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>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: GOOD MORNING. I AM KIM MCCOY-WADE, DIRECTOR OF THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF AGING AND I'M THRILLED TO WELCOME YOU, EASY FOR ME TO SAY, TO THE WEBINAR WEDNESDAY. THIS IS A VERY SPECIAL TOPIC, NEAR AND DEAR TO MY HEART. POVERTY, HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS. AND WE HAVE A LINE UP OF AMAZING SPEAKERS FROM ALL ACROSS THE STATE TO SHARE THE LATEST IN THIS FIELD AND IMPORTANTLY, HEAR FROM YOU. WHAT IS WEBINAR WEDNESDAY? IT IS OUR WEEKLY ATTEMPT TO INFORM AND ENGAGE YOU IN WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY AT THIS TIME AND PLACE. IT CAN BE FOUND ON THE WEBSITE. THEY WILL BE RECORDED AFTERWARDS, YOU CAN SEE AND HEAR THEM AGAIN. AND WE WELCOME YOU WATCHING IN GROUPS AND SHARING WITH FRIENDS AND LIVE TWEETING ALONG WITH US.

TODAY WE ARE FOCUSING ON POVERTY, HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS. WE WILL THEN HEAR FROM MADLYNN JOHNSON, FROM ST. MARY'S CENTER. FOLLOWED BY ALICIA SUTTON, A NEW POSITION AT THE CALIFORNIA AMBITION AND HOUSING AGENCY. WE'RE HONORED TO HAVE DR. MARGOT KUSHEL. FRESH OFF THE PODIUM FROM A SPEECH SHE IS GIVING THIS MORNING. SHE IS A PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AT UCSF AND DIRECTOR FOR THE VULNERABLE POPULATIONS AND THE NEW INITIATIVE ON

HOMELESSNESS AS WELL. WE'RE DELIGHTED TO HAVE TWO MEMBERS FROM THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. JANNY CASTILLO AND KEVIN PRINDIVILLE. WEBINAR WEDNESDAYS ARE A CHANCE FOR YOU TO ENGAGE WITH US. THERE ARE IS CALENDAR OF WHAT HAS BEEN HAPPENING SO FAR. THIS IS THE PART 2 COMPANION WEBINAR TO ONE WE HAD ON HOUSING. BUT YOU ALSO SEE WE HAVE A SERIES ON LIVABLE COMMUNITY, HEALTH AND WELL BEING AND ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY. OTHER ISSUES ARE BEING ADDRESSED IN A SUBCOMMITTEE THAT HAS A DRAFT REPORT COMING SOON. ALL INFORMATION IS AT THE NEW WEB PAGE, IN ENGLISH, SPANISH AND CHINESE.

WITH THAT INVITATION TO JOIN, LET'S DO BACKGROUND ON THE MASTER PLAN. GOVERNOR NEWSOM HAS ISSUED AN EXECUTIVE ORDER. HE TASKED THE HEALTH AND HUMAN SECRETARY TO CONVENE A CABINET LEVEL WORK GROUP AND ADVISORY COMMITTEE TO RELEASE OCTOBER OF 2020. WHY DID HE DO IT? TWO REASONS, OF COURSE, HIS OWN PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. EXPERIENCING LOVED ONES, FAMILIES FRIENDS AND OURSELVES AGING. LOOKING AHEAD TO THE FUTURE AT THE DATA. CALIFORNIA IS AGING. IF YOU LOOK AT THE WONDERFUL DEMOGRAPHIC CHARTS, I LOVE TO HEAR THEM DESCRIBED AS MOVING FROM PYRAMID TO PILLAR. THESE AT THE BOTTOM ARE PEOPLE AT 0 AGE AND GO ALL THE WAY UP TO 100. ON THE LEFT MEN AND RIGHT WOMEN. YOU CAN SEE BACK IN 1989, A HIGH CONCENTRATION OF YOUNGER CALIFORNIANS, PARTICULARLY THAT BUMP AROUND THE COLLEGE AND MILITARY AGE. AS YOU LOOK FORWARD TO 2019 AND 2049, MANY OF US ARE LIVING LONGER AND WE HAVE COMMUNITIES AND FAMILIES THAT ARE CHANGING IN HOW WE LIVE AND AGE TOGETHER.

AGING IS CHANGING IN CALIFORNIA. IF YOU LOOK AT THE NEXT CHART FROM OUR FRIEND STEVEN WALLACE AT UCLA, YOU CAN SEE RIGHT NOW THE MAJORITY OF ELDERS ARE WHITE, BUT OVER TIME, THE MAJORITY WILL BECOME PEOPLE OF COLOR REFLECTING HOW THE OVERALL POPULATION

OF CALIFORNIA HAS CHANGED. THIS IS A LITTLE BIT OF A COMPLICATED CHART. IF YOU LOOK AT THE LEFT IN TERMS OF MILLIONS OF PEOPLE, THE BOTTOM BAR ARE PEOPLE WHO ARE WHITE. AND THE LEFT SIDE SHOWS IT IS 2.663 MILLION PEOPLE OVER 65. AND THAT GROWS NOT QUITE DOUBLE TO 4.22 BY 2060. IF YOU LOOK AT THE TOP COLORED BAR, LATINOS OF ANY RACE, LESS THAN 1 MILLION. BUT BY 2060, IT GOES BY A FACTOR OF 8, ALMOST. 5.522 MILLION, A MUCH MORE RAPID GROWTH. AND OVER ALL ELDERS OF COLOR WILL MOVE FROM BEING 38% IN 2010 TO 67% IN 2060. GROWING DIVERSITY.

WE ALSO HAVE INCREASING POVERTY AMONG OLDER CALIFORNIANS, WHICH IS A PARTICULAR FOCUS TODAY. AND POVERTY LIKE MANY THINGS CALIFORNIA HAS HEALTH AND SOCIAL DISPARITIES ACROSS RACE. IF YOU LOOK AT THIS CHART, YOU SEE HIGHER RATES OF POVERTY, AMONG GROUPS, LATINO AND AFRICAN AMERICAN. BY THE TIME YOU COMBINE THE LOWER BAR OF POOR WITH THE GREEN BAR OF NEAR POOR, OVER 40% ARE FACING POVERTY AS THEY AGE. ASIANS SLIGHTLY LOWER, 35% AND WHITE THE LOWEST. AMERICAN INDIAN UP THERE, ABOVE 40.

ANOTHER THING TO LOOK AT IS THE -- WE LOOK AT POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS IS THE PRESSURE ON LIVING EXPENSES PT ONE OF THE GREAT TOOLS DEVELOPED HERE IN CALIFORNIA IS THE ELDER INDEX. WHAT IS SO WONDERFUL, IT MOVES BEYOND JUST CASH INCOME TO ALSO LOOK AT EXPENSES. AS WE KNOW IN CALIFORNIA, THERE ARE DISPARITIES ACROSS REGIONS. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT IS INTERESTING, IT LOOKS AT THE WAY THE EXPENSES PLAY OUT DIFFERENTLY. LET'S LOOK AT LOS ANGELES CITY IN THIS CHART. IF YOU LOOK AT HOUSING AND COMPARE THAT ACROSS TO HUMBOLDT, YOU CAN SEE THAT, SURPRISE, SURPRISE, HOUSING COSTS MORE IN LOS ANGELES CITY THAN HUMBOLDT. THAT IS A REAL PRESSURE FROM LOS ANGELES CITY. LET'S GO DOWN 3 LINES TO HEALTH CARE. LOS ANGELES CITY HEALTH CARE'S 168. HUMBOLDT, 446, MORE EXPENSIVE THERE. IN THE END AS YOU GO DOWN YOUR MATH, THE

ELDER INDEX PER YEAR ENDS UP BEING VERY SIMILAR IN LOS ANGELES AND HUMBOLDT BETWEEN THE COMBINED PRESSURES OF HOUSING AND HEALTH.

SO WHAT WE ALWAYS KEEP IN MIND THE DISPARITIES ACROSS PLACE AND RACE AND THERE ARE MANY MORE TO KEEP IN MIND, THE BOTTOM LINE IS WHAT AGING IS CHANGING IN CALIFORNIA. MORE DIVERSITY AND MORE PEOPLE LIVING ALONG, MORE AT RISK OF POVERTY, AND ALSO OPPORTUNITIES AS THERE IS MORE AWARENESS OF THE STAGES OF AGING. HERE IS THE MASTER PLAN FRAMEWORK TO TACKLE IT. WE LAID OUT A VISION IN LINE, CALIFORNIA FOR ALL ACROSS THE LIFE SPAN AND ARTICULATED THE VALUES THAT DRIVE THIS PLAN. CHOICES, EQUITY, DIGNITY AND ANTI-AGEISM AND OTHER BIASES, AND ACCESSIBILITY FOR ALL. TRYING NEW THINGS AND LEARNING FROM THE PAST AND EVIDENCE. AND THROUGHOUT ALL OF THIS, STRONG PARTNERSHIPS, AGING IS ALL OF US IN ALL PLACES. WE HAVE A MISSION TO DELIVER A 10 YEAR MASTER PLAN FOR AGING BY OCTOBER WITH THE STATE PLAN, A LOCAL BLUEPRINT AND A DATA DASHBOARD WITH STATE AND LOCAL DATA AND BEST PRACTICE RESOURCES, ALL OF WHICH WE HELP YOU HAVE A TOOLKIT TO HELP OR ADVANCE YOUR OWN LOCAL AGING PLAN WHICH ULTIMATELY DRIVES HOW CALIFORNIA DOES. WE BUCKETED THE WORK IN FOUR GOALS THAT REFLECT HOW WE WANT TO AGE. WE ALL WANT SERVICES AND SUPPORT SO WE CAN LIVE WHERE WE CHOOSE AS WE AGE AND HAVE THE HELP. WE WANT LIVABLE COMMUNITIES, HEALTH AND WELL BEING. WE WILL LIVE IN COMMUNITIES AND HAVE ACCESS TO SERVICES AND CARE. AND TODAY'S FOCUS, ECONOMIC SECURITY AND SAFETY. WE WILL HAVE ECONOMIC SECURITY BE SAFE FROM ABUSE, NEGLECT, EXPLOITATION AND NATURAL DISASTERS AND EMERGENCIES THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES.

HERE IS THE TIMELINE AND HERE IS WHERE WE ARE. WE LAUNCHED IN JUNE, BEGAN MEETING IN AUGUST. THIS WINTER WE DEVELOPED IDEAS IN HEARING FROM YOU. COMING SOON IS THE MARCH STAKEHOLDER REPORT

ON LTSS. THIS SUMMER WE WILL BRING IT TOGETHER AND THEN HEAD TO THE OCTOBER RELEASE. EXCITED TO BE IN THIS JOURNEY YORE YOU ALL. WITH THAT I WILL TURN TO THE TOPIC BEFORE US, AND I WILL REMIND YOU, WE ARE RUNNING POLLS THROUGHOUT. ONE KEY WAY WE INTERACT IS POLLS AND CHATTING, TAKE A MINUTE TO RESPOND TO THE POLLS OF WHO IS HERE AND WATCH FOR THOSE THROUGHOUT THE PRESENTATION. AND WE WILL LET YOU KNOW WHAT WE SEE AT OUR NEXT BREAK. I'M GOING TO TAKE A SECOND TO GROUND US IN SOME OF THE POVERTY AND NUTRITION PROGRAMS THAT ARE PROVIDED IN CALIFORNIA BEFORE WE DO THE DEEP DIVE ON HOMELESSNESS WITH THE ESTEEMED PANEL OF EXPERTS. THIS IS MY BACKGROUND AND I'M THRILLED TO BE SHARING THE WORK OF MY FORMER COLLEAGUES IN THIS AREA.

THE BEDROCK PROGRAM TO FIGHT POVERTY FOR LOW INCOME ADULTS AND ADULTS WITH DISABILITIES IS THE SSI PROGRAM. THIS PROGRAM, SUPPLEMENTAL SECURITY PROGRAM IS THE PRIMARY CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. IT IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM, WITH FEDERAL DETERMINATIONS, BUT THE STATE CDSS IS THE PARTNER DEPARTMENT. AND IMPORTANTLY IN CALIFORNIA, WE ALSO HAVE A STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT, SSP TO SUPPLEMENT THAT PAYMENT AS THE NAME SUGGESTS. AND YOU SEE ON THE SLIDE THE PAYMENTS, THE MAXIMUM AMOUNTS, \$943 FOR INDIVIDUALS AND \$1582 FOR COUPLES.

CALIFORNIA ALSO IN ADDITION TO SSP HAS A COMPLEMENTARY PROGRAM CALL CAPI. CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM FOR IMMIGRANTS. THIS IS TO PROVIDE BASICALLY SSI FOR FOLKS NOT FEDERALLY ELIGIBLE. PART OF OUR CALIFORNIA FOR ALL VALUES. THERE ARE OTHER CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS THAT ARE IMPORTANT, VETERANS AND OTHERS, BUT THESE ARE -- THE SSI PROGRAM IS THE BEDROCK OF THE CALIFORNIA ANTIPOVERTY CASH ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

I WANT TO HIGHLIGHT ANOTHER CALIFORNIA UNIQUE ANTIPOVERTY EFFORT IS THROUGH THE TAX CREDITS. CALIFORNIA DOES HAVE A STATE

INCOME EARNED -- WE ARE THE ONLY STATE WHERE THE WORKERS CAN CLAIM THE EITC. THESE ARE THE ONLY PLACE WHERE WORKERS 65 AND OLDER. AS WE HEARD, MORE AND MORE PEOPLE OVER 65 ARE CHOOSING TO WORK FOR EITHER PURPOSE, REASONS OR OF COURSE, OUT OF ECONOMIC NECESSITY. AND JUST A REMINDER, THERE ARE MANY CHILDREN'S TAX CREDITS THAT OFTEN ARE ABOUT WHO IS THE CAREGIVER. SO THERE ARE GRANDPARENT WHOSE CAN CLAIM MANY OF THE CREDITS, INCLUDING THE NEW YOUNG CHILD TAX CREDIT. WE WANT TO THANK OUR PARTNERS FOR THEIR LEADERSHIP OF THESE PROGRAMS AND OUTREACH EFFORTS.

NEXT, NUTRITION. CALFRESH, THE BIG HEADLINES FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES, OF COURSE, WAS THE EXPANSION OF CALFRESH. SOME OF YOU MAY KNOW IT BY THE FEDERAL NAME SNAP OR FOOD STAMPS. CALFRESH IS WHAT WE CALL IT IN CALIFORNIA. LAST SUMMER FOR THE FIRST TIME, CALFRESH FOOD BECAME AVAILABLE TO PEOPLE RECEIVING SSI/SSP. IT KICKED OFF WITH A BANG LAST JUNE. LOTS OF INFORMATION AND OUTREACH PARTNERS, INCLUDING WITH CDA AND TRIPLE A'S ACROSS THE STATE AS WELL AS INDEPENDENT LIVING CENTERS. THROUGH THOSE PARTNERS, YOU CAN SEE THAT SINCE LAST JUNE THROUGH DECEMBER AND THE 7 MONTHS OF WORK, 400,000 RECIPIENTS ARE NOW RECEIVING CALFRESH FOOD. IT COULD BE A MINIMUM OF \$16 A MONTH, BUT FOLKS ARE AVERAGING CLOSER TO \$75-100 THAT THEY CAN USE FOR AN EBT CARD. THAT HAS BEEN A HUGE CHANGE. OF COURSE, THE LAST THING I WILL MENTION BEFORE TURNING IT OVER, THERE ARE MANY OTHER NUTRITION PROGRAMS THAT ARE CRITICAL IN CALIFORNIA. THERE ARE HOME-DELIVERED MEALS THAT WE OVERSEE. MANY OF YOU KNOW OF MEALS ON WHEELS AND THERE ARE OTHER VERSIONS OF THAT. A PARALLEL PROGRAM, COMMUNITY MEALS THAT MIGHT BE SERVED AS A COMMUNITY CENTER. THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OVERSEES AN OLDER ADULT NUTRITION

PROGRAM BECAUSE THEY OVERSEE THE CHILD AND ADULT FOOD CARE PROGRAM. MANY ADULT DAY CENTERS ARE SERVING MEALS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THIS PROGRAM.

SUPPLEMENTAL PROGRAMS, THESE ARE NUTRITION PRESCRIBED BOXES OF FOOD FOR OLDER ADULTS. AND THIS BOOSTS NUTRITION, COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND LOCAL AGRICULTURE. AND DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH CARE SERVICES HAS BEEN INNOVATIVE IN LOOK K AT MEDICALLY TAILORED MEALS.

THE NEXT SLIDE I WANT TO COMMEND THE CALIFORNIA FOOD POLICY ADVOCATES WHO CONVENE THIS CROWDED, BUT COLLABORATIVE FIELD OF FOOD LEADERS THIS SPACE FOR A FOOD AND DIGNITY AGING CONVENING IN NOVEMBER. KICKING OFF A NEWER RA OF PLANNING TO THINK ABOUT HOW WE STRENGTHEN NUTRITION ACCESS AND HEALTH FOR OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES.

SO THAT WAS A QUICK 101 ON POVERTY AND NUTRITION BEFORE WE TURN TO HOMELESSNESS. WE WOULD LOVE TO CHECK IN WITH ADAM, OUR DIRECTOR OF COMMUNICATIONS.

>> THANK YOU SO MUCH AND EVERYONE ON THE WEBINAR FOR YOUR VERY HIGH RATE OF PARTICIPATION IN THE POLLS THAT WE ASKED YOU. WE ASKED YOU FOUR QUESTIONS; AND I'M GOING TO REPORT OUT ON THOSE. SO THE FIRST QUESTION THAT WE ASKED YOU, ARE YOU AN INTERESTED MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC OR EMPLOYED FIELDS PROVIDED SERVICES OR PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS POVERTY, HUNGER OR HOMELESSNESS? BOTH COMING IN AT 36%, FOLKS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE AN INTERESTED MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC. EQUALLY AT 36%, FOLKS ARE EMPLOYED IN FIELDS PROVIDING SERVICES OR PROGRAMS ADDRESSING MORE THAN ONE. AND WE ASKED YOU TO TELL US IN THE CHAT BOX WHAT THOSE ARE. COMING IN AT 14%, PEOPLE INDICATED THEY ARE EMPLOYED FIELDS PROVIDING SERVICES PROGRAMS TO ADDRESS

HUNGER. SO THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING THAT FEEDBACK, VERY IMPORTANT FEEDBACK.

THE NEXT QUESTION THAT WE ASKED, WE ASKED, WHAT AGE GROUP DO YOU BELONG TO?

IT LOOKS LIKE 25% OF FOLKS INDICATED THAT THEY ARE IN THE RANGE OF 55 TO 64.

THE NEXT HIGHEST AT 19% INDICATED THAT THEY ARE IN THE RANGE OF 25 TO 34. COMING IN AT 17%, 35 TO 44 AND 45 TO 54. AND THE THIRD QUESTION, WHERE DO YOU LIVE IN CALIFORNIA?

IT LOOKS LIKE COMING IN AT 30%, FOLKS INDICATED THEY LIVE IN THE SACRAMENTO REGION. COMING IN AT SECOND PLACE, 22% INDICATED THEY ARE CALLING IN FROM THE BAY AREA. AND THEN LOS ANGELES IS COMING IN THIRD PLACE AT 19%. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RESPONDING TO THOSE POLLS AND IT LOOKS LIKE WE HAVE ONE FINAL ONE WE ASKED YOU. WE ASKED YOU A QUESTION ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH NUTRITION SECURITY. AND SO LOOKS LIKE 41% OF FOLKS INDICATED THAT THEY HAVE BOUGHT FOOD THAT DIDN'T LAST. 18% OF FOLKS HAVE CUT YOUR MEAL SIZE OR SKIPPED A MEAL. 13% OF INDIVIDUALS INDICATED THAT THEY WERE WORRIED THAT THEY WOULD RUN OUT OF FOOD. AND FINALLY AT 15%, FOLKS INDICATED THAT THEY COULD NOT AFFORD BALANCED MEALS. SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR RESPONDING TO THOSE POLLS AND PLEASE BE LOOKING FOR ADDITIONAL POLLS AS THIS WEBINAR CONTINUES.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU FOR SHARING YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH FOOD AND HUNGER AND FOOD INSECURITY. THAT IS WHAT WE ARE HERE TO TALK ABOUT IS POVERTY, HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS. AND I'M HONORED TO BE ABLE TO HAND IT OVER TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBER AND CHAMPION TO SHARE ABOUT THE SERVICES OF OLDER ADULTS AND JANNY CASTILLO AND MADLYNN JOHNSON.

>> JANNY CASTILLO: CAN EVERYBODY HEAR ME OKAY? PERFECT. THANK YOU. ONCE AGAIN, THANK YOU FOR THE WONDERFUL FOLKS WHO HELP PUT THE WEBINARS TOGETHER AND THANKS TO ALL WHO TOOK THE TIME TO BE WITH US. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO TALK ABOUT ST. MARY'S CENTER, IT IS A SERVICE PROVIDER LOCATED IN WEST OAKLAND. THE FIRST PRIORITY IS DIRECT SERVICE TO APPROXIMATELY A THOUSAND UNHOUSED SENIORS EACH YEAR. MOST, IF NOT ALL LIVE IN DEEP POVERTY, INCLUDING HOMELESSNESS. WE PROVIDE CASE MANAGEMENT, MONEY MANAGEMENT AND OFFER FOOD PROGRAMS. MERCY BROWN BAG AND WE DEPEND ON VOLUNTEER FOOD DONORS TO DROP OFF CARLOADS OF GROCERIES. WE HAVE A WONDERFUL SENIOR CENTER WHERE SENIORS COME FOR COMPANIONSHIP AND A MEAN GAME OF DOMINOS.

NEXT SLIDE PLEASE.

HERE'S A LOOK AT OUR FACILITIES. YOU MAY BE SURPRISED THAT WE SERVE BABIES AS WELL AS SENIORS. WE HAVE A PRO-SCHOOL FOR LOW INCOME FAMILY AND EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER THAT SERVES PERSONS OVER 55. ACROSS THE BUILDINGS, WE HAVE 41 UNITS OF TRANSITIONAL HOUSING ARE IN THE EARLY STAGES OF BUILDING SENIOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE MAIN SITE.

WE HAVE BEEN IN THE FIELD SINCE 1972. LIKE EVERY MAJOR CITY, THESE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS. PARTICULARLY WITHIN THE SENIOR POPULATION. ST. MARY'S CENTER RESPONDED TO THE CRISIS BY OPENING A WINTER SHELTER TWO WEEKS EARLY AND FACILITATING A WEEKLY HOUSING PLAN WHOSE ONLY PURPOSE IS TO FIND HOUSING LEADS AND HELP SENIORS TURN IN APPLICATIONS. WE BELIEVE THAT IN THE CURRENT HOUSING ENVIRONMENT WHERE SENIORS WAIT YEARS FOR SUBSIDIZED HOUSING, EACH SENIOR NEEDS TO SUBMIT AT LEAST 35 APPLICATIONS TO GET INTO HOUSING IN TWO YEARS. THIS IS NOT EASY, BUT WE WORK HARD IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE SENIORS TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN.

ST. MARY'S CENTER HAS TWO PROGRAMS THAT WORK SIDE BY SIDE; ONE IS HOMELESS SERVICES AND THE OTHER IS RESOURCES. AND BECAUSE THIS IS ACTUALLY COMPLICATED, RTA HELPS SENIORS STAY HOUSED, CONNECTS THEM TO RESOURCES AND HELP THEM TRANSITION FROM HOMELESSNESS TO HOUSE AND STAY WITH THEM AS THEY AGE IN PLACE. WE HELP THEM ACCESS IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES, BOARD AND CARE HOMES, ASSISTIVE LIVING UNITS. WE ARE WITH THEM IN THE FINAL TRANSITION, THE HOME AND JUSTICE PROGRAM IS A PROGRAM I'M PROUD OF. THIS IMPROVES THE QUALITY OF LIVES FOR THEMSELVES AND PEERS. YOU MAY HAVE SEEN US SPEAKING UP IN SACRAMENTO. ISSUES THAT WORK BEST INCLUDE THE IDEAS AND EXPERIENCE OF THOSE MOST IMPACTED. I'D LIKE TO DIRECT YOU TO A REPORT CALLED PUSH TO THE BOTTOM. I WILL PUT A LINK IN THE CHAT BOX, THAT DESCRIBES THE TRUE IMPACT OF POVERTY FROM THE PERSPECTIVE OF THOSE LIVING IT. I WISH I HAD AN HOUR JUST TO TALK ABOUT THIS REPORT BECAUSE IT IS THAT IMPORTANT. WE HAVE A CORE GROUP OF SENIORS WHO USE THEIR EXPERIENCE TO INSPIRE AND EDUCATE THE POLICY MAKERS. ONE OF THE SENIORS IS HERE TODAY. IT IS MY PRIVILEGE TO INTRODUCE MADLYNN JOHNSON.

>> MADLYNN JOHNSON: I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE SOME OF MY EXPERIENCES WITH HOMELESSNESS. I AM A DISABLED SENIOR WHO HAS BEEN A WHEELCHAIR USER SINCE 2003. IN 2013, I SUFFERED AN EMOTIONAL CRISIS THAT FORCED ME OUT OF MY SON'S HOME IN MY CAR. WAS UNCOMFORTABLE AND SCARY. SEVERAL YEARS PRIOR TO MY SON WITNESS THE DEATH OF HIS OLDER BROTHER, THE INCIDENT LEFT HIM TRAUMATIZED AND WITHDRAWN. I WAS ALSO. IT WAS DIFFICULT TO -- THE WHILE WE WERE TRIED TO HEAL, BUT THE PAIN OF OUR LIVES BECAME UNBEARABLE. WE WERE NOT ABLE TO SPEAK ABOUT THE INCIDENT AND HOW IT AFFECTED US. FOR A WHILE MY GRANDSON KEPT OUR FAMILY TOGETHER BECAUSE WE NEEDED TO BE STRONG TO TAKE

CARE OF HIM. EVENTUALLY THE FRUSTRATION AND THE ARGUMENT DREW ME OUT OF HOUSE AND INTO MY CAR. I FEEL EXPOSED LIVING OUTSIDE AND IT IS HARD TO DESCRIBE HOW BAD IT IS TO BE WITHOUT A BATHROOM OR WATER. I COULD NOT CLEAN UP WHEN I WANTED TO, WHICH MADE ME FEEL UNKEPT. I DID NOT EAT WELL. MY HEALTH AND DEPRESSION GOT WORSE. LIVING OUT OF MY CAR WAS HUMILIATING EXPERIENCE. I PARKED OUTSIDE OF MY SON'S APARTMENT BECAUSE I FELT SAFER THERE. MY GRANDSON WOULD PASS BY MY CAR ON THE WAY TO SCHOOL TO STOP AND SAY HELLO AND GIVE ME A HUG.

EVERY ONCE IN A WHILE NEIGHBORS WOULD BRING ME CARE PACKAGES FILLED WITH FOOD, TEA AND SOMETIMES MONEY. I WAS OVERWHELMED WITH MIXED FEELINGS OF GRATITUDE AND EMBARRASSMENT. ONE WAS A THERMOS AND ONE WAS FRESH FRUIT, AMONG OTHERS. IT WAS GOOD TO KNOW THAT PEOPLE CARED ABOUT ME.

I DID NOT TRY -- I DID START TO STAY AT SEVERAL EMERGENCY SHELTERS. ONE THAT WASN'T ADAPTED WAS HARD TO MANEUVER THE BATHROOM AT NIGHT. I HAD TO SLEEP SITTING UP IN MY WHEELCHAIR BECAUSE I COULD NOT USE A COT. I HAD A COT BREAK DOWN ON ME AT ANOTHER SHELTER AND I DID NOT WANT TO FALL AGAIN.

IT WAS VERY COLD MAKING IT DIFFICULT TO GET OUT OF THE SHELTER ON TIME. I SUFFER FROM CHRONIC ARTHRITIS. MY PAIN MAKES IT DIFFICULT TO MOVE IN THE COLD. MY PAIN MEDICATION SLOWED ME DOWN AND MADE ME SLEEPY, WHICH DID NOT HELP. I MAKE ABOUT \$1,000 A MONTH, WHICH MEANS I'M IN NEED OF DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING. I BECAME HOMELESS AND HAD NO IDEA WHAT SERVICES WERE AVAILABLE OR WHERE TO GO TO ACCESS THEM. I HAD TO PAINFULLY LEARN HOW THE SYSTEM WORKS. I FOUND IT DEPRESSING RUNNING AROUND LOOKING FOR HELP. I LEARNED THERE WERE MANY OTHER SENIORS IN THE SAME OR WORSE SITUATION. ALL IN NEED OF HOUSING AND FOOD. BUT MOST OF ALL WE NEEDED SOMEONE TO HELP US NAVIGATE A SYSTEM THAT WAS

NOT USER FRIENDLY. AND NOW IN THE SAME -- WHY I'M SO GRATEFUL TO BE INSIDE AND SAFE WHERE I CAN WAIT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. IT HAS GIVEN ME A CHANCE TO REBUILD THE STRUCTURE OF MY LIFE. I HAVE BEEN PUTTING IN APPLICATIONS FOR FOUR YEARS. FINALLY LAST WINTER, I LEARNED I'M AT THE TOP OF THE WAITING LIST FOR A SENIOR APARTMENT. IF IT GOES WELL, I HOPE TO HAVE A PERMANENT HOME SOON.

I WOULD LIKE TO CONSIDER CREATING -- RESOURCES TO SENIORS IN CRISIS. RIGHT NOW THE BEST WAY TO FIND SERVICES IS WORD OF MOUTH. I ALSO BELIEVE WE NEED TO HAVE EMERGENCY SHELTERS THAT CONSIDER THE NEEDS OF SENIORS WITH MOBILITY ISSUES. AS AN ADVOCATE IT IS REALLY IMPORTANT TO RACE THE BAR FOR SSI RECIPIENTS OF COURSE, WE NEED TO CREATE AFFORDABLE HOUSING FOR SENIORS WHO MAKE LESS THAN A \$1,000 A MONTH. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SHARE SOME OF MY STORY.

>> JANNY CASTILLO: BACK TO YOU DIRECTOR WADE.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU MIS JOHNSON AND JANNY CASTILLO FOR SHARING YOUR STORY FOR THE MASTER PLAN FOR ALL OF US HERE WHO ARE DOING WHAT YOU CALLED US TO DO. WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP AND PASSION AND ADVOCACY. WITH THAT I WOULD LIKE TO LEARN IT OVER TO ALICIA SUTTON, CALIFORNIA'S FIRST DEPUTY SECRETARY FOR HOMELESSNESS.

>> ALICIA SUTTON: I CAN HEAR YOU. CAN YOU HEAR ME OKAY? GREAT. I ALSO WANT TO THANK MS. JOHNSON FOR SHARING A STORY. THOSE ARE NOT EASY TO SHARE, BUT IMPORTANT FOR FOLKS TO UNDERSTAND THE FULL SCOPE OF WHAT WE'RE TRYING TO ADDRESS HERE. A LITTLE BIT ABOUT MYSELF QUICKLY AND OUR TEAM BEFORE DIVING INTO SOME OF THE WORK THAT THE GOVERNOR IS IN THE MIDST OF DOING WITH OUR SUPPORT. SO THE CALIFORNIA HOMELESSNESS AND COORDINATING FINANCING COUNCIL IS A GROWING TEAM AND WE SUPPORT AND OVERSEE THE COUNCIL OF 19 GOVERNOR APPOINTED MEMBERS

REPRESENTING STATE DEPARTMENTS THAT HAVE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS RELATED PROGRAMS AS WELL AS REPRESENTATIVES FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENTS. HOMELESS CONTINUANCE OF CARE WHICH IS AN ENTITY THAT RECEIVES FUNDING FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF HOUSE AND DEVELOPMENT AND IS IN LOCAL COMMUNITIES ACROSS THE STATE. THE TEAM IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 500 MILLION HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM AND THE HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PREVENTION PROGRAM WHICH I WILL TALK ABOUT IN A SECOND.

SO, DR. KUSHEL, WE'LL BE HEAR A LITTLE BIT FROM THAT. IT WILL BE INFORMATION AND DETAIL AROUND THE AGING AND HOMELESS POPULATION AND THE DATA THAT WE HAVE ON THAT. I WANTED TO PUT THAT IN CONTEXT FOR THE BROADER CHALLENGES THAT THE STATE IS TRYING TO ADDRESS ON HOMELESSNESS RIGHT NOW. FOR THOSE THAT MAY HAVE HEARD, THE HOMELESS CONTINUANCE OF CARE DOES WHAT IS CALLED A POINT IN TIME COUNT EVERY JANUARY. THE DATA FROM THAT WAS RELEASED FROM LAST JANUARY 2019. AND WE HAVE FOUND THAT THERE WERE AT THAT POINT IN TIME, 151,278 CALIFORNIANS WHO WERE IDENTIFIED AS HOMELESS. THESE STATISTICS ARE NOT PERFECT BY ANY MEANS. THERE ARE LOTS OF EXPERTS THAT HAVE QUESTIONS THE METHODOLOGY AND IT IS LIKELY UNDERESTIMATES, PARTICULARLY THE NUMBER OF UNSHELTERED INDIVIDUALS THAT WE HAVE IN THE STATE AND ACROSS THE COURSE OF A YEAR, WE SORT OF BELIEVE THIS NUMBER IS TWO TO THREE TIMES HIGHER OVER THE COURSE OF A CALENDAR YEAR. THE CHALLENGES ARE MUCH GREATER THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

WE HAVE A SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE. WE ALSO SEE SIGNIFICANT DISPROPORTIONALITY AMONG AFRICAN AMERICAN HOMELESSNESS IN CALIFORNIA. 30% OF THE STATE'S UNHOUSED POPULATION IS BLACK. AND 6.5% OF THE GENERAL POPULATION IS BLACK. THERE ARE SIGNIFICANT CONCERNS THAT THEY ARE TRYING TO THINK

MORE CRITICAL ABOUT IN TERMS OF POLICIES. AND OUR NUMBERS ARE GOING UP, WHICH IS NOT A SHOCK FOR ANYBODY WHO LIVES ANYWHERE IN THE STATE. WE EXPERIENCE 16% INCREASE OF HOMELESSNESS AND 21% INCREASE IN SHELTERS OAF THE COURSE OF LAST YEAR. IT IS NOT A SURPRISE, THERE IS A LOT OF INFORMATION TO SUGGEST THIS IS THE NUMBER ONE ISSUE FOR CALIFORNIANS THE STATE. AND WE ARE FEELING THAT AND DOING OUR BEST TO ADDRESS THAT WITH SOME OF THE EFFORTS THE GOVERNOR HAS PUT INTO PLACE IN THE LAST YEAR AND A HALF.

SO JUST A LITTLE BIT MORE RECENTLY WHAT HAS BEEN GOING ON. THE GOVERNOR HAS REALLY ATTEMPTED TO DO -- PUT EVERYTHING ON THE TABLE, LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED MOTTO. AND THAT IS CLEAR WITH THE EXECUTIVE ORDER HE SIGNED EARLIER IN JANUARY 8TH. THE EXECUTIVE ORDER DID MANY THINGS, BUT IT SPECIFICALLY INCLUDES TAKING ACTION TO INCREASE SHELTER OPTIONS FOR THE HOMELESS. WE HAVE SEEN A SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IN HOMELESSNESS AND THIS ORDER WAS INTENDED TO TRY TO ADDRESS THAT CRUCIAL AND CRITICAL EMERGENCY. SOME OF THE THINGS THAT WERE INCLUDED IN THAT, THE STATE OFFERED UP 100 STATE-OWNED TRAILERS THAT HAVE BEEN SITTING DORMANT FROM PRIOR USE. IT IS SURPLUS FOR COMMUNITIES TO OFFER FOR EMERGENCY SHELTER FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES. HE REQUIRED STATE AGENCIES TO SCAN FOR EXCESS STATE LAND THAT COULD BE USED FOR EMERGENCY SHELTERS. MAKING THAT PUBLIC SOON. THAT CAN BE USED BY LOCAL PARTNERS, CITIES, COMMUNITIES, TO PROVIDE SHELTERS FOR INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE HOMELESS. IT ALSO HAS A STATE LEVEL STRIKE TEAM WE'RE CALLING IT, FOR COMMUNITIES THAT ARE HAVING DIFFICULTIES ADDRESSING SPECIFIC THINGS THEY THINK THE STATE AGENCIES OR GOVERNMENT COULD ADDRESS THAT WE ARE COMMITTED TO DOING AND MOVING QUICKLY ON THE REQUESTS TO BREAK DOWN BARRIERS TO SERVICES WHERE POSSIBLE.

THE GOVERNOR PLANNED A COUNCIL ON REGIONAL ADVISORS, COULD CHAIRED BY THE MAYOR. THERE IS A LIST OF RECOMMENDATIONS THAT THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE IS REVIEWING. TRYING TO GET AS MANY SMART FOLKS THINKING ABOUT THIS DIFFICULT CHALLENGE AS POSSIBLE. IT IS IMPORTANT WORK AND CONVERSATION HAPPENING OCCULT OF THAT COUNCIL AS WELL. AS CONVENTION, THE ADMINISTRATION PROVIDED LEADERSHIP AT THE STATE LEVEL IN TERMS OF STAFFING. MY ROLE IS BRAND NEW AND REALLY INTENDED TO FOCUS ON STATE COORDINATION AND THE STATE FUNDING THAT IS COMING OUT TO BE USED MOST EFFECTIVELY AND EFFICIENCY. AND HE IS ALSO -- AS THE SENIOR COUNSELOR TO THE GOVERNOR. THOSE TWO ROLES AND SOMETHING WE HAVE BEEN THRILLED ABOUT, HE HAS BROUGHT ON THE FORMER US COUNCIL ON HOMELESSNESS, AS AN ADVICE SORE TO BOTH STATE AGENCIES AND THE GOVERNOR. TRYING TO BRING THE BEST MINDS ON THIS ISSUE AND TRYING TO HELP SOLVE IT. IT WILL TAKE A COLLECTIVE EFFORT TO GET THIS STUFF.

THOSE ARE SOME OF THE NON-FUNDING TYPE THINGS THAT I KNOW FOLKS WOULD LIKE TO TALK ABOUT FUNDING AS WELL. WE PUT QUITE A BIT OF MONEY INTO THIS EFFORT IN THE LAST FEW YEARS. AS I MENTIONED, TWO YEARS AGO, UNDER GOVERNOR BROWN, THERE WAS AN EMERGENCY FUND OF 500 MILLION THAT WAS INTENDED TO GET OUT TO COMMUNITIES AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO ADDRESS URGENT EMERGENCY NEEDS. THE GOVERNOR LAST YEAR IN HIS BUDGET, ABOUT A 1 BILLION TO FIGHT HOMELESSNESS. INCLUDES AID FOR HOMELESS AND IT IS TARGETED AT BOTH UNSHELTERED AND GETTING FOLKS INTO PERMANENT HOUSING SOLUTIONS. WHAT WE -- WE LOVE THE ACRONYMS IN STATE GOVERNMENT, WHAT WE CALL HAP HAS BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO LOCAL JURISDICTIONS. THE 16TH LARGEST CITIES, ALL COUNTIES TO SUPPORT REGIONAL COORDINATION AND EXPAND LOCAL CAPACITY TO

ADDRESS THE HOMELESSNESS CHALLENGES. THE FUNDING CAN BE SPENT ON A BROAD RANGE OF EVIDENCE-BASED FUNDING. INCLUDING RENTAL ASSISTANCE, OUTREACH AND COORDINATION, SYSTEM SUPPORT TO ENSURE THE FUNDING IS BEING USED MOST EFFECTIVELY. THINKING THROUGH INNOVATIVE HOUSING SOLUTIONS, WE KNOW WE DON'T HAVE ALL THE ANSWERS TODAY, BUT TRYING TO PROVIDE FLEXIBILITY IN THE FUNDING FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO TRY OUT NEW THINGS AND SEE IF THERE ARE SOLUTIONS THAT WE HAVE NOT TRIED THAT HAVE GREAT SUCCESS. FUNDING IS FOCUSED ON PREVENTION AND SHELTER. MARGO T WILL TALK ABOUT CATCHING FOLKS BEFORE THEY FALL INTO HOMELESSNESS. THERE IS A CRUCIAL POINT BEFORE THEY BECOME HOMELESS. THIS YEAR THE GOVERNOR PROPOSED ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR FUNDING, 650 MILLION FOR HOUSE AND EMERGENCY FUND. WHAT IS UNIQUE ABOUT THIS FUND, IT COULD ALLOW FOR NOT JUST STATE MONEY, BY PRIVATE INVESTMENT AS WELL. WE HAVE SEEN IN THE NEWS, COMPANIES INTERESTED IN HELPING TO TRY TO SOLVE THIS PROBLEM AND TRYING TO ENSURE THAT FUNDING IS BEING USED IN AN EFFECTIVE WAY. THIS FUND WOULD BE ABLE TO TAKE THAT IN AND USE IT ACROSS THE STATE IN THE MOST EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE WAY POSSIBLE. AND THAT FUNDING IS BEING PROPOSED RIGHT NOW. IT IS NOT -- IT IS STILL IN DISCUSSION WITH THE LEGISLATURE. THE HOPE WOULD BE THAT HELPS FOLKS MOVE INTO PERMANENT HOUSING THAT IS AFFORDABLE FOR THAT INDIVIDUAL AS WELL AS SUPPORTING THE PROVISION OF ALL NECESSARY AND SUPPORTIVE SERVICES TO WRAP AROUND FOLKS. ALSO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF PERMANENT HOUSING UNITS. THERE IS EXPECTATION THAT THE FUND COULD HELP ADD ADDITIONAL UNITS, REHAB PLACES AND GET MORE PLACES ONLINE FOR FOLKS. WE KNOW WE CAN'T SOLVE THIS PROBLEM WITHOUT ADDING TO THE HOUSING STOCK. THERE ARE ALSO SPECIFICS AROUND PROGRAMS THAT ARE WORKING FOR -- THAT CAN BE

SPECIFICALLY TARGETED FOR OUR AGING CALIFORNIANS AND FOLKS WITH DISABILITIES. SO NEXT SLIDE.

THERE IS A RANGE OF FUNDING STREAMS THAT CAN BE USED FROM PREVENTION ALL THE WAY DOWN TO THE FOLKS THAT ARE CHRONICALLY HOMELESS AND BEEN ON THE STREETS FOR QUITE A WHILE AND ARE AGING RAPIDLY. BOTH POPULATIONS ARE CRUCIAL TO BE INVESTING IN AND WE HAVE FUNDING THAT CAN ADDRESS BOTH SIDES OF THAT COIN. AS I MENTIONED, THE HOMELESS EMERGENCY AID PROGRAM, THE 500 MILLION PROGRAM FROM A COUPLE YEARS AGO. THAT FUNDING IS STILL BEING SPENT THROUGH NEXT JUNE AND CAN BE USED ON A LOT OF EMERGENCY SHELTERS, SERVICES, ET CETERA. THE HOMELESS HOUSING AND ASSISTANCE PROGRAM IS JUST HITTING THE STREETS NOW. THE APPLICATION CLOSES ON SATURDAY AND CAN BE USED FOR THAT WIDE RANGE OF THINGS, INCLUDING NEW NAVIGATION CENTERS AND EMERGENCY SHELTERS. THE ADVOCACY PROGRAM IS RUN OUT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES AND TENDED TO SERVE INDIVIDUAL WHOSE ARE ELIGIBLE FOR SSI/SSP OR CAPI. THE ACRONYMS TALKED ABOUT EARLIER. IT WAS ORIGINALLY A PILOT FOR \$45 MILLION. A COMPETITIVE ALLOCATION, NOT STATEWIDE, BUT HAS RECENTLY BECOME AN ANNUAL ALLOCATION, THAT IS AN EXPECTED PROGRAM TO STICK AROUND FOR A WHILE AND REALLY TRY TO INCREASE THE INCOME OF FOLKS A ARE EXPERIENCING CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS SO THEY ARE ABLE TO STAY PERMANENTLY HOUSED.

ON THE OTHER END OF THE SPECTRUM IS THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM THAT IS A \$15 MILLION PILOT PROGRAM THAT IS -- SORRY, JUST MAKING SURE YOU ALL CAN HEAR ME. THE \$15 MILLION, 24 COUNTIES, INTENDED TO SUPPORT THE SAFETY AND HOUSING STABILITY OF INDIVIDUALS INVOLVED IN THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM. IT IS INTENDED TO FOCUS ON PREVENTION STRATEGIES SINCE IT IS A SHORT-TERM FUNDING STREAM. THESE TWO PROGRAMS ADDRESS THE TWO ENDS OF THE SPECTRUM. AND

THE FINAL ONE THAT WE COULD BE SEEING, STAY TUNED AS IT IS DISCUSSED IN THE LEGISLATURE, IS THE FUNDS THAT CAN BE USED FROM EVERYTHING TO BOARD AND CARES TO ADDITIONAL UNITS TO SET UP SUBSIDIES FOR FOLKS THAT DON'T HAVE A LOT OF INCOME. WITH THAT, I WILL HAND IT BACK OVER.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU ALI FOR THAT TOUR OF ALL THE ACTIVITY AND THE LEADERSHIP OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE TEAM AND YOU, TO RESPOND TO THE GROWING HOMELESSNESS. GRATEFUL FOR THAT. WE'RE GOING TO REVIEW THE POLLS AND HAND IT OFF TO DR. KUSHEL.

>> THANKS TO EVERYONE RESPONDING TO THE POLLS. WE ASKED 3 POLLS. THE FIRST ONE THAT WE ASKED, WHAT IS YOUR PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME? 81% OF FOLKS INDICATED THEY ARE CURRENTLY WORKING AND INCOME FROM EMPLOYMENT IS THE PRIMARY SOURCE OF INCOME. AND COMING IN AT 8%, WAS RETIREMENT SAVINGS/PENSION/SOCIAL SECURITY

THANKS FOR RESPONDING TO THAT. THE SECOND POLL THAT WE ASKED, WHAT IS YOUR LARGEST EXPENSE? AND COMING IN REALLY RESOUNDING 88%, FOLKS INDICATED THAT IT IS THERE RENT OR MORTGAGE. NEXT AT 7% WAS FOOD. AND FINALLY MISCELLANEOUS WAS AT 3%. WE HEARD IN THE CHAT BOX A COUPLE FOLK DS INDICATED THAT UTILITIES, INCLUDING CABLE, INTERNET AND PHONE WERE A SIGNIFICANT EXPENSE.

THE NEXT POLL THAT WE ASKED, HAVE YOU ALWAYS HAD KEYS TO WHERE YOU ARE STAYING IN 87% INDICATED THAT YES, THEY HAVE ALWAYS HAD KEYS TO WHERE THEY ARE STAYING. 10% INDICATED YES, MOST OF THE TIME. 3% INDICATED NO, AND WE ASKED TO YOU TELL US THE CHAT BOX. THANK YOU FOR RESPONDING TO THOSE AND BE LOOKING FOR MORE AS WE CONTINUE.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO SHARED THE EXPERIENCES IN THE CHAT OF BEING HOMELESS. ONE COMMENT TORE

SAID SHE DID EXPERIENCE HOMELESSNESS AS A TEENAGER, BUT AS AN ADULT, SHE HAS ALWAYS HAD KEYS. THANK YOU FOR SHARING THAT, HOMELESSNESS THROUGHOUT THE LIFE SPAN IS THE FOCUS HERE. THERE ARE QUESTIONS COMING IN. THERE WILL BE -- HAVE THE QUESTIONS COME IN AT ANYTIME IN THE Q AND A AND WE WILL ANSWER THEM OR SHARE WITH THE SPEAKERS. MARGOT, I KNOW YOU ARE GOING TO SPEAK TO THIS, ONE OF THE QUESTIONS IS ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND HOMELESSNESS. LET ME TURN IT OVER TO DR. MARGOT KUSHEL, A NATIONAL LEADER AND TREASURER, UCSF PROFESSOR OF MEDICINE AND DIRECTOR OF THE CENTER FOR VULNERABLE POPULATIONS. DR. KUSHEL.

>> DR. MARGOT KUSHEL: THANKS SO MUCH FOR HAVING ME. I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT HOMELESSNESS IN OLDER ADULTS, WHAT IS HAPPENING AND SOLUTIONS. FIRST OF ALL, AS YOU MIGHT HAVE KNOWN, THE HOMELESS POPULATION IS INDEED AGING. WE FOUND IN SOME WORK THAT WE PUBLISHED IN EARLY 2006, THAT A PROPORTION OF SINGLE HOMES AND ADULTS, GREATER OR EQUAL TO 50 IN SAN FRANCISCO AND THROUGHOUT THE NATION IS AGING. IN 1990, ONLY 11% OF HOMELESS SINGLE ADULTS HOMELESS. BY 2003, 37% WERE. NOW HALF OF ALL SINGLE ADULTS ARE 50 AND OLDER. WE KNOW THIS IS A GENERATIONAL EFFECT. MY COLLEAGUE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA LOOKED AT SHELTER DATA FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY AND REALIZED THAT AMERICANS BORN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE BABY BOOM, ABOUT 55 TO 65, HAD ELEVATED RISK OF HOMELESSNESS THEIR WHOLE LIVES. WHEN THAT AGE COHORT WAS IN THE 30S, THAT WAS THE BIGGEST GROUP. BY THE 2000S, THE SAME. 2010, AND NOW IT CONTINUES TO AGE. WHEN YOU THINK OF WHY THAT MIGHT BE, IS IMPORTANT TO REALIZE THAT FOLKS BORN IN THE SECOND HALF OF THE BABY BOOM HAVE HAD MUCH BAD LUCK THROUGHOUT THEIR LIVES. THEY WERE THE SECOND HALF OF THE BIG POPULATION. THE FIRST HALF TOOK MANY OF THE JOBS AND FEWER WERE LEFT. THEY ENTERED THE JOB MARKET DURING THE RECESSION

AND PEOPLE THAT ENTER DURING THE RECESSION NEVER MAKE UP LOST INCOME. THEY WERE THE FIRST GROUP TO ENTER ADULTHOOD DURING A BIG CHANGE IN THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE POLICY AND THEY GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE ERA OF MASS INCARCERATION. AND THEY WERE THE FIRST AGE GROUP TO ENTER THE HOUSING MARKET DURING A TIME OF A VERY LARGE ENTRENCHMENT IN FEDERAL SUPPORT FOR AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BECAUSE OF THIS AND MORE, THIS AGE GROUP HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY VULNERABLE.

WE KNOW FUNDAMENTALLY THE PROBLEM OF HOMELESSNESS IS REALLY A PROBLEM OF LACK OF DEEPLY AFFORDABLE HOUSING, OR WHAT WE CALL ELI HOUSING. THIS IS HOUSING THAT IS BOTH AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE. MEANING YOU CAN PAY FOR IT PAYING LESS THAN 30% OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME. FOR PEOPLE WHO MAKE LESS THAN 30% OF THE MEDIAN AREA INCOME. WE CALL THAT POPULATION, ELI. WE KNOW THAT CALIFORNIA IS A SECULAR STATE. THERE ARE ONLY 22 UNITS OF HOUSING THAT ARE AVAILABLE AND AFFORDABLE FOR EVERY ELI HOUSING IN CALIFORNIA. IN CALIFORNIA FOR EVERY ONE HUNDRED HOUSEHOLDS THAT MAKE LESS THAN THE MEDIAN INCOME, THERE ARE ONLY 22 UNITS OF HOUSING THAT THEY COULD RENT AND AFFORD. THIS IS WHY WE HAVE SUCH A SEVERE HOMELESSNESS CRISIS.

IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE AS ALI TALKED ABOUT, HOMELESSNESS IS REALLY A RACIAL JUSTICE ISSUE. I WANT TO REMIND EVERYONE, IN THIS COUNTRY, HOUSE IS A PRIMARILY MEANS OF WEALTH-BUILDING. UNTIL RECENTLY, THERE WAS AN OMBUDSMAN AS PART OF FEDERAL POLICY, LEGALIZED AND NORMALIZED DISCRIMINATION IN HOME OWNERSHIP THROUGH THE PROCESS OF RED LINING WHERE THEY WERE RACIAL -- SO THAT BLACK AMERICANS WERE RESTRICTED FROM LIVING IN CERTAIN NEIGHBORS. AND THE BANKS, IT WAS PERFECT LEGAL TO THEM TO NOT RENT OR GIVE MORTGAGES FOR PEOPLE TO LIVE IN NEIGHBORS WHERE BLACK AMERICANS ARE LIVING IN. OR IF THEY GAVE MORTGAGES TO

CHARGE HIGH LEVELS. THIS LED TO A VERY LOW PROPORTION OF HOME OWNERSHIP IN THE BLACK COMMUNITY AND EXCLUDED THAT COMMUNITY FROM BUILDING WEALTH AND IS A MAJOR CONTRIBUTION TO THE ENORMOUS WEALTH GAP BETWEEN BLACK AND WHITE HOUSEHOLDS. WE ALSO KNOW THAT BLACK AMERICANS AND OTHER COMMUNITIES OF COLOR WERE DISPROPORTIONATELY AFFECTED BY THE PREDATORY LENDING CRISIS. THERE IS ON GOING AND WELL DOCUMENTED DISCRIMINATION IN THE RENTAL MARKET SUCH THAT BLACK HOUSEHOLDS WIND UP PAYING MUCH MORE FOR THE SAME HOUSING AS WHITE HOUSEHOLDS DO. YOU ADD THAT TO THE CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM, THE EMPLOYMENT SYSTEM AND IN THE EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM WHICH IS LINKED TO WHERE YOU LIVE. AND PERHAPS IT IS NOT A SURPRISE THAT BLACK AMERICANS ARE AT FULL RISK ACROSS THE COUNTRY OF HOMELESSNESS. THE NUMBERS MAY BE WORSE IN CALIFORNIA. IN SAN FRANCISCO LESS THAN 6% OF THE POPULATION IDENTIFIES AS BLACK, BUT 37% IS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. IN LA, 8% COMPARED TO 42%. IT IS GOING TO BE HARD FOR US TO MAKE CHANGES IN THIS UNLESS WE ARE OPEN AND HONEST AND REALLY ADDRESS THE STRUCTURAL RACISM THAT IS AT THE HEART OF THE CRISIS.

I WANT TO VERY QUICKLY INTRODUCE TO YOU THE STUDY FROM WHICH I HAD THE RESULTS I'M GOING TO TALK ABOUT NEXT. THIS IS A STUDY FUNDED BY THE NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON AGING THAT WE HAVE CONDUCTED FROM 2013 TO 2014 IN OAKLAND WHERE WE HAD PARTICIPATES, 350. WE FOLLOW THEM EVERY 6 MONTHS, WHETHER OR NOT THEY REMAIN HOMELESS. WE HAD 100 MORE PARTICIPATES TWO YEARS AGO. PARTICULARLY ST. MARY'S CENTER WHO YOU HEARD FROM BEFORE.

WHEN WE LOOK AT OUR POPULATION IN HOPE HOME, WE KNOW THAT THE POPULATION ALL HAVE TO BE OVER 50 TO BE IN THE STUDY. AS YOU CAN SEE, MOST ARE BETWEEN THE AGES OF 50 AND 64. ONLY 12% OF

PARTICIPANTS WHEN WE ENROLLED THEM WERE 65 AND OLDER. AND THE MEDIAN AGE WAS 57. HALF THE PARTICIPANTS ARE BETWEEN 50 AND 57 AND THE OTHER HALF BETWEEN 58 AND HIGHER. AND THE OLDEST AGE WAS 80.

WHEN WE LOOKED AT WHAT WAS THE HOUSING HISTORY OF PEOPLE IN OUR STUDY, WE FOUND THAT ALMOST A THIRD OF THE SAMPLE HAD LOST THEIR STABLE HOUSING IN THE PAST YEAR. AND BY STABLE HOUSING I MEAN ONE PLACE WHERE THEY HAD LIVED, NOT AN INSTITUTION, JAIL OR HOSPITAL OR ANYTHING, FOR A YEAR OR MORE. WHEN WE LOOKED AT WHEN THEIR EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS BEGAN, ALMOST A THIRD HAD THE FIRST EPISODE START IN THE PRIOR 6 MONTHS. HAD BEEN HOMELESS FOR LESS THAN 6 MONTHS WHEN THEY ENTERED THE STUDY. ALMOST 29% HOMELESS FOR FIVE YEARS.

SO IF YOU ARE REMEMBER ONE THING ABOUT THIS TALK, REMEMBER THIS; EVERYONE IN OUR STUDY HAD TO BE 50 AND OLDER AND WE KNOW THAT ABOUT HALF OF HOMELESS SINGLE ADULTS ARE 50 AND OLDER. AMONG THOSE, 44% HAD THEIR FIRST EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS AFTER AGE 50. MEANING THAT THEY HAD NEVER HAD A MOMENT EVEN ONE NIGHT OF HOMELESSNESS IN THEIR LIFE UNTIL THEY REACHED THE AGE OF 50. NOW, WE HAVE HYPOTHESIZE THAT THE ALMOST HALF OF PEOPLE WHO FIRST BECAME HOMELESS AFTER THE AGE OF 50 HAD CRITICAL DIFFERENCES TO THOSE WHO BECAME HOMELESS AFTER 50 AND THAT IS WHAT WE FOUND. WHAT WE FOUND WAS THAT THE PEOPLE WHO BECAME HOMELESS BEFORE 50 HAD LIFE EXPERIENCES THAT REALLY FIT WITHIN WHAT THE GENERAL PUBLIC THINKS ABOUT. THIS IS A GROUP OF PEOPLE WHO HAD REALLY, REALLY DEVASTATINGLY DIFFICULT CHILDHOODS FILLED WITH TRAUMA AND DIFFICULTY. AND THEY HAD LITTLE INCOME, NEVER MARRIED OR PARTNERED. TOLD US ABOUT STRUGGLING WITH MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS THAT STARTED EARLY, REPORTS OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY

AND MANY HAVE EXPERIENCE IN STATE OR FEDERAL PRISON OR STRUGGLED WITH ALCOHOL OR ABUSE PROBLEMS.

THIS IS THE STORY ONE OF THE PARTICIPANTS IN HIS LATE 50S AND HOW THEY FIRST BECAME HOMELESS.

[READING] NEXT TIME IF YOU RUN AWAY I WILL BEAT YOU WITH A CAR CHAIN. I WOULD NOT USE THE WORD REASONABLE AND I WOULD SAY, COULD I SURVIVE A CAR CHAIN, PROBABLY NOT. AND I LOOKED AT THE WINDOW AND SAID, WE LIVED ON THE 13TH FLOOR. I HAD WHATEVER I HAD ON ME AND WAS OUT THE DOOR. THIS GENTLEMAN FELT THE ABUSIVE HOUSEHOLD ON TO THE STREETS AND THE LEFT OF HIS LIFE DID NOT GET TO CONTINUE HIGH SCHOOL AND MANY STRUGGLES IN AND OUT OF THE CRIMINAL SYSTEM, SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND HERE HE FINDS HIMSELF IN HIS 50S, LIVING ON THE STREETS OF OAKLAND.

HOW THOSE WHO HAD THE FIRST EPISODE OF HOMELESSNESS AFTER THE AGE OF 50 HAD DIFFERENT RESULTS. THEY GENERALLY WORKED THEIR WHOLE LIVES, OFTEN MORE THAN ONE JOB, BUT LOW WAGE WORK, PHYSICALLY DEMANDING. THEY DID THIS STRUGGLING TO HOLD ON TO DEEP POVERTY, UNTIL AFTER THE AGE OF 50 WHEN SOMETHING HAPPENED, EITHER THEY LOST THEIR JOB OR A SPOUSE OR PARTNER LOST A JOB, MARRIAGE BROKE UP, THEY BECAME SICK, SPOUSE OR PARTNER BECAME SICK OR DIED, OR A PARENT DIED. WE ALL TOO MANY PEOPLE LIVING WITH A PARENT BECAUSE THEY ALWAYS LIVED THERE OR MOVED INTO CARE GIVE. WHEN THAT PARENT DIED THEY WERE DISPLACED AND FOUND THEMSELVES HOMELESS.

THIS IS A STORY OF ONE OF OUR PARTICIPANTS WHO WAS HOMELESS FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HIS 50S TALKING.

[READING] WHEN THEY BOUGHT THE COMPANY OUT THEY CUT HOURS BACK AND WOULD BRING IN THE TEMP WORKERS...

NEXT SLIDE.

WHEN WE THINK ABOUT THE OLDER ADULTS IN THE STUDY, WHETHER OR NOT THEY WERE FIRST HOMELESS BEFORE OR AFTER 50, WE FOUND POOR HEALTH IN ALMOST EVERY MEASURE. THIS IS ONE OF THE SIMPLEST WAYS THAT WE MEASURE HOW PEOPLE'S HEALTH IS, HOW LIKELY THEY ARE TO DIE OR WIND UP IN THE HOSPITAL. WE ASK HOW WOULD YOU RATE YOUR HEALTH. POOR, FAIR, VERY GOOD OR EXCELLENT. WHAT WE SAW IN THE SAMPLE OF THE MEDIAN AGE OF 57, MOST UNDER 65, 60% REPORTED HEALTH WAS FAIR OR POOR. THE ONLY COMMUNITY IN WHICH WE SEE SIMILAR NUMBERS ARE IN THE FRAIL EVIDENT ELDERLY, 85 AND ABOVE. ALMOST 40% HAD A LIMITATION IN THE ACTIVITY OF DAILY LIVING. HALF OF THOSE HAD TWO OR MORE. 50% IN INSTRUMENTAL ACTIVITIES OF DAILY LIVING. PEOPLE THAT HAVE TWO OR MORE LIMITATIONS ARE AT HIGH RISK OF REQUIRING NURSING HOME CARE.

WE FOUND A VERY, VERY HIGH PREVALENCE OF COGNITIVE IMPAIRMENT. THINKING, MEMORY JUDGMENT. WE SAW THAT OVER A QUARTER HAD MARKERS OF IMPAIRMENT WITH MEMORY, JUDGMENT, OVER A THIRD HAD PROBLEMS WITH EXECUTIVE FUNCTION. EXECUTIVE FUNCTION IS THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW SEQUENCE COMMANDS. THE ABILITY TO FOLLOW DIRECTIONS. THOSE ARE HARD INSTRUCTIONS FOR PEOPLE WHO HAVE EXECUTIVE FUNCTION. THAT IS HOW WE DESIGN THE SYSTEMS AND WHAT WE DEMAND OF THE HOMELESS SENIORS, MANY OF WHOM STRUGGLE WITH THIS.

THERE WAS A HIGH PREVALENCE OF ALL GERIATRIC CONDITIONS. ALMOST A HALF FALLEN, HALF VISUAL AND HEARING IMPAIRMENT AND HALF WITH URINARY INCONTINENT. HOW HARD IT WOULD BE IF YOU DON'T HAVE ACCESS TO BATHE AND YOU STRUGGLE WITH URINARY INCONTINENCE. THIS LEADS ME TO SAY, WHEN WE TALK ABOUT HOMELESS ADULTS, 50 IS THE NEW 75. EVEN THOUGH THE MEDIAN AGE IS 57, THE PROBLEMS ARE GREATER THAN THOSE IN THEIR 70S AND 80S. ALCOHOL AND DRUG USE, COMMON, TWO-THIRDS SYMPTOMS. COCAINE AND CANNABIS. A QUARTER

HAD PROBLEMS WITH ALCOHOL SYMPTOMS. BUT I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT MANY OF THE PARTICIPANTS EXPLAINED TO US ABOUT HOW WHEN THEY WERE HOMELESS, SYMPTOMS GOT WORSE BECAUSE THEY USED IT AS A WAY TO STAY AWAKE OR CAUSE WITH THE HOMELESSNESS. WE FIND HIGH MORTALITY. OF THE PARTICIPANTS WE ENROLLED BETWEEN 2013 AND 14, WE HAD 51 CONFIRMED DEATHS. 8 ADDITIONAL DEATHS OF THOSE RECRUITED LAST YEAR AMONG THE HUNDRED. AND WE FOUND THOSE WHO HAD FIRST EPISODES AFTER 50, WERE TWICE AS LIKELY TO DIE. WE FOUND OVER 40 CONFIRMED NURSING HOME STAYS AND WE THINK THAT IS AN UNDERESTIMATE.

THE MAJORITY OF PEOPLE, BY NO MEANS ALL, REGAIN HOUSING. WE LIKE TO SAY THAT HOMELESSNESS IS A STATE NOT A TRAIT AND IT IS AN EXPERIENCE PEOPLE HAVE. ONLY 42% REMAINED HOMELESS, BUT THAT NUMBER REMAINED STEADY OVER TIME. WE WILL TELL YOU THAT THOSE WITH LONG-TERM HOMELESSNESS WERE SLIGHTLY LESS LIKELY TO REGAIN HOUSING THAN THOSE NEWLY HOMELESS. HALF OF THE PEOPLE WHO WE FOUND IN MONTHS OR DAYS THAT WERE HOMELESS FOR THE FIRST TIME, REMAINS HOMELESS AFTER THAT. THEY GOT STUCK THERE.

WHAT DO WE DO ABOUT THIS? FIRST OF ALL, THE ANSWER TO HOMELESSNESS IS HOUSING. IT IS ALMOST SO EASY THAT IT DEFIED BELIEF. BUT IT IS POLITICALLY DIFFICULT TO DO. I WANT TO POINT OUT THAT THE HOUSING THAT WE NEED IS HOUSING FOR EXTREMELY LOW INCOME HOUSEHOLDS. HOUSEHOLDS THAT MAKE LESS THAN 30% OF THE AREA MEDIAN INCOME. WE NEED DRAMATICALLY INCREASE, PROTECT AND PRESERVE THE AMOUNT OF HOUSING THAT WE HAVE THAT IS AFFORDABLE TO THIS PART OF THE COMMUNITY. FOR PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS. WE NOW HOW TO HOUSE THEM, TOO. WE NEED ELI HOUSING, THIS HAS BEEN SHOWN TO BE EXTRAORDINARILY EFFECTIVE. THOSE SUPPORTS IN THE HOUSING MOST BE OFFERED ON A HOUSING FIRST BASIS.

HOUSING FIRST MEANS THAT YOU START WITH THE HOUSING FIRST. YOU DON'T DEMAND THAT PEOPLE ARE SOBER OR DEMAND THAT PEOPLE ENTER A MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT. YOU START WITH THE HOUSING AND OFFER THE SERVICES ON A VOLUNTEER BASIS. PEOPLE CAN AND DO BECOME HOUSED WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE. NOT ONLY SHOULD YOU OFFER HOUSING, YOU MUST. WE NEED TO HOUSE PEOPLE AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE AND PREVENT PEOPLE FROM FALLING INTO HOMELESS.

WE HAVE NOT HAD ENOUGH EFFORT IN PREVENTING AND I'M THRILLED TO SEE THE STATE ENGAGING. FOR PREVENTION EFFORTS TO WORK. THEY NEED TO WORK AND TARGET THE PEOPLE AT THE HIGHEST RISK. WE'RE SEEING ACCESS AROUND EVICTION PREVENTION. IT IS PEOPLE WHO LOST A LEASE THAT ARE AT THE HIGHEST RISK OF HOMELESSNESS. THERE, GOOD MODELS LIKE IN NEW YORK. IN CALIFORNIA I'M THRILLED THAT WE HAVE THE HOME SAFE PROGRAM, WHICH GIVES RESOURCES FOR HOMELESS PREVENTION TO THE ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICES WORKERS. THE MOST BANG FOR THE BUCK OR THE MOST IMPORTANT AND EFFICIENT WAY TO DO PREVENTION IS TARGET PEOPLE AT THE HIGHEST RISK. IT WILL HELP THEM.

WE NEED TO THINK ABOUT RAPID REHOUSING AND I THINK WE HAVE AN INCREDIBLE EXAMPLE IN OAKLAND THROUGH THE KAISER BACK SENIOR HOMELESS PROGRAM. KAISER PERMANENTE AND BAY AREA SERVICES PARTNER WORKED TOGETHER IN USING A STRATEGY CALLED FLEXIBLE ENGAGEMENT. THEY OFFERED RAPID REHOUSING TO 515 HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS, 50 AND OLDER. THIS IS TIME LIMITED SUBSIDIES AND SERVICES. WHAT THEY DID WAS THEY FOUND IF PEOPLE WERE NOT STABILIZED THEY THEN MOVED THEM INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTED HOUSING. THEY USED A VARIETY OF MODELS INCLUDING SHARED HOUSING. THEY BOUGHT 7 HOUSES FOR HALF A MILLION EACH AND PUT SIX UNRELATED ADULTS IN THEM WITH SERVICES AND CREATED PERMANENT AFFORDABLE HOUSING THAT WAY. THEY HAVE BEEN SUBSIDIES FOR

FAMILIES AND INCREASING PEOPLES INCOMES. ABOUT 15% OF THE PEOPLE HAVE BEEN MOVED INTO PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING BECAUSE THEY FOUND THAT THEY COULD NOT STABILIZE WITH THIS LESS INCENTIVE INTERVENTION.

PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THOSE WITH BEHAVIORAL DISABILITIES REALLY IS THE ANSWER. WHAT THIS IS, IS SUBSIDIZED HOUSING THAT IS LINKED TO VOLUNTARILY SUPPORTIVE SERVICES. IT HAS TO BE GIVEN IN A HOUSING FIRST MODEL AND SHOWN TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AT KEEPING PEOPLE WITH SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES HOUSED. IN SANTA CLARA, WE HELPED THEM IDENTIFY THE 400 MOST DISABLED CHRONICALLY HOMELESS INDIVIDUALS MANY PEOPLE WITH VERY, VERY, SIGNIFICANT MENTAL HEALTH AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE DISORDERS. WE ONLY HAD A LIMITED NUMBER OF HOUSING. WE FOUND THAT 85% OF THOSE INDIVIDUALS, DESPITE THE VERY SIGNIFICANT DISABILITIES, WERE ABLE TO REMAIN HOUSED FOR THE FOLLOWING FEW YEARS WITH 90% OF THEIR DAYS HOUSED. HOWEVER, WE REALLY NEED TO ADAPT PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING FOR THE NEEDS OF OLDER ADULTS AND WE NEED TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET LTSS, LIKE THE IN HOME SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM INTO PERMANENT HOUSING AND WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE ARCHITECTURE IS ACCESSIBLE TO OLDER ADULTS AND STAFFED TO PROVIDE DEMENTIA CARE AND PROVIDE SAFE ENVIRONMENTS. THERE ARE A FEW MODELS, MERGING WITH THE PACE PROGRAM. THERE IS A PILOT OF THIS GOING ON IN SAN DIEGO RIGHT NOW AND IT IS VERY PROMISING.

WE FACE MANY CHALLENGES. THE LOSS OF RESIDENTIAL CARE FACILITIES THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA HAS CREATED A CRISIS FOR PEOPLE WHO NEED A LITTLE BIT MORE SUPPORT. WE NEED TO THINK OF CREATIVE WAYS TO USE ASSISTIVE LIVING WAIVER THROUGH MEDICAID TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN. AND THINK ABOUT THE WAYS THAT PSH CAN PROVIDE, THROUGH PACE OR CONTRACT MODELS, IHSS PROGRAMS. WE NEED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE

STAFFING OF THE PROGRAMS ARE AVAILABLE AND KNOW HOW TO DO THINGS LIKE ENDS OF LIFE AND DEMENTIA CARING. HOMELESSNESS IS REACHING CRISIS PROPORTION WITH OLDER ADULTS AS ONE OF THE FASTEST RISING GROUPS. THE AGING OF THE POPULATION INCREASES THE URGENCY. WE KNOW THAT THE USE OF THE HEALTH CARE SYSTEM CAN BE CHAOTIC. THE UNDERLYING CAUSES ARE STRUCTURAL AND WE HAVE TO ADJUST THE SYSTEMS TO RESPOND TO THE NEEDS OF THE AGING POPULATIONS. SOLUTIONS ARE NOT GOING TO BE EASY, BUT THEY ARE DOABLE AND WE NEED TO MATCH THE SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM AND REMEMBER AT THE HEART OF THIS, THIS IS A CRISIS OF ELI HOUSING. THANK YOU SO MUCH.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU DR. KUSHEL AND THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WRITING IN WITH YOUR RESPONSE TO THE BARRIERS. MARGOT, I'M GOING TO PUT YOU ON THE SPOT A LITTLE BIT. FIRST QUESTION FOR YOU, ARE YOU SEEING PARTICULAR IMPACTS ON THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY? RANDI TALKS ABOUT HOW SOMETIMES THAT COMMUNITY CAN EXPERIENCE OSTRACISM FROM FAMILIES. WHAT DO YOU SEE SHOWING UP IN THIS COMMUNITY?

>> DR. MARGOT KUSHEL: THANK YOU FOR BRINGING THAT UP AND I APOLOGIZE FOR NOT SQUEEZING IT IN. THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY AND ELDERLY, IS AT PARTICULARLY HIGH RISK. WHAT WE SEE IS A COMMUNITY WHO HAS OFTEN BEEN OSTRACIZED FROM FAMILIES AND THEY DON'T HAVE THE SUPPORT OF FAMILY. WE SEE MANY PEOPLE, PARTICULARLY IN THE OLDER ADULTS WHO ARE IN LONG-TERM COMMITTED RELATIONSHIPS. BECAUSE THEY CAME OF AGE AT A TIME THERE WAS NOT LEGAL MARRIAGE, THEY ARE NOT ELIGIBLE FOR A SPOUSE OR PARTNER BENEFITS IF THAT PERSON PASSES. WE SEE A COMMUNITY THAT FRANKLY FACES OSTRACISM IN PROGRAMS FOR HOMELESS SENIORS WHERE THEY DON'T FEEL LIKE THEY FIT IN. AND THE FINAL THING I WILL SAY, MANY PEOPLE ARE SOLVING THEIR HOMELESSNESS BY MOVING TO LOWER COST MORE

RULE COMMUNITIES. AND WE SEE MANY MEMBERS OF THIS COMMUNITY WHO DO NOT FEEL COMFORTABLE LEAVING A PLACE THAT IS A SANCTUARY FOR THEM. WE SEE DRAMATIC INCREASE OF HOMELESSNESS IN MEMBERS OF THE LGBTQ COMMUNITY.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: TWO QUESTIONS, BILL WAS INTERESTED IN THE GENERATIONAL CHART AND WONDERED ABOUT THE FINANCIAL CRISIS OF 2009, 10. DOES THAT IMPACT?

>> DR. MARGOT KUSHEL: THAT IS A GREAT QUESTION. WE KNOW THAT CRISIS, PARTICULARLY IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR, CAUSED A MASSIVE LOSS OF WEALTH AND ALSO CAUSED PROBLEMS, PARTICULARLY FOR OLDER POPULATION. MANY OF WHOM SAW THEIR LIFE SAVINGS WIPED OUT. WE THINK THAT CRISIS, LEADING TO THE FORECLOSE SURE AND ALSO AS IT WIPED OUT MANY SAVINGS, I THINK IT HIT THE OLDER ADULTS HARDER BECAUSE THEY HAD LESS TIME TO REBUILD. IT HIT THEM RIGHT AS THEY WERE ENTERING RETIREMENT AND LEFT THEM LESS ABILITY TO REGROUP AND REBUILD UP A NEST EGG. IT HAD CAUSED PEOPLE TO LOSE HOUSING, THROUGH THE FOR CLOSURE CRISIS, IT IMPACTED THE LOSS OF WEALTH. IT IS NOT JUST INCOME, BUT WEALTH THAT CAN SERVE AS A PROTECTION HAD A HUGE CRISIS.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: ONE LAST DATA QUESTION, IF YOU CAN COMMENTS ON THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN EXPERIENCE OF PEOPLE IN THE 50S, 60S, 70 AND EVEN 80 PLUS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS.

>> DR. MARGOT KUSHEL: I THINK WE WILL SEE THIS. AND IT WAS MODELED, THE FASTEST GROUP ARE 65 AND OLDER BECAUSE OF THE COHORT EFFECT. THAT POPULATION IS EXPECTED TO TRIPLE BETWEEN NOW AND 2030. IT GOES BOTH WAYS, OBVIOUSLY AS PEOPLE GET OLDER, THEY GET FRAILER IN GENERAL. WE SEE A LITTLE BIT OF WHAT WE CALL SURVIVAL BIAS. THE FEWER PEOPLE WHO ARE ABLE TO SURVIVE TO THE OLDER AGES WHEN THEY ARE HOMELESS, MAY BE PEOPLE WHO ARE IN PARTICULAR GOOD HEALTH. BUT THERE IS NO QUESTION THAT I THINK THE

PROBLEMS WE SEE WILL ONLY BECOME MORE EXACERBATED AS THIS AGE COHORT CONTINUES TO BE AT RISK. IN A FEW YEARS WE ARE GOING TO BE TALKING ABOUT THIS AS A CRISIS IN PEOPLE 60 OR OLDER. NO QUESTION THAT THE OLDER PEOPLE ARE THE MORE LIKELY AND THE HIGHER THE RISK OF SOME OF THE GERIATRIC CONDITIONS.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU FOR THAT. WHAT A CALL TO ACTION THAT IS FOR THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. I DO WANT TO SHARE OUT THAT IN RESPONSE TO THE QUESTION ABOUT THE GREATEST BARRIER TO HOUSING PEOPLE WHO ARE UNHOUSED, OVERWHELMING PEOPLE SAID IN MANY DIFFERENT WAYS, HOUSE, HOUSING AND HOUSING. RACISM, CLASSISM, THE DIFFICULTY OF BUILDING ELI HOUSING WITH SERVICES. THE LACK OF AFFORDABLE HOUSING, SPECIFICALLY FOR SENIORS. MULTI-GENERATIONAL. NOT ENOUGH SUPPLY. THE STREAM OF COMMENTS IS OVERWHELMING. BUT THE NEED FOR LOCAL COMMUNITIES TO BUILD HOUSE AND OVERCOME THE TRADITIONAL NIMBI BARRIERS. PEOPLE SHARED THERE IS WAIT LIST FOR THE HOUSING AVAILABLE, BUT LOW SSI/SSP DON'T ALLOW PEOPLE TO COVER THE RENTS. THERE IS AN OPPORTUNITY THERE MAY BE MISSED TOO OFTEN. GENTRIFICATION AND EVICTIONS. AND A THEME THAT HAS COME UP TOO OFTEN IN WEBINARS, AGEISM. LET'S MOVE TO THE WISE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEMBERS WHO WILL BRING THIS TOGETHER. WE HAVE A 34 STAKEHOLDER COMMITTEE WITH EXPERIENCE AND EXPERTISE AND THEY ARE REVIEWING THE PUBLIC COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS THAT HAVE COME IN. WE HAVE RESEARCH SUBCOMMITTEE LOOK K AT DATA AND A NEW EQUITY WORK GROUP MEETING TOMORROW TO MAKE SURE WE ARE TRULY BUILDING A PLAN WITH EQUITY AND AGING WELL FOR ALL. AND THEY WILL BE BRINGING BACK WHAT THEY HEARD TODAY FROM ALL OF YOU AND FROM THE EXPERTS TO THE FULL STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE IN MAY. SO GRATEFUL TO JANNY AND KEVIN. HERE IS JANNY CASTILLO.

>> JANNY CASTILLO: THANK YOU. LET ME MAKE SURE I'M COMING THROUGH. I WANT TO THANK GOVERNOR NEWSOM AND EVERYONE AT THE CAPITOL AND THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO JUMPED INTO DEEP WATERS TO HELP US DEVELOP THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING. I'M GRATEFUL FOR THE SEAT AT THE TABLE. REPRESENTING ST. MARY'S CENTER. I TESTIFY THIS STEERING COMMITTEE DOES NOT STEER AWAY FROM THE DIFFICULT CONVERSATIONS. THE WEBINAR SERIES IS AN ATTEMPT TO HONOR THE PROCESS AND WINDOW INTO OUR BEST THINKING AND WELCOMES YOUR INPUT. I WANT TO THANK DEPUTY SECRETARY SUTTON AND DR. KUSHEL AND THE TEAM. I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF KNOWING. TODAY'S SUBJECT IS POVERTY AND HOMELESSNESS, WHICH IS IN ALMOST EVERY CITY IN CALIFORNIA, WHICH REACHED EXTRAORDINARY EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS. THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS I SHARE WITH YOU ARE A DROP IN THE BUCKET. BUT HOPEFULLY STEER US IN THE DIRECTION TO REMAIN INCLUSIVE IN RESPONSE TO HOMELESSNESS. ONE BED GETS OUR SENIORS OFF THE STREETS QUICKLY AND PERMANENTLY. WE BROKEN UP THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN FOUR CATEGORIES. FIRST IS PREVENTION. THE FIRST TWO TO EXPAND RENT AND EVICTION PREVENTION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS AND STRENGTHEN RENT CONTROL ARE HAPPENING AT ALL LEVELS OF GOVERNMENTS IN VARYING DEGREES. WITH THE PASSING OF AB42, CALIFORNIA IS MOVING INTO THE RIGHT DIRECTION. WE NEED TO KEEP THE MOMENTUM GOING AND KEEPING SENIORS HOUSED BY SUPPORTING GOOD LANDLORDS. CHRONIC HOMELESSNESS IS DETRIMENTAL TO THE HEALTH AND WELL BEING OF SENIORS. IT WORSENS HEALTH AND SHORTENS LIFE. I CAN WITNESS AN INCREASING NUMBER OF SENIORS EXPERIENCING PAIN WITH MODERATE TO SEVERE MENTAL ILLNESS. ONE COLD WINTER NIGHT, I HELPED A SENIOR WITH DEMENTIA WHO WAS STANDING BEWILDERED BECAUSE HE COULD NOT FIND THE FRONT DOOR TO OUR SHELTER.

SENIORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS FOR THE FIRST TIME ARE AGES 50 TO 55. WE NEED TO ROLE BACK THE AGE LIMIT. RIGHT NOW 62 IS THE MAGIC AGE WHEN MOST OF THE UNITS ACCEPT APPLICATIONS. CAN YOU IMAGINE THE MANY WAYS TO REDUCE SUFFERING BY GETTING MORE PEOPLE HOUSED IN THEIR 50S VERSUS THEIR 60S. WE CANNOT BUILD OUR WAY OUT OF HOMELESSNESS OR HUD TO ANSWER THE NEED. WE HAVE A RECOMMENDATION TO CREATE A STATE SUBSIDY PROGRAM WHICH PRESERVES AFFORDABLE HOUSING AND OFFERS TENANT PROTECTION. AN EXAMPLE, A LANDLORD HAS 10 UNITS FOR LOW INCOME TENANTS. THE PROGRAM CAN ENROLL THE LANDLORD AND THE TENANT INTO THE PROGRAM, STABILIZING LANDLORD INCOME AND TENANTS' RENTS.

NO MATTER HOW MUCH IT DISTURBS US, WE WILL HAVE SENIORS SLEEPING OUTSIDE AND IN SHELTERS FOR YEARS TO COME. THE NEXT SET OF RECOMMENDATIONS SPEAKS TO ALLEVIATION. HOW DO WE REDUCE HOMELESS AND SUFFERING. WE NEED TO UPGRADE THE SYSTEM SO THEY CAN BE EASILY NAVIGATED BY SENIORS. AND WE NEED TO CREATE SENIOR FRIENDLY SHELTERS, MAKE SURE THE SITE IS FULLY ADA AND ACCESSIBLE. A SENIOR FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT ALLOWS IHSS TO HELP SENIORS IN SHELTERS. I BELIEVE IT IS ALLOWABLE, BUT FEW ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF IT.

OUR COMMUNITIES ARE SPLIT IN RESPONSE TO ENCAMPMENTS, WHICH OUR OUTSIDE NEIGHBORS WOULD LIKE US TO CALL THEM INFORMAL SEDIMENTS. IT CALLS FOR UPGRADES, PROVIDING THEM WITH ELECTRICITY, WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS, HYGIENE AND WATER ALONG WITH HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES. AND ABOVE ALL, LAND. LAND WHERE THEY MAY STAY WITH COMMUNITY CONDITIONS CREATED BY RESIDENTS. THAT INCLUDES THE NEIGHBOR'S INPUT. THE IMPORTANT POINT IS NOT THAT WE EXPAND THE NUMBER OF SHELTERS TRANSITIONAL BEDS, WE ALL KNOW WE NEED TO DO THAT. THE DIFFERENCE IS WE BUILD INTO PERMANENT HOUSING.

THAT LEADS US INTO THE NEXT CATEGORY, WHICH IS PERMANENT. STUDY AFTER STUDY RAISES THE FACT THAT ONE OF THE PRIMARY SOLUTIONS TO HOMELESSNESS IS PERMANENT SUPPORTIVE HOUSING. WE NEED TO INCREASE POLITICAL WILL, WRITE GOOD LEGISLATURE AND INCREASE FUNDING AND REDUCE THE COST TO BUILD AND CREATE UNITS. WE CAN DO THAT, IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE. TO RESPOND TO THE SEVERITY OF THE LONG-TERM EFFECTS OF SENIOR HOMELESSNESS, WE NEED TO EXPAND IHSS, CREATE THOUSANDS OF ASSISTIVE LIVING UNITS ACROSS OUR STATE. AND FINALLY THE STATE SUBSIDY PROGRAM CAN ALSO INCLUDE PROGRAMS SPECIFICALLY FOR SENIORS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS. AT THE FEDERAL LEVEL WE HAVE VASH, WHY CAN'T CALIFORNIA CREATE A SUBSIDIZED PROGRAM FOR SENIORS. WE HAVE LEFT PLENTY OF SPACE FOR MORE RECOMMENDATIONS. BEFORE WE SIGN OFF TO SPEAK TO THE FINAL CATEGORY, I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE YOU TO MY FELLOW COMMITTEE MEMBER AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF JUSTICE AND AGING, KEVIN PRINDIVILLE.

>> KEVIN PRINDIVILLE: THANK YOU SO MUCH. I WANT TO ECHO YOUR APPRECIATION OF DIRECTOR WADE AND THE GOVERNOR AND THE ENTIRE ADMINISTRATION FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO THE MASTER PLAN FOR AGING AND IN PARTICULAR, COMMITMENT TO ADDRESSING THE DIFFICULT ISSUES THAT WE'VE BEEN DISCUSSING TODAY. I WANT TO THANK JANNY AND MADLYNN AND ALL OF THE SENIORS AT ST. MARY'S CENTER THAT ARE GIVING VOICE TO THE CRITICAL ISSUES. I'M GOING TO COVER A COUPLE MORE RECOMMENDATIONS THAT WE'VE GOTTEN FEEDBACK FROM THE COMMUNITY ON AND WORKING ON. WHAT I ALSO WANT TO DO IS STEP BACK AND REITERATE SOME OF THE CONTEXT WE STARTED WITH. WHICH IS THAT CALIFORNIA HAS ONE OF THE HIGHEST RATES OF SENIOR POVERTY IN THE COUNTRY. THE OFFICIAL RATE IS 10%. AND UNDER THE SUPPLEMENTAL POVERTY MEASURE, ALMOST TWICE AS MANY SENIORS ARE LIVING IN POVERTY. 20%. THAT IS AMONG THE HIGHEST OF ANY STATE

IN THE COUNTRY. THAT IS LOOKING AT THE MORE OFFICIAL POVERTY MEASURES. IF WE LOOK AT THE CALIFORNIA INDEX, ABOUT ONE IN FOUR SENIORS IS LIVING BELOW THE BASIC NEED LEVEL ACROSS THE STATE. AS WAS REVIEWED, THERE IS SERIOUS AND SIGNIFICANT DISPARITIES ABOUT WHO IN THE STATE IS AGING INTO POVERTY. WOMEN OF COLOR ARE MORE LIKELY TO AGE IN POVERTY BECAUSE OF THE LIFETIME OF INEQUITIES THEY FACE. SEXISM AND RACISM LIMITS ACCESS TO EDUCATION, EMPLOYMENT AND AS YOU HEARD DISCUSSED, HOUSING AND HOME OWNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES. AND THE WAY THAT WE DO VALUE THE ESSENTIAL WORK THAT MANY WOMEN OF COLOR TRADITIONALLY PERFORM IN OUR ECONOMY. THESE ALL THESE TO GREAT DISPARITIES. THE MASTER PLAN HAS TO INCLUDE A BROAD GOAL FOR REDUCING SENIOR POVERTY. JANNEY OUTLINES STRATEGIES THAT WE CAN IMPLEMENT TO PARTICULARLY ADDRESS THE RESULTING HOMELESSNESS THAT IS SO CONNECTED TO THE HIGH POVERTY RATES THAT WE HAVE IN CALIFORNIA. I WILL COVER A COUPLE OTHERS.

ONE THAT IS NOT HERE ON THE SLIDE IS FIRST JUST TO REITERATE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE ELDER ECONOMIC SECURITY INDEX. WE HAVE THIS WONDERFUL TOOL IN CALIFORNIA TO REALLY UNDERSTAND JUST HOW FAR BELOW THE BASIC NEEDS LEVEL THAT SO MANY OF THE SENIORS ARE LIVING. AND WE SHOULD USE THAT TOOL AS WE PLAN PROGRAMS, DEVELOP PROGRAMS MEASURE THE PROGRAMS. AND WE REALLY NEED TO BE BETTER LEVERAGING WHAT WE KNOW FROM THE ELDER ECONOMIC SECURITY INDEX.

THE FIRST BIG RECOMMENDATION HERE IS ONE THAT WE'VE BEEN WORKING ON WITH A WIDE COALITION OF ADVOCATES FROM ACROSS THE STATE CALLED CALIFORNIA. IT INCLUDES MANY INDIVIDUALS LIVING ON SSI/SSP AND IT COMES DOWN TO RESTORE THE STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENTS THAT IS PART OF SSI IN CALIFORNIA. IT IS A FEDERAL PROGRAM THAT PROVIDES A MINIMAL CASH BENEFIT TO OLDER ADULTS AND PEOPLE

WHOSE INCOMES FALL BELOW A LOWER THRESHOLD. THERE IS A STATE PAYMENT ON TOP OF THAT. THERE IS 1.2 MILLION SENIORS AND PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES WHO RECEIVE SSI TODAY. THE BENEFIT LEVEL IS \$940, WHICH IS WELL BELOW THE FEDERAL POVERTY LEVEL AND FURTHER BELOW THE CALIFORNIA ELDER INDEX. THE SSI/SSP USED TO BE EFFECTIVELY HIGHER, BUT THE STATE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT WAS CUT DURING THE RECESSION AND HAS NOT BEEN RESTORED. IF WE REALLY WANT TO ADDRESS SENIOR POVERTY AND ADDRESS THE RELATED IMPACT ON HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER, WE NEED TO RESTORE THE SUPPLEMENTAL PAYMENT THAT THE STATE MAKES TO SSI. THE CALIFORNIA FOR SSI COALITION IS CALLING FOR THE STATE TO INCREASE THE GRANT AMOUNT TO REFLECT THE REAL COST OF LIVING FOR SENIORS USING THE CALIFORNIA ELDER INDEX AS A GUIDE. A SECOND RECOMMENDATION IS ONCE THE GRANT AMOUNT HAS BEEN INCREASED, NEEDS TO KEEP UP WITH THE RISING COST OF HOUSING AND OTHER BASIC NEEDS BY INCREASING THE MANDATORY ADJUSTMENT THAT SHOULD BE CALCULATED ON THE FULL SSI/SSP. HOUSING BEING THE MOST OBVIOUS SOLUTION TO ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS. PROVIDING PEOPLE WITH INCOME IS THE MOST OBVIOUS SOLUTION TO ADDRESSING POVERTY. THIS IS REALLY CRITICAL.

RUNNING SHORT ON TIME HERE, BUT QUICKLY, ANOTHER IMPORTANT AREA WHERE WE SEE THE IMPACT OF SENIOR POVERTY IS ON RISING RATES OF SENIOR HUNGER ACROSS CALIFORNIA. ABOUT 40% OF CALIFORNIANS AGE 60 AND OLDER ARE FOOD INSECURE. THAT IS 21% INCREASE IN THE LAST 15 YEARS. SIMILAR TO HOMELESSNESS, IT IS PART OF THE CALIFORNIA POPULATION THAT IS SEEING GREATEST INCREASES FOOD INSECURITY. SO WE CAN TAKE STEPS TO REDUCE THE RATES OF SENIOR HUNGER BY INVESTING IN AND INCREASING ENROLLMENT IN SENIOR NUTRITIONAL PROGRAMS. ONE OF THOSE THAT DIRECTOR WADE TOUCHED ON WAS THE CALFRESH PROGRAM. GROUPS OF ADVOCATES ARE WORKING ON

PARTICULAR RECOMMENDATIONS FOR HOW WE CAN COMMIT TO MAXIMUM ENROLLMENT IN THE PROGRAMS THROUGH A WIDE VARIETY OF STRATEGIES. AND THERE IS ALSO MANY OTHER SENIOR NUTRITION PROGRAMS THAT WERE OUTLINED AT THE BEGINNING. MEALS ON WHEELS, THEY CAN BE ENHANCED AND LEVERAGES AND INCREASE THE CAPACITY OF THE PROGRAMS AND CONDUCT PERFORMANCE IN GAP ANALYSIS OF THE PROGRAMS. ALLOW THE PROGRAMS TO BE INTEGRATED INTO THE MEDICARE AND MEDICAID PROGRAMS. THERE IS A WIDE VARIETY OF PROGRAMS ONCE WE MAKE THE COMMITMENT AS A STATE TO ADDRESS THE SENIOR POVERTY, HOMELESSNESS AND HUNGER.

>> KIM MCCOY-WADE: THANK YOU TO THE CLOSE TO 200 OF YOU WHO ARE SENDING IN YOUR SOLUTIONS. SIMILAR TO THE HOUSING WEBINAR, ONE OF THE THREADS IS JUST MORE HOUSING, SENIOR, HOUSING, AFFORDABLE HOUSING. BUT EQUALLY IMPORTANT THREAD IS INNOVATION. NOR MODELS, SHARED LIVING, MEDI-CAL SUPPORT FOR HOUSING, BOARD AND CARE, PILOTING NEW MODELS. HOUSING TRUSTS, VILLAGES OF SMALL HOUSES. JUST MORE FLEXIBILITY, CREATIVITY, INNOVATION AND GETTING THAT HOUSING JUMP STARTED. THERE IS A RECOGNIZED NEED FOR BETTER PUBLIC EDUCATION SO MORE FOLKS ARE A CONTEXT FOR THE HOUSING AND HOMELESSNESS CRISIS. CALL FOR CORPORATE PARTNERSHIP. YOU NEED SSI/SSP TO BE AT LEAST SOME RELATIONSHIP TO THE RENTS THAT PEOPLE HAVE TO PAY. SIMILAR COMING IN ON FOOD INSECURITY, LOTS OF IDEAS ABOUT INNOVATION AND EXPANSION, WHETHER IT IS FOOD DONATIONS, THE FOOD PROGRAMS, NEW CREATIVITY IN SERVING OLDER ADULTS IN MULTIPLE SETTINGS. WE WILL HAVE LOTS OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO GATHER UP AND BRING TO THE STAKEHOLDER ADVISORY COMMITTEE. WE ARE SO GRATEFUL TO ALL OF YOU WHO SENT THEM HERE. WE WILL CONTINUE TO ADVOCATE THROUGHOUT THE PROCESS. IN MY REMAINING 30 SECONDS, I WANT TO INVITE YOU TO COME BACK. IN THE COMING WEEKS K EMERGENCY AND DISASTERS FOLLOWED

BY ISOLATION, INCLUSION AND RESPECT. PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO ABUSE AND NEGLECT. MAKING SURE PARKS AND SPACES ARE ACCESSIBLE. AND TRYING TO THE PURPOSE OF VOLUNTEERISM ACROSS OUR LIFE SPAN. ALL INFORMATION ABOUT PAST FUTURE AND PRESENT WEBINARS IS AT THE NEW WEBSITE. THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTNERSHIP AND MAKING THIS PLAN AS INNOVATIVE AND BOLD AND ULTIMATELY HOUSING ALL CALIFORNIANS. THANK YOU.