



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS
FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PREVENTION AND PROMOTION
SYSTEMS GOVERNING COMMITTEE**

**500 WEST TEMPLE STREET
LOS ANGELES, CA. 90012**

Wednesday, December 17, 2025

10:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE MEETING. (25-6927)

Attachments: [RECORDING](#)

1. Call to Order, Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement

Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgment

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants past, present, and emerging as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma.

This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the:

Fernandeño (FUR+NAN+DAY+EN+YO) Tataviam (TAH+TAA+VEE+UM) Band of Mission Indians
Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LEE+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) Indians of California Tribal Council
Gabrieleno (GAB+REE+UH+LAY+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Gabiroleño (GAB+REE+UH+LAY+EN+YO) Band of Mission Indians, Kizh (KEECH) Nation
Yuhaaviatam (yu+HAH+vee+ah+tahm) of San Manuel Nation
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians
Coastal Band of Chumash (CHEW+MOSH) Nation

Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LEE+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) Nation
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To learn more about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website www.lanaic.lacounty.gov.

Roll Call. (25-6882)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. She then welcomed Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second Supervisorial District to the meeting who informed that time will be dedicated to discussing three items reflected on the December 17, 2025, agenda:

- 1. Discuss the committee's future and subsequent member roles given the directives contained in the November 18, 2025, Board motion: Advancing a Unified Prevention Framework for Children, Youth, and Families**
- 2. Take action on accepting and submitting the Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Progress Report to the Board**
- 3. Discussion on replacing the CEO-HI representative with a representative from the Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing, effective January 1, 2026**

Member Karla Pleitéz Howell joined the meeting virtually, exercising AB 2449. Staff performed roll call, and a quorum of in person members was met. Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong arrived to the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Present: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 2 - Member David J. Carroll and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

I. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

2. Presentation on the “Advancing A Unified Prevention Framework for Children, Youth, and Families” Board Motion. A Proposed Evolution of the Prevention Infrastructure. (Continued from the meeting of November 19, 2025) (25-6442)
- Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, Second Supervisorial District
 - Dr. Jackie Contreras, PPSGC Chair and Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), County of Los Angeles
 - Dr. D’Artagnan Scorza, PPSGC Member and Executive Director, Racial Equity, County of Los Angeles
 - Carlos Pineda, Manager, Prevention and Promotion Coordination and Implementation Team (PPCIT), Los Angeles County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative
 - Alaina Moonves-Leb, Acting Executive Director, Office of Child Protection (OCP)
 - Barbara Lundvist, Acting Assistant Executive Director, Office of Child Protection (OCP)
 - Kelly Fischer, MA, Youth Development Branch Director, Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD)

Alaina Moonves-Leb overviewed the **Summary of Directives** and stated the first is to direct the Executive Office (EO), in coordination with the Chair of the PPSGC, Director of Office of Child Protection (OCP), and Chief Executive Office (CEO) to develop recommendations to consolidate the PPSGC and OCP into a single Prevention and Promotion entity housed within OCP; direct the Director of the OCP and the Chair of the PPSGC to inform the development of a new Countywide Prevention Strategic Plan focused on children, youth, and families; direct all County department heads/initiative leads to designate executive-level staff to participate in the development and implementation of the new Prevention and Promotion Strategic Plan; direct the Director of OCP, in collaboration with the PPSGC and CEO, to return to the board with a Prevention and Promotion Strategic Plan that ensures coherence and consistency with OCP’s Strategic Plan; and direct the Director of OCP to convene a workgroup that meets regularly with relevant department representatives.

Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell provided an overview of the November 18 Board motion: Advancing a Unified Prevention Framework for Children, Youth, and Families, and stated that the work of the PPSGC remains a priority for her and her team. She emphasized the importance of ensuring that those responsible for the work are empowered to carry it out effectively. And affirmed her commitment to continuing to elevate the PPSGC’s work to the Board.

Member Karaccusian stated the importance of utilizing the Los Angeles County Affordable Housing Solutions Agency (LACAHS) to highlight prevention work. And Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer expressed concerns regarding the prevention framework due to limited funding and emphasized the need to focus on prevention and promotion through a separate revenue stream. Supervisor Mitchell noted that Los Angeles County has continued to be innovative during times of crisis and expressed hope that the innovation continues.

Member Pleitez Howell expressed gratitude and inquired about the target population and what a five-year prevention plan would look like for the Board. Supervisor Mitchell responded that she cannot speak on behalf of the Board but will review data and get back to the committee and expressed to the group that cultural shifts take time, and barriers will continue to arise.

Supervisor Mitchell stated that she will look into funding from the state and that it is something they can look into and that she will be returning to the National Association of Counties (NACo) Legislative Conference in February 2026 to learn, share, and advocate.

Carlos Pineda overviewed the LA County Prevention and Promotion expectations and considerations and informed that the timeline is within 180 days with an expected date of May 15, 2026, to complete the following:

1. Develop an integrated Countywide Prevention and Promotion Strategic Plan
2. Build on existing partnerships
3. Identify new opportunities and resources because of integration
4. Keep current work for all partners moving
5. Leverage lessons learned and infrastructure built
6. Sunset PPSGC as a Brown Act Body and establish a new workgroup under OCP

He also overviewed the Prevention and Promotion work and accomplishments stating that the PPSGC and PPCIT, together with partnering coordinating bodies and departments, have developed a series of tools, resources, and foundational organization to move the work forward which includes development of a collaborative Framework for Prevention and Promotion Work, Countywide dissemination and socialization of the Prevention & Promotion (P&P) Framework, and a PPSGC Prevention and Promotion website. Chair Dr. Contreras highlighted that one of the dynamics to be mindful of during the transition is to not hold off on things and tweak what is not working.

with the three focus areas approved by the Board from OCP's December 4, 2024, report back and to make recommendations, incorporating feedback from stakeholders, regarding redefining the Board-Directed Child Protection Priority Area with the report back due February 2025. She stated that the plan was completed on Monday, December 15, 2025, and is unlike the Prevention and Promotion Strategic Plan.

Barbara Lundqvist overviewed the OCP, and its impact to date noting a 41% decrease in the rate of children in foster care in Los Angeles County since OCP's creation in 2015 and noted OCP's role is to convene and align systems, advance policy and systems reform, use data strategically, launch and incubate innovation, and strengthen communications and engagement.

The OCP's 2025 – 2030 focus areas are as follows:

1. Build community pathways to upstream Prevention and Promotion supports and services for families
2. Enhance the Children and Youth System of Care partnership
3. Improve behavioral health and health outcomes for children and youth

The OCP's strategy for the first focus area are as follows:

1. Advance community pathways and prevention
2. Grow resources and capacity
3. Increase access and improve navigation
4. Lift up community expertise
5. Bridge systems and supports

She concluded by stating that departments and partners are forced to operate with fewer resources to support children and families with greater needs and that OCP's goal is to streamline by utilizing partnerships with relevant department leadership and a network of unique Stakeholders and having the staffing expertise to implement complex multi-agency collaboratives to implement the prevention work.

Member Nichols expressed the OCPs need for support that should include funding, adequate staffing, and support from the Board to be successful. He informed that Families First funding will be available for certain programs and is currently implemented in areas such as mental health and child welfare; however, this funding does not extend to staffing for the OCP. Chair Dr. Contreras confirmed to the group that the Prevention and Promotion work will stay within the Executive Office for now.

Member Dr. Wong stated that the Department of Mental Health funding for early intervention is very specific and due to a big investment in prevention early on, they are now faced with limited funding to do the same kind of programming.

Chair Dr. Contreras asked the PPSGC to consider who they want as their representative on the workgroups. And informed that the OCP will return in January 2026 to share how they plan to time and move the work forward and wants to utilize the committee meetings for discussion.

Virtual public comment was provided by Tracy Colunga, UCLA and Miller Foundation. Written public comment was provided by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. There was no in-person public comment.

Attachments: [Advancing a Unified Prevention Framework for Children, Youth, and Presentation - Unified Prevention Framework Presentation Joint Handout - OCP StratPlan Final.pdf](#)
[Handouts for Board Motion Discussion](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

- 3.** Discussion and take Appropriate Action on the Progress Report regarding “Building Los Angeles County’s Prevention Infrastructure” to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS). (25-6883)
- Dr. Jackie Contreras, PPSGC Chair and Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), County of Los Angeles
 - Dr. D’Artagnan Scorza, PPSGC Member and Executive Director, of Racial Equity, County of Los Angeles
 - Carlos Pineda, Manager, Prevention and Promotion Coordination and Implementation Team (PPCIT), Los Angeles County Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative
 - Kelly Fischer, MA, Youth Development Branch Director, Los Angeles County Department of Youth Development (DYD)

Carlos Pineda overviewed the Progress Report and noted the following edits will take place on the report:

- 1. Include Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer’s language to the report prioritizing efforts to improve planning strategies to the recommendations previously omitted.**
- 2. Incorporate edits by member Pleitez Howell and Chair Dr. Contreras.**
- 3. Break down the budget separating the PPSGC and PPCIT activities.**

He noted that the User Journey Maps (UJM) are linked to the report for members to review, that on page 14 of the report, templates are similar to Housing for Health, and the spending plan was added to provide budget and expenditure details related to P&P projects.

Updated revisions to the spending plan are as follows:

1. Include \$4 million of Net County Cost (NCC) that the Board motioned and \$1 million from Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS)
2. Include the additional departmental contributions at \$1.6 million
3. Include the current allocations estimated to be about 6.6 million

Revise line 5, and page 17 of the report, to be revised to reflect existing strategic plans and overview the revisions as follows:

1. Add language from Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer to number seven of the report not originally included
2. Break out the budget to reflect what is PPSGC and PPCIT specific, and identify where there may be overlap
3. Adjust number five, on page 17 of the report, to utilize the existing strategic advice and move forward

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer motioned to approve the report as amended, seconded by member Brandon T. Nichols the PPSGC approved this item as amended with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 2 - Member David J. Carroll and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Attachments: [PPSGC Report Back](#)
[UJM Report](#)
[HFH Report](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of the minutes from the September 17, 2025, meeting. (Continued from the meeting of November 19, 2025) (25-6441)

On motion of Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, seconded by member Cheri Todoroff, the PPSGC approved this item with the following roll call vote:

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Abstentions: 1 - Member Brandon T. Nichols

Absent: 2 - Member David J. Carroll and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Attachments: [091725_PPSGC_DRAFT_Minutes](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

5. Approval of the minutes from the November 19, 2025, meeting. (25-6884)

On motion of member Brandon T. Nichols, seconded by member Maral Karaccusian, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Abstentions: 1 - Member Cheri Todoroff

Absent: 2 - Member David J. Carroll and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Attachments: [111925_PPSGC_DRAFT_Minutes](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

6. Discuss and take appropriate Action on the Chief Executive Office Homelessness Initiative Seat (CEO-HI) and replace it with the New Los Angeles County Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH) beginning January 1, 2026. Per Section 2 of Chapter 4 and per Section 4, of Chapter 4 of the PPSGC Bylaws. (25-6885)

On motion of member Cheri Todoroff, seconded by member Dr. Lisa H. Wong, the PPSGC approved to replace CEO-HI with the HSH with the following roll call vote:

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

Ayes: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 2 - Member David J. Carroll and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Attachments: [PPSGC BYLAWS](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

7. Approval of the Prevention and Promotions Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) 2026 meeting calendar. (Continued from the meeting of November 19, 2025) (25-6443)

On motion of Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, seconded by member Cheri Todoroff, the PPSGC 2026 meeting calendar was approved through June 2026 with the following roll call vote:

There was no in person, virtual or written public comment.

Ayes: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 2 - Member David J. Carroll and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Attachments: [2026 PPSGC Meeting Dates](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

8. Opportunity for members of the public to address the PPSGC on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the PPSGC. (25-6887)

Written public comment was provided by Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. There was no in person or virtual public comment.

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

Adjournment

9. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (25-6888)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras stated that members of the public who wish to be added to the PPSGC mailing list for future agendas and materials may do so by emailing contact@ppsgc.gov. than adjourned the meeting of December 17, 2025, at 12:00 p.m.