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COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE

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NOTES RE: STATE OF COUNTY ADDRESS

THOUGHTS ON STATE OF THE COUNTY ADDRESS:

- THE SPEECH SHOULD BE IN SEGMENTS - AND I WOULD MAKE A STATEMENT TO THAT EFFECT IN THE BEGINNING. RIGHT AT THIS POINT, THE FIRST SEGMENT WOULD HAVE TO DO WITH THE COUNTY GOVERNMENT ITSELF. AND I WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE COOPERATIVE STANCE THAT THE COUNTY HAS TAKEN OVER THE LAST FIVE OR SIX YEARS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTAL UNITS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO AND TO EXPRESS THE DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THAT COOPERATION, AS WELL AS, TO CONTINUE THE COOPERATION WITH OTHER COUNTIES, AS WE HAVE SEEN THIS LAST YEAR, WITH SUSAN GOLDING AS CHAIR, WITH IMPERIAL COUNTY AND RIVERSIDE COUNTY AND WITH OTHER COUNTIES AS NECESSARY OR AS INDICATED, SO THAT WE CONTINUE THE COOPERATIVE STANCE THAT WE HAVE TAKEN, WHICH WILL EXTEND THE THRUST OF THE KIND OF ISSUES WE FACE AND CREATE MORE UNDERSTANDING ON THE PART OF THE PUBLIC AS TO THE KIND OF PROBLEMS THAT WE FACE AS COUNTIES, AND AS A SOCIETY WITHIN THIS GEOGRAPHIC REGION, ETC.

- THAT ALSO WITHIN THE COUNTY OF SAN DIEGO THERE IS TREMENDOUS NEED TO CONTINUE TO IMPROVE THE ADMINISTRATIVE OPERATION, SUCH THAT WE CAN DO THINGS QUICKER. OVER THE YEARS THE COUNTY HAS BEEN A SLOW MOVER - WHEN WE DECIDE TO DO THINGS, IT TAKES A LONG, LONG TIME TO DO ADMINISTRATIVE THINGS. IT TAKES A LONG TIME TO MOVE TO BUILD BUILDINGS, TO CHANGE PROCEDURES SO THAT WE CAN BE FASTER AND MORE RESPONSIVE. WE NEED TO WORK IN THOSE AREAS, TO BE CERTAIN THAT WE MOVE QUICKER AND SOLVE PROBLEMS QUICKER AND THAT ONCE THE DECISION IS MADE, SOMETHING

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HAPPENS.

- I WANT TO DISCUSS THE NEED TO BE MORE EFFICIENT IN TERMS OF EXPENDITURE OF MONEY. AND TO RECOGNIZE THAT WE MUST BALANCE THE EXPENDITURES AND SET PRIORITIES SUCH THAT WE CAN SOLVE PROBLEMS WITHIN THE AMOUNT OF MONEY THAT WE HAVE TO THE BEST OF OUR ABILITY. THEN I REFER SPECIFICALLY TO THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE "PEOPLE/BUILDING" ELEMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT: AND TO BALANCE THE TREMENDOUS NEED FOR THE PEOPLE CONTAINING ELEMENTS: JAILS AND COURTS WITH PEOPLE MAINTAINING ELEMENTS AND PEOPLE STRENGHTENING ELEMENTS AND TO SHOW AND TO EMPHASIZE THAT IF WE DON'T DO THE LATTER THAT THE FORMER WILL OVERWHELM US, AND TAKE ALL OF OUR RESOURCES AND STILL WE WILL HAVE A DISORDERLY SOCIETY. THAT WE MUST DO THE KIND OF THINGS THAT STRENGHTEN PEOPLE, THAT WE MUST HAVE HEALTH SYSTEM, WHICH CAN IN FACT MAINTAIN PEOPLE'S PHYSICAL HEALTH. WE MUST BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH LOW BIRTH WEIGHT BABIES, WE MUST BE ABLE TO DEAL WITH TEENAGE PREGNANCY AND THE PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DRUG USE AND GANGS IN A PREVENTIVE WAY, SO THAT WE DON'T FACE CONTINUING INCREASING NUMBERS OF PERSONS WHO ARE OUTSIDE OF THE SYSTEM. PEOPLE WHO ARE WILLING ARE UNABLE TO MAINTAIN THEMSELVES, AND WE END UP IN AN EFFORT TO MAINTAIN AN ORDERLY SOCIETY TRYING TO CONTAIN THOSE PEOPLE. WE HAVE TO FIND WAYS OF USING OUR RESOURCES AND OUR BRAINS, SUCH THAT WE SOLVE PROBLEMS BY NOT CREATING THEM, OR BY NOT LETTING THEM BE CREATED IN OUR SOCIETY. (THERE NEEDS TO BE A LOT MORE DEVELOPMENT IN THAT AREA, BUT I ALSO WANT TO DEVELOP IN THAT SAME VEIN, WHAT WE HAVE TO DO OUTSIDE THE SOCIETY. WE HAVE TO REACH OUT INTO THE COMMUNITY, WE HAVE TO EMPHASIZE THE NEED FOR CITIZENS TO HELP TO MAINTAIN THEIR OWN HEALTH, FOR EXAMPLE,

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WE STARTED AN ANTI-SMOKING CAMPAIGN: WE KNOW VERY WELL THAT USE OF CIGARETTES IS DETRIMENTAL TO INDIVIDUAL'S HEALTH, IT IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH TO BOTH THE SMOKER AND TO THOSE WHO BREATHE THE SMOKE, WE KNOW THAT AND YET IT IS COSTING US A TEMENDOUS AMOUNT OF MONEY TO TRY TO MAINTAIN THE HEALTH OF PEOPLE WHO ARE INVOLVED IN OR EXPOSED TO SMOKE. WE NEED TO CONTINUE THAT EFFORT TO HELP PEOPLE TO MAINTAIN THEIR HEALTH AND TO PUT THE EMPHASIS ON INDIVIDUAL RESPONSIBILITY IN THOSE AREAS. WE NEED TO INCREASE THE IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE WITH RESPECT TO HEALTH AND NUTRITION. WE NEED TO EMPHASIZE THAT HEALTH CAN BE MAINTAINED SUBSTANTIALLY AND GOOD FEELINGS AND GOODWILL CAN BE IMPROVED BY NUTRITION. THERE IS SOME INDICATION THAT PRISONERS HAVE BEEN SHOWN TO IMPROVE THEIR BEHAVIOR BY THE DIET OR BY THE FOOD THAT THEY ATE IN PRISON. WE NEED TO DEVELOP MORE INFORMATION AND PROJECT THIS KIND OF LEARNING AND/OR ACTIONS OR SUGGESTIONS TO OUR CITIZENRY, SO THAT WE CAN IMPROVE OUR SOCIETY BY STRENGHTENING OUR PEOPLE AND OUR INDIVIDUAL RESERVES. OUR INDIVIDUAL UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IT IS WE HAVE TO DO FOR OURSELVES, SO THAT WE CAN LIVE BETTER AMONG OURSELVES.

- TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR DEALING WITH:
  - SOLID WASTE
  - TREATMENT OF PEOPLE IN DRUG PROGRAMS
  - ETC.

*County & Cities Like different members of same House hold. Whole house Must be OK.