE ALSO WORKING ON ALGORITHMS FOR SCHOOLS TO ADDRESS VARIOUS SITUATIONS INCLUDING WHEN THEY HAVE A POSITIVE CASE, OR WHEN THEY HAVE A CLUSTER OR OUTBREAK AT A SCHOOL, AND ALSO TO PROVIDE ENHANCED GUIDANCE FOR REQUIREMENTS FOR THE REOPENING PLAN, WHICH IS IN ADDITION TO THE T.E.A. AND UIL RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THOSE SCHOOLS. WITH THAT, JUDGE, I WILL TURN IT BACK TO YOU AND BE HAPPY TO ANSWER QUESTIONS. >> COURT MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? >> YES, IF I COULD. >> OKAY, COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. >> FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO COMMEND YOU, DR. ESCOTT, FOR ALL OF THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE, PARTICULARLY AS IT RELATES TO HOW TO PREPARE OUR STUDENTS IF WE DO HAVE TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL. I THINK THAT IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT WE GIVE INFORMATION TO KEEP THE KIDS SAFE. THANK YOU FOR THE WAY THAT YOU'VE INCORPORATED THAT INTO YOUR PRESENTATION. WE ALSO HAD A CHANCE THIS WEEKEND TO LOOK AT POTENTIAL OVERFLOW FACILITIES. AND I THOUGHT THAT THEY WERE PUT TOGETHER QUITE WELL, AND THAT WE ARE ANTICIPATING -- WE'RE PREPARED IF A SPREAD WERE TO HAPPEN. SO I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE THERE. I'M INTERESTED -- AT THIS POINT, STILL -- IN CAPACITY. HOW MUCH HOSPITAL CAPACITY, ICU CAPACITY, VENTILATOR CAPACITY DO WE HAVE CURRENTLY? >> SO, COMMISSIONER, YOU KNOW, THE ICUs ARE STILL STRESSED. THE ICUs ARE STILL NEAR CAPACITY. IN TERMS OF GENERAL MEDICAL SURGICAL BEDS IN THE HOSPITAL, WE'RE DOING FINE. BUT THE STRESS IS STILL THERE. THE ICUs ARE STILL STRESSED. THE PERSONNEL ARE STRESSED, THE NURSES AND THE DOCTORS, AND THE ALLIED HEALTH INDIVIDUALS ARE STRESSED. AND THIS IS WHY WE NEED TO CONTINUE THOSE EFFORTS TO DECREASE THE TRANSMISSION SO THAT WE CAN BE IN A BETTER SITUATION TO, YOU KNOW, TO SUPPORT OUR HOSPITALS AND THE HOSPITAL PERSONNEL. WE ARE WORKING ON A DASHBOARD WHICH INCLUDES THE HOSPITAL ICU CAPACITY AND VENTILATOR CAPACITY SO THE COMMUNITY CAN HAVE UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION RELATED TO WHERE WE ARE IN TERMS OF CAPACITY. AND I DON'T HAVE A TIMELINE NOW, BUT I SEEM TO RECALL THAT WE EXPECT TO HAVE THAT THIS WEEK. >> ALL RIGHT. I APPRECIATE THAT. AND THIS COMMENT IS NOT FOR TODAY, BUT AT SOME POINT I'D LOVE TO SIT DOWN AND TALK WITH YOU ABOUT HOW WE CAN WORK WITH OUR LOCAL WORKFORCE BOARD, WITH ACC, AND OTHER ENTITIES THAT TRAIN HOSPITAL PERSONNEL SO THAT WE CAN BUILD A MORE ROBUST SYSTEM FOR HELPING STUDENTS WHO ARE ENTERED IN THESE AREAS GET IN TRAINING AND ACCESS SO THAT IF THIS EVER HAPPENS AGAIN, WE HAVE A



PIPELINE FOR TRAINING PEOPLE TO WORK HERE. I'M ALSO INTERESTED IN TESTING -- OUR CAPACITY OF TESTS PER DAY, AND THEN APPLICATIONS. >> SO, COMMISSIONER, OUR TESTING CAPABILITIES ARE DOING WELL. YOU KNOW, AGAIN, WE SAW A DECREASE IN THE NUMBER OF INDIVIDUALS REQUESTING TESTING LAST WEEK. SO, YOU KNOW, WE WANT TO REMIND FOLKS TO GO AND DO THE ASSESSMENT TO LOOK FOR OPPORTUNITIES TO GET TESTED. IN ADDITION TO, YOU KNOW, TO THE FACT THAT DISEASE TREND SEEMS TO BE DECREASING, AT THE SAME TIME WE HAVE AN INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF ENTITIES WHO ARE OFFERING TESTING. AND WE'VE ALSO SEEN A TREND IN UTILIZATION OF SOMETHING CALLED ANTIGEN TESTING, WHICH IS A RAPID TEST WHICH IS PRETTY GOOD. IT'S NOT QUITE AS ACCURATE AS THE REGULAR PCR TESTING THAT WE SEND OFF TO LABS, BUT IT'S PROBABLY GOOD ENOUGH. AND BECAUSE IT'S GOOD ENOUGH, WE ARE LOOKING AT THE POSSIBILITY OF MOVING TO MORE ANTIGEN TESTING, BECAUSE IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT THE ANTIGEN TESTS, SIMILAR TO THE ID NOW TEST FROM ABBOT, MAY NOT BE DETECTING CASES WHERE DISEASE TRANSMISSION IS NOT POSSIBLE, BECAUSE THE VIRAL LOAD IS SO LOW. IT WOULD BE NICE TO KNOW ABOUT THOSE CASES, BUT IT'S NOT REALLY ESSENTIAL FOR PUBLIC HEALTH TO KNOW ABOUT CASES THAT CAN'T TRANSMIT, PARTICULARLY IF THE TRADEOFF IS THAT WE CAN GET ANSWERS IN 15 MINUTES. SO WE HAVE A TEST THAT WE CAN RELIABLY USE THAT WE CAN, YOU KNOW, PROVIDE AN ANSWER TO SOMEONE BEFORE THEY LEAVE OUR SITE. WE CAN GET A WHOLE LOT BETTER CONTROL OVER THIS FOR FUTURE OUTBREAKS THAN SENDING OFF TESTS THAT ARE GOING TO TAKE THREE, FOUR, OR TEN DAYS. >> I APPRECIATE THAT. ONCE AGAIN, I WANT TO COMMEND YOU ON THE TRACKING THAT YOU'RE DOING IN THE NURSING HOMES. BUT I STILL WANT TO -- IF -- TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, MAKE SURE THAT WE'RE LOOKING AT OUR LARGEST CONSTRUCTION SITES AND THEN OUR LARGEST COMMUNITY-FACING EMPLOYEES TO DETERMINE HOW WE COULD BUILD THE METHODOLOGY TO POOL THE SAME TYPE OF INFORMATION FROM THOSE SITES AS WE DO FROM THE NURSING HOME. >> SO, COMMISSIONER, WE CONTINUE THE EFFORTS AT FOCUSED TESTING IN OUR COMMUNITIES OF COLOR. AND THAT'S INVOLVED, YOU KNOW, SOME TESTING OF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT FOR US TO REALIZE THAT THE ASSUMPTION IS THAT IF CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ARE A CLUSTER, THAT THAT DISEASE TRANSMISSION IS HAPPENING AT THE WORK SITE. AND I WANT TO SAY THAT I THINK THAT WE HAVE GROWING EVIDENCE THAT MAY NOT BE THE CASE. IT COULD BE THE CASE, BUT WE ARE SEEING A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE TESTING POSITIVE WHO WERE INVOLVED IN SOCIAL ACTIVITIES. THAT MAY BE BIRTHDAY PARTIES, BARBECUES, WEDDINGS, FUNERALS, BABY SHOWERS, WHERE THERE IS PROLONGED FACE-TO-FACE CONTACT, WHICH SEEMS TO BE THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY THAT THIS DISEASE IS GOING TO BE SPREAD, YOU KNOW. SO WE'VE GOT TO BE A LITTLE BIT CAREFUL IN THE MESSAGE WE SEND. I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT TO REITERATE THAT, THAT YOU CAN'T HAVE THAT SENSE OF SAFETY AROUND FAMILY AND FRIENDS BECAUSE PEOPLE MAY NOT LOOK LIKE THEY'RE SICK, BUT STILL BE ABLE TO TRANSMIT THE DISEASE. AND THAT SEEMS TO BE WHAT WE'RE SEEING. >> ALL RIGHT. MY LAST QUESTION IS THIS. WE KNOW THAT WE'VE HAD A FEW SIGNIFICANT HOTSPOTS -- 78744, 78660. CAN WE OR ARE WE TAKING ANY -- OR MAKING ANY STRATEGIC PLANS TO TEST STUDENTS IN OUR HOTSPOT ZIP CODE AREAS AS WE PREPARE TO GO BACK INTO SCHOOL? I KNOW A LOT OF THESE SCHOOLS WILL BE TITLE I SCHOOLS. A LOT OF THEM WE KNOW THE COMMUNITY THEY'RE IN. HOW DO WE MAKE SURE WE'RE BUILDING A SPECIFIC PROGRAM IN OUR TITLE ENVIRONMENT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE ARE TESTING WHEN APPROPRIATE AND HELPING WHERE WE CAN PARENTS KNOW THAT STUDENTS ON THE CAMPUS ARE SAFE? >> COMMISSIONER, SO, WE HAVE NEIGHBORHOOD TESTING NOW WHICH IS FOCUSED ON THOSE AREAS THAT ARE HOTSPOTS. AND IN ADDITION TO THAT WE HAVE THE TESTING FOR THE DRIVE-THROUGH TO HELP AUGMENT -- PROVIDE

DIFFERENT OPTIONS FOR INDIVIDUALS AS THEY SEEK OUT PLACES TO GET TESTED. WE ARE STILL WORKING WITH OUR SCHOOLS GROUP AND OUR SUPERINTENDENT AND SCHOOL BOARD PARTNERS TO WORK OUT THE TESTING STRATEGY FOR SCHOOLS. THAT'S GOING TO BE A HEAVY LIFT AND WE ARE LOOKING ALSO TO STATE SUPPORT FOR TESTING, SOME OF THE SUPPORT THEY'VE PROVIDED FOR NURSING HOMES, BECAUSE WE ARE GOING TO NEED TESTING SUPPORT WHEN IT COMES TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS. THERE ARE ALMOST 200,000 SCHOOL-AGE STUDENTS IN TRAVIS COUNTY AND THAT COULD MEAN THE NEED FOR A LOT MORE TESTING. AND WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT THOSE DISCUSSIONS WILL BE FRUITFUL SO THAT WE CAN HAVE A PLAN THAT WOULD ALLOW STUDENTS TO BE TESTED ON CAMPUS IF THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS. >> ALL RIGHT. I THINK THAT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT. WHEN THE 78660 SITE CLOSED DOWN IN PFLUGERVILLE, WE WORKED DIRECTLY WITH THE ISD TO GET A SITE OVER AT THE PFLUGERVILLE FIELD, TO GET SUPPORT FROM THE ISD SECURITY FORCE, TO DO ALL THE THINGS THAT WERE NECESSARY TO STAND THAT SITE BACK UP. I WOULD HOPE THAT WE WOULD USE A SIMILAR STRATEGY IN OUR TITLE 1 ENVIRONMENTS TO MAKE SURE THAT PARENTS HAVE THE COMFORT OF KNOWING THAT EVERYONE IN THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL IS TESTED BEFORE THEY WERE SENT BACK TO SCHOOL. >> COMMISSIONER, I CAN TELL YOU THAT THAT'S NOT GOING TO BE A POSSIBILITY. IT'S NOT GOING TO BE POSSIBLE FOR US TO TEST EVERY STUDENT IN TITLE I SCHOOLS, NOR DO I THINK IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE. THE TESTING TELLS US HOW THAT CHILD IS THAT DAY, ARE THEY POSITIVE OR NEGATIVE. IT DOESN'T TELL US ANYTHING ELSE. BUT WE ARE WORKING ON STRATEGIES TO ENSURE THAT ALL OF THE SCHOOLS -- BUT IN PARTICULAR THE TITLE I SCHOOLS -- HAVE A PLAN ON HOW TO ADDRESS THAT. AND, YOU KNOW, THIS IS WHERE THE MASKING AND THE SOCIAL DISTANCING IS ESSENTIAL. THIS IS WHY IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT WHEN SCHOOLS OPEN, THEY OPEN WITH A SMALL NUMBER OF STUDENTS TO HELP REVISE AND REFINE THE PROCESSES THAT THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO UNDERTAKE FOR THIS, BECAUSE IT'S ALL NEW. IT'S GOING TO BE NEW FOR ADMINISTRATORS. IT'S GOING TO BE NEW FOR STAFF AND FOR FACULTY. AND IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME TO ADJUST AND ENSURE THAT THOSE PRACTICES ARE IN PLACE THAT'S GOING TO MAKE IT SAFE WHEN ADDITIONAL STUDENTS ARE ABLE TO COME IN. >> I APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DO AS MUCH AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. I KNOW THAT WE CAN'T BE PERFECT. I JUST WANT TO BE AS GOOD AS WE POSSIBLY CAN. I APPRECIATE THE WORK THAT YOU'VE DONE AND I RELINQUISH THE FLOOR. >> COURT MEMBERS, QUESTIONS, COMMENTS? >> JUDGE, THIS IS COMMISSIONER SHEA. I'VE GOT A FEW QUESTIONS. >> YES. >> FIRST OF ALL, I EXTEND MY THANKS AS WELL, DR. ESCOTT. I DON'T KNOW HOW YOU MANAGE TO FIT IT ALL IN IN A WORK DAY, AND I ASSUME THAT Y'ALL ARE STILL HAVING TO TRANSCRIBE THE RESULTS OF THE TESTS THAT ARE COMING IN BY FAX? LAST WE HEARD, YOU HAD ABOUT A THOUSAND A DAY, AND YOU WERE HAVING TO REENTER THEM INTO THE COMPUTER SYSTEM. IS THAT STILL THE CASE? >> THAT IS STILL THE CASE. THE I.T. TEAM IS WORKING ON DIGITIZING SOME OF THAT, BUT WE'RE NOT THERE YET. >> SO I HOPE ONE OF THE LESSONS THAT WE ARE LEARNING FROM THIS PANDEMIC IS WE MUST INVEST IN A MORE FUNCTIONAL EXOSKELETON FOR OUR PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM. THIS IS JUST COMPLETELY UNACCEPTABLE. AND I CAN ONLY IMAGINE HOW MADDENING IT IS FOR YOU. ON THE DATA THAT YOU JUST PRESENTED, DO YOU HAVE ANY EXPLANATION FOR WHY WE'RE SEEING THIS BIG INCREASE IN POSITIVITY IN THE 10-19 AGE GROUP? >> SO, COMMISSIONER, I THINK THAT IT'S LIKELY TO BE HAPPENING BECAUSE THE SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN ARE INTERACTING OVER THE SUMMER. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT, AGAIN, THOSE SOCIAL INTERACTIONS ARE LIKELY TO BE WHERE DISEASE TRANSMISSION IS HAPPENING. WE'VE CERTAINLY SEEN OTHER CASES AROUND THE COUNTRY WHERE BIG PARTIES ARE STILL HAPPENING. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THAT THOSE ENVIRONMENTS, YOU

KNOW, WHERE INDIVIDUALS ARE IN CLOSE CONTACT, FACE-TO-FACE FOR A LONG PERIOD OF TIME, ARE PRIME OPPORTUNITIES FOR THIS VIRUS TO SPREAD AND THAT'S PROBABLY THE REASON WE'RE SEEING THAT. >> SO, THIS IS, I THINK, AS YOU INDICATED, ALARMING, THE PLANS AND THE PRESSURE TO RESUME IN-PERSON SCHOOLING IN THE FALL. AND I UNDERSTAND IT'S NOT WORKING FOR EVERYONE TO BE ABLE TO ATTEND SCHOOL REMOTELY, AND ESPECIALLY THE POOREST IN THE COMMUNITY ARE THE ONES WHO ARE BEING MOST HARMED BY IT. I TOTALLY UNDERSTAND THAT. AND MAYBE THERE WOULD BE A WAY TO PRIORITIZE THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE REGULAR ACCESS TO THE HIGH TECHNOLOGY, AND HAVE THEM BE IN SCHOOL IN PERSON, WHEREAS PEOPLE WHO CAN TELECOMMUTE AND ATTEND SCHOOL REMOTELY MIGHT BE ABLE TO DO THAT. BUT I DID -- I SAW A LETTER TO THE EDITOR WITH A COMMENT FROM SOMEONE WHO SAID WHEN THEY WERE YOUNGER, IN THE HOUSTON AREA, SCHOOL DISTRICT, THEY HAD GROWN SO FAST THEY DIDN'T HAVE ROOM IN THE SCHOOLS SO THEY SPLIT THE SCHOOL DAY AND DID SCHOOL IN THE MORNING WITH ONE GROUP OF STUDENTS, AND SCHOOL IN THE AFTERNOON WITH THE OTHER GROUP OF STUDENTS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF OUR SCHOOL SYSTEM IS LOOKING AT SOMETHING LIKE THAT, BUT THAT SURELY COULD BE A WAY OF SOLVING SOME OF THE SPACE CONSTRAINTS THAT WE CURRENTLY HAVE. AND AGAIN, IT'S NOT IDEAL, BUT IT IS A POTENTIAL SOLUTION. HAS THERE BEEN ANY DISCUSSION ABOUT THAT KIND OF ARRANGEMENT THAT YOU KNOW OF? >> SO, COMMISSIONER, THE CONVERSATIONS THAT WE'VE HAD WITH THE SUPERINTENDENTS HAS, YOU KNOW, BEEN THAT OUR RECOMMENDATION IS -- OR LIKELY TO BE THAT WE START WITH NO MORE THAN 25% OF STUDENTS IN THE CLASSROOM. AS THE SITUATION IMPROVES, YOU KNOW, STAGE THREE, MAYBE WE GET TO 50% AND SO FORTH. BUT THAT WE DO REALLY NEED TO PRIORITIZE THOSE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHILDREN, THE K-5 AND IN PARTICULAR K-3, AS WELL AS THE INDIVIDUALS THAT YOU IDENTIFIED THAT REALLY CAN'T LEARN AT HOME BECAUSE THEY HAVE A SPECIAL EDUCATION NEED, BECAUSE THEY LACK THE DIGITAL DEVICES OR CONNECTIVITY NEEDED, OR THEY LACK THE SUPPORT AT HOME FOR AT-HOME LEARNING. AND WITH THESE DISCUSSIONS, YOU KNOW, I THINK WE HAVE SEEN DIFFERENT SCHOOL DISTRICTS LOOK AT DIFFERENT OPTIONS. SOME ARE LOOKING AT SPLITTING THE SCHOOL DAY OR HAVING COHORTS COME DIFFERENT DAYS OF THE WEEK SO THAT ALL STUDENTS GET SOME IN-PERSON CLASSROOM TIME, BUT STILL THEY DON'T EXCEED THAT 25% ON CAMPUS ON ANY PARTICULAR DAY. ALSO, COMMISSIONER, TALKING TO THE SUPERINTENDENTS, THEY'VE INDICATED THAT IN THEIR ESTIMATION, SOMEWHERE BETWEEN 20 AND 25% OF STUDENTS DON'T EVER INTEND TO COME BACK TO CAMPUS THIS SEMESTER, BECAUSE EITHER THE STUDENT THEMSELVES ARE AT HIGHER RISK, OR A FAMILY MEMBER IS AT HIGH RISK AND THEY CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO TAKE THE CHANCE. AGAIN, OUR CONCERN ALSO IS OUR FACULTY AND STAFF AT THE SCHOOLS. SO WE HAVE TO BE IN A SITUATION WHERE WE MATCH UP THE AVAILABLE STAFF WITH THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE GOING TO BE IN PERSON. AND, YOU KNOW, I THINK THE TEACHERS HAVE BEEN VERY CLEAR THAT THERE IS CONCERN AND THEY ARE CERTAINLY AT A SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER RISK THAN THE STUDENTS IN TERMS OF COMPLICATIONS. >> YEAH. AND ALSO, THE INCREASE IN THE POSITIVITY RATE FOR THAT YOUNG AGE GROUP -- ARE WE PUTTING ALSO HOSPITALIZATION THERE? I KNOW THERE'S BEEN THIS GENERAL VIEW THAT YOUNGER PEOPLE DON'T EITHER GET THE VIRUS, OR THEY DON'T GET AS SICK. IS THAT BEARING OUT WITH THIS INCREASED RATE OF POSITIVITY THAT WE'RE SEEING? >> CERTAINLY THEIR RISK OF HOSPITALIZATION IS MUCH LOWER. I CAN TELL YOU -- I'VE GOT TO SQUINT A LITTLE BIT. THE LESS THAN 1-YEAR-OLD AGE GROUP REPRESENTED 0.3% OF THE HOSPITALIZATIONS LAST WEEK. THE 1-9 AGE GROUP IS ALSO 0.3% AND THE 10-19 WAS 1.3% OF THE INDIVIDUALS HOSPITALIZED LAST WEEK. SO THERE ARE KIDS -- YOUNG KIDS -- WHO ARE BEING HOSPITALIZED. YOU KNOW, WE'RE SEEING CASES OF

SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN HAVING DIED IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY. AGAIN, LUCKILY, YOU KNOW, THOSE PERCENTAGES ARE VERY SMALL. WE EXPECT THAT THEY'RE GOING TO STAY SMALL. BUT THEY ARE NOT GOING TO BE 0. >> MY OTHER QUESTION IS, ARE YOU ADVISING THE UT FOOTBALL FOLKS? BECAUSE -- AM I CORRECT THAT THEY ARE PLANNING ON RESUMING FOOTBALL AGAIN THIS FALL AND JUST TRYING TO SPACE OUT THE FANS? THEY OBVIOUSLY WILL BE YELLING AND CHEERING, HOPEFULLY, SO I'D LIKE YOUR THOUGHTS ON THE WISDOM OF THAT. >> SO, COMMISSIONER, WE ARE IN DISCUSSIONS WITH UT. WE WERE CAUGHT A LITTLE OFF GUARD BY THE ANNOUNCEMENT THAT THEY INTENDED TO OPEN THE STADIUM WITH 50% CAPACITY, WHICH IS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 50,000 PEOPLE IN ONE PLACE. I'LL SAY AGAIN WHAT I SAID A MONTH OR TWO AGO, AND THAT IS THAT LARGE GATHERINGS WERE THE FIRST THING TO CLOSE DOWN AND SHOULD BE THE LAST THING TO OPEN UP AGAIN. YOU KNOW, THERE IS SOME DISCUSSION ABOUT HAVING FOOTBALL GAMES WITHOUT A CROWD. BUT THERE'S CONCERN ABOUT THAT, ALSO. I THINK WE'VE SEEN IN PROFESSIONAL BASEBALL, WHICH IS NATURALLY SOCIAL DISTANCED, THAT DISEASE SPREAD IS HAPPENING. AND MY CONCERN IS THAT THAT DISEASE SPREAD IN THE COLLEGE AGE GROUP AND CERTAINLY IN THE HIGH SCHOOL AGE GROUP IS GOING TO LOOK DIFFERENT THAN IT DOES IN PROFESSIONAL SPORTS. IT'S GOING TO IMPACT PEOPLE OF COLOR WHO ARE ATHLETES. IT'S GOING TO IMPACT FAMILIES OF THOSE ATHLETES WHO ARE THE LEAST-RESOURCED TO BE ABLE TO GET THE HEALTHCARE THEY NEED. THEY ARE AT HIGHER RISK THAN THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY IN TERMS OF HOSPITALIZATION AND DEATH. QUITE FRANKLY, I THINK IT'S GOING TO BE A STRUGGLE FOR US TO EVEN ALLOW TEAMS TO PLAY ON THE FIELD WITHOUT THE CROWD. I THINK INTRODUCING THE IDEA OF HAVING 50,000 PEOPLE IN ONE SPACE IS A BIT OF A REACH RIGHT NOW. I THINK IT'S NOT REALLY LIVING IN THE REALM OF REALITY FOR WHAT WE'RE LIKELY TO EXPERIENCE THIS FALL. AND IT'S NOT ONLY ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE IN AUSTIN. BUT WHEN WE CONSIDER THE FACT THAT THIS DISEASE IS GOING TO IMPACT DIFFERENT COMMUNITIES AT DIFFERENT TIMES, IT'S GOING TO MEAN THAT WE'RE GOING TO HAVE CONSTANT SCHEDULE INTERRUPTIONS. WE'RE GOING TO CONSTANTLY HAVE TEAMS THAT ARE NOT GOING TO BE AVAILABLE TO PLAY. IT'S GOING TO MEAN THAT IN ORDER TO DO IT RESPONSIBLY WE NEED TO BE ABLE TO TEST ATHLETES AND ATHLETIC TRAINERS AND COACHES AND STAFF AND REFEREES ON THE DAY OF THE GAME. AND IF SOMEBODY TESTS POSITIVE, EXCLUDING THAT PERSON. OBVIOUSLY THAT CREATES CHALLENGES IN TERMS OF BEING ABLE TO FIELD A TEAM THAT IS GOING TO BE ABLE TO PLAY FOOTBALL, OR WHATEVER THE SPORT IS. I'M PLEASED TO SEE CONFERENCES LIKE THE SWAC WHO HAVE DELAYED THEIR SEASON TO THE SPRING WITH THE HOPES THAT WE HAVE VACCINATIONS OR WE HAVE THINGS BETTER UNDER CONTROL TO HAVE THAT CONTINUITY. BUT I THINK COLLEGE FOOTBALL IN THE FALL IS GOING TO BE A STRETCH. >> I HOPE THEY'RE TAKING YOUR ADVICE OR AT LEAST LISTENING TO YOU. I THANK YOU AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR WORK. WE TRULY APPRECIATE YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH. THANK YOU. >> AND DOCTOR, I'VE HAD SOME QUESTIONS ABOUT THE AVAILABILITY OF TEST KITS. AND IT'S BEEN KIND OF HARD TO GET SOME OF OUR FOLKS IN OUR COMMUNITY TO TRUST ENOUGH TO GO AND GET TESTED IF THEY THINK THEY'VE BEEN AROUND SOMEBODY WHO'S INFECTED. SO FAR I THINK A COUPLE OF EVENTS HAVE BEEN HELD AT THE SACRED HEART CHURCH, WHERE IT'S REAL IMPORTANT THAT THE FOLKS THAT WERE WANTING TO GO AND TAKE THIS SERIOUSLY, TO HAVE SOME TRUST IN THE PROCESS. AND SO THAT WAS THE BEST PLACE THAT WE COULD COME UP WITH. AND IT IS WORKING. HOWEVER, THERE SEEMS TO BE A SHORTAGE OF THOSE TEST KITS. WHAT CAN WE DO TO HAVE MORE ON HAND? >> COMMISSIONER, THERE'S NOT REALLY A SHORTAGE OF THE TEST KITS, BUT WE ARE LIMITED IN THE AMOUNT OF TESTS THAT WE CAN DO AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME, WHICH HAS TO DO WITH OUR PERSONNEL AND THE

HEAT-RELATED CONCERNS. WE'VE HAD MORE THAN A DOZEN OF OUR PERSONNEL GO DOWN TO HEAT-RELATED EMERGENCIES WHILE PERFORMING THESE TESTS IN 100° HEAT WITH PPE. SO LIMITATIONS ARE BASED UPON THAT. >> OKAY. BECAUSE, YOU KNOW, IT'S KIND OF FRUSTRATING TO GET THEM ALL THERE, LIKE THIS LAST WEEKEND. AND THERE WAS A LONG LINE. BUT IN ABOUT AN HOUR'S WORTH OF TIME, ALL THE TEST KITS RAN OUT. AND SO ALL THESE PEOPLE WERE SENT AWAY. AND THEN THE NEXT TIME WE WANT TO ASK THEM TO COME, THEY SAY WELL, MAYBE THEY MIGHT RUN OUT AGAIN. SO IT'S -- YOU KNOW, IT'S ALMOST LIKE IF WE'RE GOING TO ASK THEM TO BE THERE, WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH TEST KITS SO THAT THEY DON'T THINK THAT WE'RE JUST -- WE DON'T KNOW WHAT WE'RE DOING. [ CHUCKLING ] THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT THEY'RE GOING TO SAY, YOU KNOW. AND SO HOW -- WE NEED TO ADDRESS THAT SOMEHOW. AT THE BEGINNING OF THE MEETING, SO THAT WE CAN SAY WE EXPECT SUCH A NUMBER OF PEOPLE TO COME TO BE TESTED, AND DO YOU ALL HAVE THE NUMBER OF TEST KITS APPROPRIATE FOR THAT SIZE CROWD. AND IF NOT, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO DEAL WITH IT SOMEHOW SO THAT THERE ISN'T IT FEELING OF, WHY SHOULD I GO, THEY RUN OUT. >> YEAH, COMMISSIONER, AND, YOU KNOW, THAT LIMIT WAS DISCUSSED WITH THE ORGANIZERS IN ADVANCE. AND, YOU KNOW, MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT FOR THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO WERE OUTSIDE OF THE 250 THAT WERE TESTED THAT THEY WERE GIVEN SOME MATERIALS REGARDING WHERE ELSE THEY CAN GET TESTED. BUT, YOU KNOW, I KNOW THE TEAM IS WORKING HARD TO REFINE THE PRACTICES TO ENSURE THAT WE CAN TEST AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE. BUT WE DO HAVE LIMITATIONS. WE HAVE LIMITATIONS ON THE PERSONNEL WHO ARE WILLING TO SIGN UP TO DO THE TEST COLLECTION. SO THERE ARE STILL LIMITATIONS. BUT THE TEST KITS DON'T REALLY SEEM TO BE THE CHALLENGE AT THIS STAGE. >> AND THEN WE HAVE BEEN OFFERED THE -- WELL, THEY CAN GO SOMEWHERE ELSE DURING THE WEEK. THE ONLY PROBLEM IS WITH THIS GROUP OF PEOPLE, THEY WORK ALL WEEK. AND IF THEY TAKE TIME OFF THEY GET DOCKED. AND SO THE BEST TIME IS SATURDAY MORNING. SO WE'RE KIND OF STUCK WITH THAT IN THE PERIOD OF TIME THAT THESE FOLKS HAVE TO BE ADDRESSED. SO IF WE CAN KIND OF KEEP THAT MANY MIND, TOO. THEY'RE NOT THAT AVAILABLE TO TEST ANY DAY, YOU KNOW. >> YEAH. AND COMMISSIONER, I ALSO WANT TO MENTION THAT IT'S IMPORTANT, YOU KNOW, FOR ME TO REITERATE THAT THE TEST IS FOR THE PURPOSE OF IDENTIFYING DISEASE. IT DOESN'T LEAD TO TREATMENT. THERE'S NOT A PARTICULAR PRESCRIPTION WE CAN WRITE FOR. SO FOR THOSE FOLKS WHO AREN'T ABLE TO GET TESTED QUICKLY, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING TO DO IS, IF YOU HAVE SYMPTOMS OF COVID-19, IT IS COVID-19 SEASON. AND THEY NEED TO TAKE THOSE PROTECTIVE ACTIONS AS SOON AS THEY DEVELOP SYMPTOMS. AND THAT MEANS THE SOCIAL DISTANCING, THE HAND HYGIENE, AND EVEN WEARING A MASK IN THE HOUSEHOLD. I'LL TELL YOU THAT LAST SUNDAY I STARTED HAVING A LITTLE BIT OF A TEMPERATURE AND CONGESTION AND IMMEDIATELY I PUT ON A MASK AND STARTED WEARING A MASK AROUND MY OWN HOUSE UNTIL I HAD A TEST BACK THAT SAID I WAS NEGATIVE. THIS IS WHAT WE NEED FOLKS TO DO. WE CAN'T JUST RELY ON THE RESULTS, BECAUSE THE RESULTS MAY NOT GET TO US IN A TIMELY FASHION. BUT WE CAN STILL PROTECT OURSELVES AND OUR FAMILY BY DOING THOSE PRACTICES IN THE HOUSE AS SOON AS SYMPTOMS DEVELOP. >> AND AS SOON AS YOU FEEL A LITTLE BAD, A LITTLE BIT OF TEMPERATURE JUST LIKE YOU DID, IS IT THEN TIME TO GO GET TESTED TO MAKE SURE THAT IT ISN'T COVID? >> YEAH, IT'S TIME TO SIGN UP FOR TESTING. BUT EVEN BEFORE THAT, PUT THE MASK ON IN YOUR HOUSE. TELL YOUR FAMILY HEY, I'VE GOT THESE SYMPTOMS AND MAKE SURE THAT YOU'RE BEING CAREFUL AROUND ME. KEEP YOUR DISTANCE. INCREASE THE SURFACE CLEAN IN THE HOUSES. THESE SIMPLE PROTECTIONS CAN HELP PREVENT THAT HOUSEHOLD TRANSMISSION THAT WE'VE BEEN SEEING. >> I JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE THAT WE DID HAVE

ENOUGH TEST KITS ON HAND, BECAUSE IF WE DON'T, WHAT I'VE HEARD IS THAT WHEN YOU MAKE THAT PURCHASE, IT IS REIMBURSABLE. IT'S A REIMBURSABLE EXPENSE. AND SO IF THAT'S THE CASE I THINK WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT WE HAVE ENOUGH ON HAND. >> YES, WE DO. >> OKAY. >> SO, ARE SCHOOLS ABLE TO ACCESS C.A.R.E.S. DOLLARS DIRECTLY, OR DO THEY BASICALLY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE? >> JUDGE, I DON'T KNOW THE ANSWER TO THAT. MY UNDERSTANDING IS THAT IT GOES THROUGH T.E.A. >> OKAY. >> BUT I'M NOT COMPLETELY CLEAR. >> OKAY. IF THE RECOMMENDATION IS 25% FOR STUDENTS TO GET THE IN-PERSON TEACHING, WHAT'S THE RECOMMENDATION FOR STAFF, AND TEACHERS, AND I GUESS OTHER SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS? >> JUDGE, WE HAVEN'T FINALIZED THE RECOMMENDATIONS YET, BUT IT'S LIKELY THAT AT THE INITIAL REOPENING, THAT WE'RE GOING TO RECOMMEND 25% MAXIMUM. AND AGAIN, THE ACTUAL NUMBER IS GOING TO BE DEPENDENT UPON HAVING THE STAFF ABLE TO PROVIDE SERVICES TO THAT NUMBER OF STUDENTS. I KNOW THAT SOME SCHOOLS ARE LOOKING AT HAVING A VIRTUAL-ONLY COHORT, WHICH MATCHES UP THOSE STUDENTS WHO DON'T FEEL COMFORTABLE COMING BACK TO CAMPUS WITH THE TEACHERS WHO AREN'T COMFORTABLE OR HAVE HIGHER RISK AND AREN'T GOING TO COME BACK TO CAMPUS. AND THEN HAVING OTHER HYBRID VERSIONS. AND THAT'S PART OF THE DETAILS THE SCHOOLS ARE GOING TO HAVE TO WORK OUT TO ENSURE THAT THEY MATCH UP THE STAFFING WITH THE STUDENTS ON CAMPUS. AGAIN, WE THINK THAT THROUGHOUT THE SEMESTER THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE IS GOING TO BE MAINTAINING THE STAFFING IN ORDER TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS WHO ARE IN PERSON. >> OKAY. FOR THOSE 65 YEARS OF AGE AND OLDER WHO HAVE NOT TESTED POSITIVE OR SHOWN ANY SYMPTOMS, WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN THEY DO TO REDUCE THEIR CHANCE OF CATCHING THE VIRUS? I KNOW THOSE PROTECTIVE STEPS THAT WE'VE READ ABOUT AND HEARD SINCE MARCH ARE NECESSARY, BUT ARE THERE OTHER THINGS THAT THOSE INDIVIDUALS CAN DO TO REDUCE THEIR CHANCE OF CONTRACTING THE VIRUS? >> JUDGE, I THINK THE MOST IMPORTANT STEP IS TO STAY HOME AND TELL THEIR CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN TO NOT VISIT. YOU KNOW, IT'S HARD. I'VE GOT FOLKS IN THAT AGE GROUP AND INLAWS IN THAT AGE GROUP, AND AS MUCH AS WE WANT TO SEE THEM, WE DON'T GO THERE, BECAUSE WE WANT TO KEEP THEM HEALTHY. YOU KNOW, I THINK BEYOND THAT, ENSURING THAT IF THEY DO HAVE TO GO OUT, THAT THEY ARE WEARING THEIR MASKS AND PAYING CLOSE ATTENTION TO THEIR HAND HYGIENE IN PARTICULAR ARE OTHER STEPS. BUT ONE FINAL THING, JUDGE. AND I THINK THIS GOES FOR THOSE OVER THE AGE OF 65 AND THE REST OF THE COMMUNITY IS NOT TO WAIT TO HAVE MEDICAL CONDITIONS EVALUATED. WE STILL HAVE TOO MANY FOLKS WHO HAVE OBESITY THAT HAVEN'T ADDRESSED IT, THAT HAVE DIABETES, OR HYPERTENSION OR HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, WHICH IS UNDIAGNOSED. AND THESE ARE THINGS THAT CAN BE MANAGED. AND THERE'S STILL TIME TO MANAGE THEM BEFORE SOMEONE IS EXPOSED TO COVID-19. THEY ARE RELATIVELY EASY TO DIAGNOSIS, RELATIVELY EASY TO TREAT. AND WE SHOULD NOT DELAY THOSE HEALTH VISITS TO OUR PHYSICIANS. ONE OTHER THING THAT I ALSO WANT TO MENTION IS THAT IT'S CRITICALLY IMPORTANT THAT FOLKS GET THEIR VACCINATIONS. THAT MAY BE FOR INFLUENZA, PNEUMONIA, OTHER CHILDHOOD ILLNESSES THAT ARE VACCINE-PREVENTABLE. NOW IS THE TIME TO GET THOSE THINGS DONE. IF YOU HAVE BEEN DELAYING THEM, MAKE AN APPOINTMENT. GO TO A CLINIC AND GET THEM DONE. >> COURT MEMBERS, LAST OPPORTUNITY WHILE WE HAVE DR. ESCOTT. >> JUDGE, WE DO HAVE A CALLER. >> OKAY. LET'S HAVE THAT CALLER SPEAK. >> ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE JANICE STANDING BY TO SPEAK TO THE COURT. MS. BOOKA. >> HI, JANICE, COMMUNITY RESILIENCE TRUST, THANK YOU EVERYONE, THANK YOU DR. ESCOTT. COMMISSIONERS, YOU'LL FIND IN YOUR EMAIL TODAY AN INITIAL PROPOSAL FOR REIMAGINING COMMUNITY RESILIENCE AND ADDRESSING SERVICE AREA GAPS.

SECOND, WE'D LIKE TO ECHO PRIORITIZING TITLE ONE SCHOOLS IN PLANNING, AS THE CONCENTRATION OF KIDS IN THOSE SCHOOLS ARE MORE LIKELY TO HAVE DISPROPORTIONATELY HIGHER RATES OF COVID, GIVEN THE LIKELIHOOD OF THEIR PARENTS HAVING FRONT LINE JOBS. DR. ESCOTT, WHERE CAN WE FIND THE REPORT THAT YOU MENTIONED LAST WEEK? WE'D LIKE TO INVITE YOU TO A COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION WE'RE HOSTING AUGUST 8TH, 10:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN EQUITY OFFICE AND MEASURE, WITH SUPPORT FROM OVER 20 ORGANIZATIONS, COURTNEY ROBINSON WILL FACILITATE AND SPANISH TRANSLATION WILL BE AVAILABLE. EQUITABLE SOLUTIONS HAVE TO BE GUIDED BY THE LIVED EXPERIENCE OF THOSE MOST IMPACTED. WE WANT AS MANY DECISION-MAKERS AS POSSIBLE ON THAT COMMUNITY LISTENING SESSION. AND FINALLY WE'RE IN THE PROCESS OF ANALYZING OVER 5,000 COMPLAINTS IN THE 311 SYSTEM. 59% OF THE COMPLAINT WERE RELATED TO BUSINESSES, 72% SHOWED AN INFLECTION WITH NO VIOLATION, 25% RECEIVING EDUCATION AND ONLY 28 VERBAL WARNINGS. AT LEAST 35 CONSTRUCTION SITES HAD MORE THAN ONE COMPLAINT. WE'RE WORKING TO ANALYZE THIS DATA, WOULD LOVE TO CONNECT WITH SOME OF YOU ON THAT. BUT DR. ESCOTT, IN A RECENT ARTICLE YOU WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THERE WERE SEVERAL HOTSPOTS WITHIN CONSTRUCTION COMPANIES. IS THERE A WAY TO GET INFORMATION ABOUT WHICH COMPANIES, SO THAT WE CAN CROSS-REFERENCE THAT AGAINST OUR DATA? AND, YOU KNOW, JUST REALLY I WOULD LOVE TO, AGAIN, CONNECT WITH YOU, DR. ESCOTT, OR THE COMMISSIONERS COURT TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE INSIGHTS THAT WE FIND IN OUR ANALYSIS OF THE DATA. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU. ANY RESPONSE TO THAT QUESTION, DR. ESCOTT? >> JUDGE, WE GENERALLY DON'T RELEASE PUBLICLY THE NAMES OF BUSINESSES WHERE OUTBREAKS HAPPEN UNLESS THERE'S A COMPELLING PUBLIC HEALTH INTEREST. IN SITUATIONS SUCH AS CONSTRUCTION SITES, WHERE THEY'RE NOT OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, THERE IS NO PUBLIC HEALTH GOAL OF RELEASING THAT INFORMATION, AS LONG AS THOSE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE WORKING AT THE SITE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED. SO, WE GENERALLY DO NOT RELEASE THAT INFORMATION. AND IN -- WE ARE RESTRICTED TO RELEASING THE KNOWN NECESSARY INFORMATION TO PROTECT THE HEALTH OF THE PUBLIC. >> OKAY. THANK YOU. COURT MEMBERS, COURT MEMBERS, THAT DOES IT 1 FOR 2A. 2B, AND B IS A LONG ITEM ABOUT NECESSARY MEASURES AND ACTIONS RELATED TO COVID-19 -- >> EXCUSE ME, JUDGE. THIS IS COMMISSIONER SHEA. I DID HAVE A QUICK QUESTION RELATED TO THE CALLER. IS THERE A WAY TO -- I GUESS FOR US TO MAKE SURE THAT THE COMPLAINTS ABOUT BUSINESSES THAT APPEAR TO BE VIOLATING THE SAFETY EITHER REQUIREMENTS OR ORDINANCES, IT'S HARD TO KEEP TRACK OF WHAT THE GOVERNOR HAS STRIPPED AWAY FROM US THE AUTHORITY TO, YOU KNOW, TRY AND REGULATE TO PROTECT PEOPLE, BUT IS THERE A WAY THAT THERE CAN BE A MORE COMPLETE TRACKING OF WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH THOSE COMPLAINTS? I DID SEE THE ANALYSIS THAT JANICE BOOKOUT WAS REFERRING TO, AND IT LOOKED LIKE THERE WASN'T RIGOROUS ENFORCEMENT IN THE FOLLOW-UP TO THE COMPLAINTS. >> COMMISSIONER, I CAN FOLLOW UP WITH DIRECTOR HAYDEN ON THAT. I KNOW THAT SHE'S BEEN LIAISONING WITH CODE AND OTHER ENFORCEMENT ENTITIES TO SEE IF WE CAN PUT TOGETHER A REPORT FOR YOU. >> I DON'T WANT TO BE PENALIZING BUSINESSES, BUT AT THE SAME TIME I THINK IT'S IMPORTANT IF THE PUBLIC IS CALLING IN A COMPLAINT THAT THERE WILL BE SOME MEANINGFUL FOLLOW-UP WITH THE BUSINESS. IN SOME INSTANCES IT MAY BE JUST BETTER EDUCATION, BUT I KNOW THAT BUSINESSES HAVE 2 BEEN BEGGING FOR THE GOVERNOR TO EXERT MORE AUTHORITY SO THAT WAITRESSES AND BARKEEPS DON'T ESSENTIALLY HAVE TO HAVE A LAW ENFORCEMENT FUNCTION IN ENFORCING MASK WEARING. DO YOU HAVE INSIGHT INTO WHETHER OR NOT THERE WOULD BE STRONGER ENFORCEMENT IN THERE? IT'S STILL NOT MANDATORY AT THE STATE LEVEL, CORRECT? >> IT IS

MANDATORY. >> IT IS NOW, OKAY. >> IT IS. AND, YOU KNOW, THE GOVERNOR HAS ENCOURAGED ENFORCEMENT OF THAT. YOU KNOW, THERE'S -- A PRACTICAL CHALLENGE OF HAVING ENOUGH PEOPLE AROUND TO ENFORCE IT. YOU KNOW, WE CANNOT -- WE CANNOT JAIL SOMEONE FOR NOT WEARING A MASK, BUT, YOU KNOW, WE CERTAINLY NEED THE BUSINESSES TO HELP IN THAT EFFORT. THE BUSINESSES CAN FACE FINES IF THEY ARE ALLOWING CUSTOMERS IN OR STAFF IN THAT ARE NOT MASKING. AND AGAIN, THIS REPRESENTS OUR BEST CHANCE AT KEEPING BUSINESSES OPEN AND KEEPING CUSTOMERS COMING, AND I THINK WE HAVE TO BE ENGAGED IN THAT TOGETHER AS A COMMUNITY. >> COMMISSIONER, TONY CALLOWAY, FIRE MARSHAL. WE HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE SPREAD SHEET. WE HAVE A HAZ-MAT OR A HAZARDOUS RISK OF COMPLAINT THAT WE SET UP INITIALLY ON OUR WEBSITE AND ON THE COUNTY'S MAIN WEBSITE LINK WHERE PEOPLE CAN EXPRESS 3 THEIR CONCERNS. THEY CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS OR PUT CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FOLLOW-UP FROM US. WE CREATED COALITION EARLY ON WITH THE LOCAL SMALL CITY POLICE DEPARTMENTS THAT WANTED TO PARTICIPATE AND WE'VE BEEN WORKING CLOSELY WITH TCSO. TCSO HAS BEEN DOING THE MAIN PORTION OF FOLLOWUPS ON COMPLAINTS THAT HAVE BEEN RECEIVED. WE HAVE FOUND THERE ARE A HANDFUL OF BUSINESSES WE HAD TO MAKE MORE THAN ONE TRIP TO. HOWEVER, BY SECOND OR THIRD TRIP, WE'VE ALWAYS BEEN ABLE TO GET COMPLIANCE VOLUNTARILY. WE WILL BE FILING CHARGES ON ONE IN THE NEAR FUTURE THAT WE'VE ALREADY STARTED THE PROCESS ON. AS FAR AS MASK WEARING, THAT IS A LESSER DEGREE WHICH IS EQUIVALENT TO A C VERSUS VIOLATION OF ORDER SIMILAR TO A CLASS B. THE WAY WE'VE BEEN ADDRESSING THAT IS PUTTING THE BURDEN ON THE BUSINESS OWNER, MAKING SURE THEY HAVE A SAFETY PLAN IN PLACE. IF THEY DON'T HAVE A SAFETY PLAN IN PLACE, THAT WOULD BE THE VIOLATION IN LIEU OF THE MASK WEARING AND SO FORTH. ONCE AGAIN, IF WE GO IN THERE AND THERE'S NOT MASKS BEING WORN AND IT'S BY THE CUSTOMERS, ONCE AGAIN WE PUT THAT BURDEN ON THE MANAGEMENT AT THE ESTABLISHMENT TO ADDRESS THE SITUATION. AND THEY CAN ASK THOSE INDIVIDUALS TO LEAVE. 4 IF THEY REFUSE TO LEAVE, THEY CAN ASK US FOR A CRIMINAL TRESPASS, THEN IF A PERSON VIOLATES THE CRIMINAL TRESPASS, THEY WOULD TAKE ACTION ON. WE'RE FOLLOWING UP ON PROBABLY ON AVERAGE ABOUT A DOZEN A DAY THAT WE'RE RECEIVING COMPLAINTS ON, AND WE'VE HAD STRONG WORKING RELATIONSHIP FROM THE GET GO WITH THE CITY OF AUSTIN, AUSTIN PUBLIC HEALTH, AUSTIN CODE AND AUSTIN FIRE AND POLICE AND THEY'VE BEEN HANDLING THE INCORPORATED AREA OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN WORKING WITH US HAND IN HAND ON THAT. >> AND SO IS THAT DATA BASE THAT THE CALLER REFERENCED OF ABOUT 3,000 COMPLAINTS, IS THAT INTEGRATED OR IS THE COUNTY AND THE SMALL CITIES MAINTAINING A SEPARATE DATA BASE FOR COMPLAINTS? >> THAT'S CORRECT, OUR DATA BASE IS SEPARATE FROM THE CITY OF AUSTIN. CITY OF AUSTIN ALREADY HAD ENOUGH PERSONNEL AND DEPARTMENTS THAT WERE ABLE TO RETOOL, PRIME EXAMPLE IS THE POLICE GROUP THAT WOULD NORMALLY BE OUT DEALING WITH ALL THE PUBLIC EVENTS, MASS GATHERINGS WITHIN THEIR CITY. THEY MORE OR LESS RETOOLED INTO THESE COVID EDUCATION OUTREACH ENFORCEMENT ACTION. >> AND IS THERE EITHER A PHONE NUMBER OR A WEBSITE THAT YOU CAN GIVE OUT THAT PEOPLE CAN USE TO FILE A COMPLAINT OR TO CALL IN A CONCERN? >> ABSOLUTELY. THE LINK, HYPERLINK IS ON 5 THE MAIN TRAVIS COUNTY WEBSITE UNDER COVID-19. [INAUDIBLE] WE SPEAK. >> [INDISCERNIBLE]. >> AND IT'S IMPORTANT THAT THEY GO TO THAT AND CLICK ON THAT LINK AND NOT TRY TO COPY THAT EMAIL BECAUSE IF THEY CLICK ON THE LINK, THE LINK WILL TAKE THEM TO A FORM THAT'S FILLABLE THAT GIVES THE APPROPRIATE INFORMATION. MANY TIMES PEOPLE WILL EMAIL AND FORGET TO GIVE US THE ADDRESS OR THE NAME OF THE BUSINESS SO THIS



IS A FILLABLE FORM, IT'S VERY EASY TO FILL OUT QUICKLY, AND ONCE AGAIN THEY CAN REMAIN ANONYMOUS, BUT IF THEY CHOOSE TO PUT THEIR PHONE NUMBER, CONTACT NAME OR EMAIL WE'LL RESPOND BACK WITH OUR FOLLOW-UP INFORMATION. IN ADDITION TO THAT, THEY CAN ALWAYS CALL OUR MAIN NUMBER AT 512-854-4621. IF FOR SOME REASON THEY DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO A COMPUTER OR WEB. EQUIPMENT AND WE'LL STILL FOLLOW UP THROUGH THAT. HOWEVER, WE DO ENCOURAGE, WE MONITOR THE EMAILS COMING IN ON THAT SEVEN DAYS A WEEK INCLUDING SATURDAYS AND SUNDAYS. BUT WE DO REQUEST THEY CALL 311 ON WEEKENDS OR AFTER HOURS IF IT'S SOMETHING URGENT. THAT WILL GET OBVIOUSLY ROUTED IN A MUCH QUICKER MANNER. THROUGH DISPATCH. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> JUST A QUICK NOTE, THE CALLER SAID THAT THEIR  
6 CONCERN IS LARGER THAN COMPANIES, I THINK PER POINT WAS THAT'S JUST WHERE THEY ARE SEEING THE TRENDS. I'M NOT SURE HOW YOU COMPLAIN ABOUT A NEIGHBOR OR ACTIVITIES TAKING PLACE NOT [INDISCERNIBLE]. SORRY, JANICE, I'M NOT COMPLETELY UNDERSTANDING YOUR TEXT. >> IS SHE STILL ON AND CAN WE BRING HER BACK SO SHE CAN PRESENT HER PART TO US? IS SHE STILL ON THE LINE? >> YES, WE CAN DO THAT. >> OKAY. >> YEAH, HI. MY CONCERN -- YEAH, MY CONCERN, I JUST WANTED TO CLARIFY, FIRST OF ALL, THAT THE TRENDS WE'RE SEEING ARE WITH LARGER COMPANIES, NOT SO MUCH WITH THE SMALLER COMPANIES. THAT'S THE FIRST THING. THE SECOND THING IS THAT WE'RE SEEING IS THE DATA CAPTURED IN THE 311 SYSTEM IS NOT CODED WELL SO IT'S HARD TO ANALYZE. IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT WITHOUT ANALYSIS TO GO BACK AND ADDRESS MULTIPLE COMPLAINTS. AND I'M ALSO WONDERING WHETHER THE 311 SYSTEM IS TALKING TO THE TRAVIS COUNTY SYSTEM TO CROSS-REFERENCE REPEAT OFFENDERS SO THOSE CAN BE ADDRESSED. >> AS FAR AS THE COUNTY SYSTEM AND THE CITY OF AUSTIN SYSTEM, IF WE RECEIVE A COMPLAINT AND IT'S WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN CITY LIMITS, WE FORWARDING IT TO THE APPROPRIATE AUTHORITY DEPENDING ON WHAT TYPE OF FACILITY IT IS AND VICE  
7 VERSA. WHEN THEY RECEIVE SOMETHING THAT'S IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, THEY ARE SENDING IT OVER TO US. >> OH, GREAT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, MR. CALLOWAY. MR. BROTHERTON? 2B. >> JUDGE, COMMISSIONERS, CHUCK BROTHERTON ON THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES. RELATED TO THE DISCUSSIONS THAT HAVE JUST CONCLUDED ABOUT ENFORCEMENT, WHAT WE WOULD LIKE TO DO IS STANDARDIZE THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE IN PLACE FROM DR. ESCOTT CURRENTLY WITHIN THE CITY OF AUSTIN, WE WOULD LIKE TO STANDARDIZE AND IMPLEMENT THOSE SAME MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS ACROSS THE ENTIRE COUNTY. ON JULY 14 THE AUSTIN CITY COUNCIL PASSED AN ORDINANCE DECLARING SITE BY SITE, THAT MEANS RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS, RESTAURANTS, CONSTRUCTION SITES AND OTHERS, THAT FAIL TO MEET MINIMUM STANDARDS THAT ARE DESIGNED TO PREVENT TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19 AS A PUBLIC HEALTH NUISANCE. AND THAT IS WITHIN CITY LIMITS RIGHT NOW, WITH MINIMUM STANDARDS SET BY HEALTH AUTHORITY. NEXT WEEK WE WOULD LIKE TO BRING TO COURT A REQUEST FOR AN ORDER FROM THE COURT SIMILAR TO WHAT CITY OF AUSTIN DID ON THE 14th. DECLARING SITES THAT FAIL TO MEET CERTAIN MINIMUM HEALTH STANDARDS AS PUBLIC NUISANCES, AND THEN GIVING  
8 US ENFORCEMENT -- SOME ENHANCED ENFORCEMENT CAPABILITY. I THINK WE'RE ALREADY DOING A GOOD JOB UNDER THE CREPT ORDERS THAT TONY HAS JUST INFORMED YOU, ENFORCING THOSE ORDERS, BUT I THINK IT WOULD BE HELPFUL FOR THE CITY OF AUSTIN AS WELL AS THE HEALTH AUTHORITY'S MINIMUM STANDARDS TO APPLY THROUGH THE ENTIRETY OF TRAVIS COUNTY, SMALL CITIES, UNINCORPORATED AREAS AND EVERYTHING. SO NEXT WEEK WE HOPE TO BRING YOU THOSE AGENDA -- THAT AGENDA ITEM, BUT TODAY, 2B, I WOULD LIKE TO ADD THAT THE COURT DIRECT DR. ESCOTT, DIRECT THE HEALTH

AUTHORITY TO CRAFT EMERGENCY RULES AND AN ORDER GOVERNING INDIVIDUALS AND SITES WITHIN TRAVIS COUNTY OUTSIDE THE CITY OF AUSTIN, IMPOSING REQUIREMENTS NECESSARY TO PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH RELATED TO THE TRANSMISSION OF COVID-19. SO IF THE COURT TODAY DIRECTS THE HEALTH AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH THOSE RULES THAT APPLY ACROSS TRAVIS COUNTY, THEN NEXT WEEK WE CAN BRING BACK AN AGENDA ITEM ASKING THAT THE COURT DELIVER AN ORDER AUTHORIZING YOU TO ENFORCE THOSE NEW HEALTH AUTHORITY RULES. >> JUDGE, I WOULD BE HAPPY TO MAKE THAT MOTION. >> SECOND. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? I HAVE THE DRAFT MOTION THAT YOU GAVE ME, MR. BROTHERTON. LOOKS LIKE YOU COVERED EVERY WORD OF IT. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? 9 AND THIS IS FOR DR. ESCOTT TO PREPARE AN ORDINANCE FOR US TO CONSIDER NEXT WEEK MAKING BASICALLY WHAT WE DO IN THIS AREA CONSISTENT WITH WHAT'S TAKING PLACE AT THE CITY OF AUSTIN. SO, DR. ESCOTT, OUR INTENTION HERE IS NOT TO MULTIPLY YOUR WORK BUT JUST TO ADD A LITTLE BIT TO IT. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? LAST OPPORTUNITY. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. ANYTHING ELSE UNDER 2B? >> THAT'S IT. THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU, DR. ESCOTT. >> THANK YOU, JUDGE. >> NOW LET'S GO BACK AND PICK UP THE PERSONNEL ACTIONS. NUMBER 23, WHICH I READ BEFORE IN ITS ENTIRETY, BUT WE DIDN'T HAVE ANYBODY TO RESPOND. LEGAL, SHOULD I READ THIS AGAIN OR RELY ON THE PREVIOUS READING? >> YOU CAN JUST CALL UP ITEM 23 AND RELY ON THE PRIOR READING, JUDGE. >> OKAY.

ITEM 23, THE MATTER INVOLVING PROPOSED NEW JOB POSTINGS, PERSONNEL ACTIONS UNDER ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, COMMISSIONERS COURT DEPARTMENTS AND I'M WILLING TO BET WE HAVE SOMEBODY HERE FROM HUMAN RESOURCES HERE THIS TIME. >> YES, WE DO, JUDGE. TRACY CALLOWAY, H.R. DIRECTOR, TRAVIS COUNTY. I THINK WE'LL START WITH A OR WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ A AGAIN OR --. 10 >> GO STRAIGHT TO A. LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO A. >> SO A ARE FIVE ITEMS FOR NEW POSTINGS. THE COURT DOES HAVE THREE MEMOS IN THEIR BACKGROUND ON THIS. FOUR OF THESE POSITIONS ARE CURRENTLY NOT VACANT. THE DEPARTMENT IS QUEUING THESE UP. ONE HAS BEEN VACANT AND IS REQUESTING TO BE FILLED. I'M ALSO JOINED WITH TODD OSBORNE AS WELL ON THIS. THESE ITEMS ARE REFLECTED IN THE FY 20 BUDGET. THEY ARE ALSO REFLECTED AND APPROVED BY PBO IN THE ANTICIPATED FY 21 BUDGET. THAT'S ITEM A. ARE THERE ANY QUESTIONS? >> JUDGE, DO WE NEED TO DO SEPARATE MOTIONS ON EACH OF THESE? IF SO, I'M HAPPY TO MOVE APPROVAL ON A. >> THAT WILL BE THE CLEANEST. >> SECOND. >> MOTION BY COMMISSIONER SHEA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. DISCUSSION? THAT MOTION IS TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED PERSONNEL ACTIONS ON UNDER A, RIGHT? >> YES. >> DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. >> I'M GOING TO LET TODD TAKE ITEM B. JUDGE, WOULD YOU LIKE TO READ ITEM B OR LIKE FOR US TO GO DIRECTLY THERE? >> LET'S GO STRAIGHT TO IT. >> GOOD MORNING, JUDGE, GOOD MORNING, COMMISSIONERS. 11 THIS IS TODD OSBORNE WITH HRMD. SECTION B ARE THE PERSONNEL ACTIONS FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICES. THERE ARE 20 ITEMS INCLUDING 12 CAREER LADDER ACTIONS IN THE SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND A COUPLE OF NEW HIRES IN THE NEW PUBLIC DEFENDER OFFICE, AND WE HAVE REVIEWED THOSE AND WE DON'T SEE ANY REASON NOT TO APPROVE THESE SO WE WOULD RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR THE ITEMS IN B. >> MOVE APPROVAL. >> MOVE APPROVAL OF ITEM B. OR SECOND. >> HOWEVER YOU WANT TO TAKE THE ORDER. >> THAT MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER SHEA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. DISCUSSION? THIS IS B. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. C, PERSONNEL ACTIONS UNDER THE COMMISSIONERS COURT. >> THANKS FOR APPROVING B, COURT. MOVING INTO SECTION C, WE HAVE NINE ITEMS. THE

MAJORITY OF WHICH ARE NEW HIRES. WE HAVE THREE PARK TECHS WHERE WE HAD POSTING APPROVAL BACK ON MAY 26th. WE HAVE A NEW -- WE HAVE A RECOMMENDED NEW HIRE FOR A FLIGHT PARAMEDIC. THAT POSTING -- PARAMEDICS. STUDENT INTERN FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES, THAT WAS PRIOR TO THE PACKAGE THAT WAS APPROVED ON 6-30 POSTING. -- THAT WAS PART OF THE PACKAGE. AND ONE PROMOTION OF A 12 CASEWORKER TO A SOCIAL SERVICES PROGRAM COORDINATOR THAT WAS ALSO APPROVED ON 6-2. SO ESSENTIALLY THESE ARE ALL PUTTING PEOPLE INTO PLACE AND ALL OF THE POSTINGS WERE APPROVED PREVIOUSLY BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT. WE RECOMMEND APPROVAL FOR ALL. >> DISCUSSION? >> MOVE APPROVAL FOR 23C. >> SECOND. >> IS THAT C OR D? >> C. >> OKAY. MOTION TO APPROVE OF C BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION AND SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHEA. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. AND D, NON-ROUTINE ACTIONS AND ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION. >> WE HAVE NO ITEMS FOR D, JUDGE. >> THAT'S THE ONE I MOVE APPROVAL OF. [LAUGHTER] THANK YOU VERY MUCH, MR. OSBORNE. >> THANK YOU. >> JUDGE AND THE COURT, WE ALSO HAVE LISTED THE VACANCY UPDATE AS OF JULY 21st. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THAT, I THINK PBO MAY BE ON THE CALL TOO SUPPORTING ANY QUESTIONS IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS ABOUT THOSE NUMBERS. >> EVEN THOUGH COMMISSIONER DAUGHERTY ISN'T HERE, I WILL NOTE FOR HIS BENEFIT THAT WE ARE WELL WITHIN THE EMPLOYEE POSITIONS WHEN WE VOTED TO FREEZE HIRING. 13 I GUESS FROM RETIREMENTS AND NATURAL ATTRITION WE FROZE THE EMPLOYEES I THINK BACK IN APRIL AT 392. WE CURRENTLY HAVE [INAUDIBLE] VACANCIES SO EVEN WITH THESE PERSONNEL ACTIONS WE ARE STILL AHEAD IN TERMS OF OUR EFFORT TO LIMIT NEW HIRES AND CONTAIN COSTS. SO THESE PERSONNEL ACTIONS DON'T SET US BACK FINANCIALLY IN ANY WAY. >> OKAY. WELL, I SUGGEST THAT AT THIS TIME -- THERE'S NO MORE DISCUSSION OF THAT, RIGHT, NON-ROUTINE? >> NO, SIR. >>

THAT WE MOVE INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION AND TRY TO COVER AS MUCH OF THOSE AS POSSIBLE. WE PREVIOUSLY INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO TAKE 10B, THE MATTER INVOLVING THE SPECIAL TAXING UNIT, AND 11, THE PROPOSED FY 21 PROPERTY TAX RATE ACTIONS INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY EXCEPTIONS. AND WE INDICATED OUR INTENTION TO TAKE NUMBER 14 INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION, THAT'S THE MATTER INVOLVING THE REVIEW COMMITTEE, THE THRIVE SMALL BUSINESS GRANT PROGRAM UNDER CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY, AND ITEM 32 WHICH IS POSTED FOR EXECUTIVE SESSION AND THAT'S THE COUNTY INFORMATION SECURITY ISSUES. 32 IS THE ONLY ONE I HAVE NOT READ. 32, RECEIVE BRIEFING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY INFORMATION 14 SECURITY ISSUES AND THAT WILL BE UNDER CONSULTATION WITH ATTORNEY AND THE SECURITY EXCEPTIONS TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT. AND WE'LL DISCUSS THOSE ITEMS BUT WILL RETURN TO OPEN COURT BEFORE TAKING ACTION. [EXECUTIVE SESSION] >> WHERE WE DISCUSSED SOME OF THE ITEMS WE ANNOUNCED. WE'LL HAVE TO FINISH EXECUTIVE SESSION THIS AFTERNOON AS WELL AS TAKE MOTIONS ON TWO OR THREE OF THE ITEMS THAT WE DISCUSSED. WITH THAT, I MOVE THAT WE RECESS UNTIL 1:30. IS THERE A SECOND? >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHEA. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. >>

GOOD AFTERNOON I SUGGEST THAT WE TAKE UP THE CORPORATIONS AND THEN CALL THE VOTING SESSION OF THE COMMISSIONERS COURT BACK TO ORDER. SO I CALL TO ORDER THE TCC HILL COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, ONE ITEM, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON A RESOLUTION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE FINANCING, DEVELOPMENT AND OPERATION OF MEADOW APARTMENTS. AND DO WE HAVE MS. SHIELDS NEARBY? >> JUDGE, THIS IS DEANNA. I SEE HER ON, I

THINK SHE MIGHT BE HAVING TECHNICAL DIFFICULTIES. THERE WE GO. >> MS. SHIELDS, ARE YOU THERE? I JUST CALLED THE CORPORATION TO ORDER AND ANNOUNCED OUR INTENTION TO TAKE UP THE ONLY ITEM POSTED AND THAT IS ITEM NUMBER 1. >> YES, SIR, THIS IS ANDREA SHIELDS. CAN YOU HEAR ME? >> BEG PARDON? >> ARE YOU ABLE TO HEAR ME? I'M SORRY, I THINK I GOT KICKED OFF FOR A SECOND. >> I HEAR YOU FINE. CAN THE REST OF THE COURT HEAR MS. SHIELDS? >> OKAY, GREAT. OKAY. WONDERFUL. I'LL BE BRIEF. WE HAVE TWO ITEMS TODAY, ONE UNDER THE HILL COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND ONE UNDER THE HOUSING FINANCE CORPORATION THAT ARE RELATED TO THE SAME PROJECT, MEADOW APARTMENTS. THIS WOULD BE OUR FOURTH 2 PARTNERSHIP PROJECT WITH AMTEX. MCKINNEY FALLS, LIMESTONE RIDGE SENIOR APARTMENTS AND SPRING VILLAS APARTMENTS. THE MEADOW APARTMENTS WILL BE LOCATED AT 6300 COLTON ROAD IN AUSTIN, TEXAS. THE PROPERTY WILL HAVE 288 ONE, TWO, THREE, AND FOUR-BEDROOM UNITS. 271 OF THOSE UNITS WILL BE RESTRICT FOR FAMILIES AT OR BELOW 60% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. 15 UNITS WILL BE RESTRICTED FOR FAMILIES EARNING AT OR BELOW 30%. THERE WILL ALSO BE TWO UNITS ALLOCATED FOR ONSITE MANAGERS. TO GIVE YOU AN IDEA OF THOSE INCOMES WE'RE TALKING ABOUT, LET ME SCROLL DOWN HERE. FOR A ONE-PERSON HOUSEHOLD EARNING 30% OF THE AMI, THE ANNUAL MEDIAN INCOME IS APPROXIMATELY \$20,520. AND THEN WE'LL GO ALL THE WAY UP TO A FOUR-PERSON HOUSEHOLD EARNING 60% OF THE AMI WHICH IS APPROXIMATELY 58,560. SO WE'RE TALKING ABOUT REACHING FAMILIES EARNING BETWEEN APPROXIMATELY 20 AND \$59,000 A YEAR. WE HAVE REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE DEVELOPER HERE TODAY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AS WELL AS OUR COUNSEL AND OUR FINANCIAL ADVISOR. >> COURT MEMBERS, ANY QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS? >> NO, JUDGE, I MOVE APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION. >> AND I SECOND. >> SECONDED BY -- I'M SORRY? >> I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A QUICK COMMENT. 3 >> OKAY. PLEASE DO. >> I WANT TO REALLY APPLAUD OUR STAFF ON THIS. THIS IS ONE OF THOSE PROJECTS THAT IS DEEPLY AFFORDABLE. I THINK 15 OF THE UNITS ARE SET ASIDE FOR PEOPLE WHO ARE EARNING 30% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME AND BELOW, WHICH IS VERY, VERY LOW. AND THE MAJORITY OF THE UNITS ARE SET ASIDE FOR PEOPLE EARNING 60% OR LESS. AND THESE ARE THE KINDS OF UNITS THAT WE -- I THINK WE NEED TO BE BUILDING MORE OF, SO I WANT TO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT AND SAY THAT I THINK THIS IS THE KIND OF THING WE SHOULD DOING MORE OF. THANK YOU. >> ANY OTHER DISCUSSION? >> DITTO. >> OKAY, THE MOTION WAS BY COMMISSIONER GOMEZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHEA. DITTO BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. BY THE WAY, DIRECTOR DAUGHERTY MISSED THIS MEETING. I CALL TO ORDER THE -- MOVE ADJOURNMENT FIRST OF THE TCC HILL COUNTRY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION. >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOMEZ. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NOW I CALL TO ORDER THE TRAVIS COUNTY HOUSING CORPORATION. DIRECTOR DAUGHERTY IS ABSENT. ONE ITEM WITH TWO PARTS, CONSIDER AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION ON, A, ADOPTION OF INITIAL RESOLUTION AND APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT TO ISSUE BONDS AND FILING OF AN APPLICATION WITH TEXAS BOND REVIEW BOARD FOR ISSUANCE OF BONDS TO FINANCE RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT FOR MEADOW APARTMENTS. B, AUTHORIZATION OF CORPORATION'S STAFF TO EXECUTE ADMINISTRATIVE CERTIFICATES, DOCUMENTS, INSTRUCTIONS, REQUESTS AND OTHER INSTRUMENTS NECESSARY -- AS NECESSARY AND CONVENIENT FOR MEADOW APARTMENTS. >> I MOVE APPROVAL OF A BEEN B. >> SECOND. >> MOTION TO APPROVE BY COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR GOMEZ, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER/DIRECTOR TRAVILLION. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

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THANK YOU. >> THANK YOU VERY MUCH. >> THANK YOU. MOVE ADJOURNMENT. >> SECOND. >> BY COMMISSIONER GOMEZ. ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NOW WE ARE ANNOUNCED WE WOULD NOT TAKE THE BEE CAVE ROAD DISTRICT BECAUSE IT'S NOT NEEDED TODAY. SO I CALL THE VOTING SESSION 5 OF THE TRAVIS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT BACK TO ORDER, AND THIS MORNING WE DISCUSSED IN EXECUTIVE SESSION THREE ITEMS. AND I RECOMMEND THAT WE GO AHEAD AND TAKE THE MOTIONS ON THESE ITEMS AND THEN WE'LL CONVENE IN EXECUTIVE SESSION, WE'LL HAVE ONLY THE SECURITY ITEM TO DISCUSS.

Item 10 IS A MATTER INVOLVING THE DESIGNATED OFFICER AND B DEALING WITH BUDGET AND CALCULATION OF THE TAX RATE, AND WE DID GET OVER LUNCH A PROPOSED MOTION, AND CAN WE CALL UP THE MOTION ON ITEM NUMBER 10? AM I THE ONLY ONE THAT GOT THIS MOTION? >> JUDGE, IT WAS ALL COURT MEMBERS. THIS IS TRAVIS GATLIN WITH THE BUDGET OFFICE. >> OKAY. THEN WHEN WE TURN TO 10:00B, I MOVE APPROVAL OF AN ORDER DESIGNATING THE BUDGET OFFICER TO CALCULATE THE TAX RATE FOR TAX YEAR 2020, FISCAL YEAR 2021, IN THE MANNER PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT DUE TO THE DECLARED DISASTER. >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE.

NEXT IS NUMBER 11. I MOVE APPROVAL OF A PROPOSED PLAQUES RATE OF 474359 IN A TAX RATE PROVIDED FOR A SPECIAL TAXING UNIT AND IS 3.6% ABOVE THE NO NEW MAINTENANCE AND OPERATIONS RATE, PLUS 6 REQUIRED DEBT SERVICE. >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOMEZ. DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. SHOULD I KEEP ROLLING? I HATE TO DOG THE SHOW. >> GO AHEAD. >> 11A I MOVE APPROVAL OF SETTING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd, 2020, AS THE DAY THAT THE COMMISSIONERS COURT WILL ADOPT THE TAX RATE 2020 PROPERTY TAX RATE FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021. >> SECOND. >> I MOVE APPROVAL. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GOMEZ. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. THEN LET'S GO TO 11B. THAT WAS 11A, RIGHT? >> YES. >> 11B, I MOVE APPROVAL OF SETTING A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE 2020 PROPOSED TAX RATE FY 2021 ON TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th, 2020. >> SECOND. >> DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. THANK YOU, MS. RIO, AND YOUR STAFF FOR THE MOTIONS.

NOW LET'S CALL UP NUMBER 14. IN MY VIEW, IN LIGHT OF THE LEGAL ADVICE GIVEN, I THINK THAT WE NEED TO ADD ONE SENTENCE, AND IF YOU LOOK AT YOUR BACKUP ON PAGE 2, WHERE IT SAYS THE REVIEW COMMITTEE'S DECISION WILL BE FINAL, I RECOMMEND THAT WE CHANGE THAT LANGUAGE TO THE REVIEW COMMITTEE WILL APPROVE RECOMMENDATIONS AND FORWARD THEM TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT FOR FINAL ACTION. >> I'LL SECOND THAT IF IT WAS A MOTION. >> IT WAS A MOTION IS WHAT IT IS NOW. SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION. I THINK WHAT THAT DOES TOO IS IF THEY DO THE WORK AND SEND THE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT EN MASSE TO THE EXTENT POSSIBLE, WE WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE EFFICIENT AND PROPER ACTION. ANY DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? >> JUDGE. >> YES. >> THIS IS DEANNA RAMIREZ. WOULD THE RECOMMENDATIONS TAKE THE FORM OF THE ACTUAL CONTRACTS COMING BACK TO COURT EN MASSE? >> WE CAN DO THAT IF THE CONTRACT WILL BE READY. >> SOUNDS GREAT. THANK YOU, SIR. >> YEAH. SO I WOULD GET AS MUCH WORK AS POSSIBLE DONE BEFORE SUBMITTING THE MATERIALS TO THE COMMISSIONERS COURT. SO THAT'S AGREEABLE TO ME. ANY OBJECTION FROM THE COURT? >> JUDGE, MY ONLY COMMENT TO STAFF WOULD JUST BE UNLESS

WAITING UNTIL ABSOLUTELY ALL OF THEM ARE READY WOULD DELAY THE FIRST IN LINE APPLICANTS  
UNDULY, BUT I THINK IN GENERAL BRINGING THEM AS A LARGE GROUP IS THE 8  
BEST WAY TO DO IT AND I'LL TRUST THE STAFF TO FIGURE OUT THE MOST EFFICIENT WAY TO DO IT SO  
WE DON'T END UP DELAYING PEOPLE WHO ARE OBVIOUSLY IN NEED. >> OKAY. >> THIS IS CHRISTIE  
MOFFETT. I JUST WANT TO MAKE A SUGGESTION. SO WE WERE GOING TO COME BACK TO  
COMMISSIONERS COURT ON THE 11th OF AUGUST WITH THE DRAFT CONTRACT FOR YOUR REVIEW AS  
WELL AS SOME ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE REST OF THE PROCESS. SO THERE MAY BE --  
WE MAY BE ABLE TO CONTINUE TO ADDRESS SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN BROUGHT UP  
TODAY AND CREATE SOME ADDITIONAL EFFICIENCIES. >> IF YOU'VE GOT SOMETHING READY ON THE  
11th OF AUGUST, BRING IT. >> AWESOME. THANK YOU. >> ANY MORE DISCUSSION? ALL IN FAVOR?  
THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. MS. MOFFETT, THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WE APPRECIATE YOU  
AND YOUR COLLEAGUES -- >> THIS IS ANN MARIE. DO YOU NEED A MOTION TO APPROVE THE  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS? >> YES, MA'AM, WE DO. >> I DIDN'T HEAR WHAT THAT QUESTION WAS. >> I  
ASKED CHRISTIE IF SHE NEEDED A MOTION FOR THE COURT TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDED  
COMMITTEE MEMBERS FOR THIS THRIVE REVIEW COMMITTEE. >> AND SHE SAID YES SO I'LL  
9 MOVE APPROVAL. >> SECOND. >> DO YOU WANT TO LIST THE INDIVIDUALS, CHRISTIE? >> I CAN.  
SO IT'S FOUR PEOPLE. IT'S REAGAN GRIMES WITH PBO, JAMES MATLOCK WITH THE AUDITOR'S OFFICE,  
ISABEL LOPEZ WITH TNR, AND JANE PRINCE McLANE WITH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. >> AND  
ALL OF THOSE ARE COUNTY STAFF. >> THEY ARE, AND I'LL BE THE SUPPORT STAFF FOR THAT  
COMMITTEE. >> OKAY. IS THERE A MOTION TO APPROVE THAT? >> YEAH, I MADE A MOTION, JUDGE,  
AND I THINK COMMISSIONER TRAVILLION SECONDED. >> OKAY. DISCUSSION ON THE MOTION? ALL  
IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. ANYTHING ELSE ON ITEM NUMBER 14?

THEN LET'S GO TO OUR LAST ITEM OF THE DAY. AND THAT IS NUMBER 32, WHICH IS TO RECEIVE  
BRIEFING AND TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION REGARDING COUNTY INFORMATION SECURITY ISSUES.  
AND WE'LL GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION UNDER THE SECURITY AND THE CONSULTATION WITH  
ATTORNEYS EXCEPTIONS. WE'LL RETURN TO OPEN COURT BEFORE TAKING ANY ACTION. [EXECUTIVE  
SESSION] GOOD AFTERNOON. WE HAVE RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION, WHERE WE DISCUSSED  
THE ONLY ITEM WE ANNOUNCED REGARDING COUNTY SECURITY ISSUES. COLLEAGUES, IN MY VIEW,  
NO FURTHER ACTION NEEDED TODAY, UNLESS SOMEBODY WANTS TO QUESTION OR COMMENT? IN  
THAT CASE, I MOVE ADJOURNMENT. >> SECOND. >> SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SHEA. RIGHT? >>  
YES. >> ALL IN FAVOR? THAT PASSES BY UNANIMOUS VOTE. >> EVERYBODY TAKE CARE, STAY SAFE. >>  
OKAY.