



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

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

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

10:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (26-1264)

Attachments: [RECORDING](#)

1. Call to Order, Welcome, Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement, and Roll Call.

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 (TONG+VUH), Tataviam (TAH+TAA+VEE+UM), Serrano (SUH+RAA+NOH), Kizh (KEECH), and Chumash (CHEW+MOSH) 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

Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LAY+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians

Gabrieleño (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
Gabrielino (GAB+REE+UH+LEE+NOH) Tongva (TONG+VUH) Tribe

To learn more the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at lanaic.lacounty.gov. (26-0861)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m. followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. She then welcomed new Prevention and Promotion Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) member Sarah Mahin, Director of the Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH). Dr. Contreras then informed that as reflected in the December 17, 2025 minutes, members approved replacing the CEO Homeless Initiative representative, with a representative from HSH. And that time will be dedicated to discussing two items on the agenda:

1. Increasing homeless services organization's capacity to support Transitional Age Youth (TAY) and older adults, Prevention and Promotion Services Plan introduced at the August 20, 2025 PPSGC meeting
2. Sequencing the prevention and promotion transition as directed by the November 18, 2025 board motion, advancing a unified prevention framework for children, youth, and families.

Commission Services staff performed roll call, and a quorum of in person members was met. Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong arrived to the meeting at 10:15 a.m. Member David J. Carroll arrived to the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

Present: 8 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member David J. Carroll, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer

I. DISCUSSIONS

2. Increasing Homeless Service Organizations' Capacity to Support TAY and Older Adults: Prevention and Promotion Program/Services Plan.

- Sarah Mahin, Director, Department of Homeless Services and Housing (HSH)
- Elyssa Rosen, Director of Training, HSH
- Jacqueline Chun, Associate Director, Center for Strategic Partnerships
- 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), County of Los Angeles
- Alaina Moonves-Leb, Acting Executive Director, Office of Child Protection (OCP), County of Los Angeles
- Anna Potere, Project Director, OCP, County of Los Angeles
- Tene Tate, Principal Analyst, CEO, County of Los Angeles
- Dr. Priya Batra, Medical Director, Health Promotion Bureau for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (26-0862)

Member Mahin reported that the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, HSH is consolidating the County's response to homelessness and officially launched on January 1, 2026. The HSH is building internal capacity to collaborate with County partners to serve diverse subpopulations experiencing homelessness, including youth, TAY, and older adults.

Elyssa Rosen (HSH) provided an overview of the Prevention and Promotion Program and Services Plan, which supports TAY and older adults. She stated that the goal is to enhance the technical capacity of community-based organizations (CBOs) to house young adults and older adults experiencing homelessness more quickly and to ensure long-term housing stability. The plan seeks to increase the number of eligible County-contracted providers and strengthen health providers serving targeted populations, with a focus on youth and older adults. The project is designed to build CBO capacity through training, technical assistance, and organizational development. Objectives include improving CBO readiness to secure HSH master agreements and to scale up housing programs for TAY and older adults. Implementation is a three-year project beginning in Quarter 1 of 2026 and includes 12 vendor-provided trainings. And Annual and quarterly convening's for organizations interested in contracting with the HSH, and quarterly on boarding sessions for new HSH providers.

Anna Potere stated that the project provides an opportunity to support the Board's directives to create prevention and promotion programs.

Tene Tate noted that her role focuses on supporting County departments in building sustainable programming with available funding and developing additional funding streams.

Carlos Pineda stated that the Governing Committee's recommendations include three components: program source, spending plan, and staffing plan.

Member Dr. Scorza stated that the group's work represents a culmination of efforts to identify and select outcomes to reduce TAY homelessness, coordinate with partner bodies to select a project, identify and allocate funding, and develop staffing and evaluation plans, including measures to track outcomes over time. Chair Dr. Contreras added that the intent of the motion was to establish a Countywide prevention and promotion infrastructure, and that this project will support the continued development of broader prevention strategies.

Written public comment was provided by the Los Angeles Council for Aging. There was no in person or virtual public comment.

Attachments: [HSH P&P Cap. Bldg Plan 0122.26.pdf](#)
[HSH PPSGC Slides 1.23.26.pdf](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

- 3. Sequencing the Prevention and Promotion (P&P) Transition.**
 - a. Carrying forward the PPSGC/PPCIT accomplishments, tools, plans, and commitments
 - b. OCP - Advancing a Unified Prevention Framework for Children, Youth, & Families
 - Dr. Jackie Contreras, PPSGC Chair and Director, DPSS, County of Los Angeles
 - Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, PPSGC Member and Executive Director, Racial Equity, County of Los Angeles
 - Carlos Pineda, Manager, PPCIT, County of Los Angeles
 - Alaina Moonves-Leb, Acting Executive Director, OCP, County of Los Angeles
 - Anna Potere, Project Director, OCP, County of Los Angeles
 - Dr. Priya Batra, Medical Director, Health Promotion Bureau for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (26-0863)

Carlos Pineda overviewed the Inventory of the PPCIT & PPSGC transition items and informed that it includes motion directives and related items, a

description of each participant item, the status of the items, and the current leads. He reported that out of the 10 items, the Contracting Plan and Legal Policy, and Regulatory Analysis items were not activated due to insufficient data and activity, and that the final two items are not directives. Chair Contreras confirmed to the group that the next steps in the plan will be discussed at future meetings.

Alaina Moonves-Leb provided an overview of the Advancing a Unified Prevention Framework and reviewed the draft roadmap, which outlines key activities, deliverables, and meetings. She noted that Phases 1 and 2 span from November 2025 through January 2026, Phases 3 and 4 are scheduled for February through March 2026, and a meeting with identified executive teams is scheduled for February 2, 2026. She then outlined the phases and timelines included in the draft Framework.

1. Phase 1, Leadership and Partnership Identification & Initial Engagement
 - November – December 2025
2. Phase 2, Broad Partner Engagement & Input
 - January 2026
3. Drafting the Prevention & Promotion Strategic Plan
 - February 2026
4. Stakeholder Review and Feedback
 - March 2026
5. Strategic Plan Finalization and Departmental Alignment
 - April 2026
6. Reporting to the Board
 - Early to Mid-May 2026/Board Report due May 17, 2026
7. Establish a New Workgroup/Adapt Existing Workgroup to Implement Prevention and Promotion Strategic Plan
 - June 2026

She noted that one venue for advancing this work is the Los Angeles County Systems of Care (SOC), which is supported by the Office of Child Protection (OCP), allows new members to join, and permits the invitation and full participation of non-members, including additional County departments and community partners. The SOC focuses on interagency structure and coordination to address the needs of children, youth, and families, and includes many PPSGC members.

Anna Potere provided an overview of the Operationalizing Prevention and Promotion goal, stating that the objective is to establish a Countywide definition of prevention and promotion grounded in prior efforts and informed by community feedback. She then outlined key concepts to support operationalization across LA County, as follows:

1. Focused on population of children, youth, and families living in Los Angeles who are thriving
2. Ensure all children, youth, and families who reside in LA County have their basic/concrete needs met
3. All children, youth, and families living in LA County should have opportunities for social, recreational, and community connections
4. For those who want/need connections to services, ensure that there are navigation supports in place that reduce confusion and fear
5. Prevention strategies must include non-punitive, voluntary access points that allow families to seek help without triggering system entry
6. Improving cross-departmental data sharing, shared assessments, and coordinated planning

Alaina Moonves-Leb overviewed the Prevention & Promotion Strategic Plan draft outline and highlighted that the items reflect intended plan components and may be developed in any order:

1. Background/Purpose of Plan
2. Operationalizing Prevention and Promotion for Los Angeles County
3. Prevention and Promotion Framework
4. Departmental efforts
5. Joint efforts/Projects
6. Defining and measuring success
7. Accountability Framework

A discussion ensued amongst members with Dr. Batra inquiring whether there is a three or five year strategic plan put in place.

Alaina Moonves-Leb informed as it relates to budget constraints that there is a process in place in the instances that budgetary constraints arise. Member Carroll recommended that SOC engagement be run through the Executive Advisory Council on a more frequent basis.

Alaina Moonves-Leb informed that the Education Coordinating Council (ECC) will be factored into the SOC under an education table and that the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE) is also involved in the work.

Member Pleitéz Howell stated that, given ongoing changes, a shorter planning timeframe would be more effective. She recommended conducting community impact and evaluation in real time and noted that the draft Strategic Plan is missing critical elements, including equity. She also suggested revisiting how

“family” is defined, as this framing could broaden departmental engagement. Additionally, she advised against spending time on redefining prevention and promotion and instead focusing on testing and implementing prevention and promotion activities.

Member Karaccusian stated that it is unclear how this work will connect existing efforts, particularly for TAY, and suggested exploring community integration and data-sharing models that have been successful in other County departments.

Member Nichols expressed concern about the pace of progress to date and questioned whether the work has yielded tangible results. He noted that an overly broad scope makes it difficult to achieve goals and emphasized the need for urgency and a clearer focus on what can be accomplished within a reasonable timeframe to better serve those in need.

Member Dr. Wong emphasized the need to prioritize achievable goals within a shorter planning timeframe given current conditions.

Chair Dr. Contreras stated that she hopes the process encourages department heads to consider additional ways they can support the work. Member Karaccusian noted that, due to the current political climate, some community members are reluctant to seek assistance and emphasized the need for strategies that ensure individuals feel safe accessing government services. Chair Dr. Contreras added that the system must continue to address challenges while moving forward, and that equity discussions should account for the broader societal conditions contributing to an individual’s circumstances.

Dr. Batra stated that populations of focus are needed in the Strategic Plan and that every proposal should have specific goals that can be met quickly.

Member Carroll suggested that, under Operationalizing Prevention and Promotion (page 17), the item addressing the reduction of confusion and fear related to help-seeking should be separated, given the current political climate. Also, federal-level decisions are creating impacts that are likely to emerge over the next several years.

Virtual public comment was provided by John Kuhn. In person public comment provided by Stephanie Richard, Loyola Law School. There was no written public comment.

Attachments: [Inventory of PPICT & PPSGC Transition Items 01.22.26.pdf](#)
[PPSGC January 2026 Meeting OCP UPM Presentation.pdf](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

4. Approval of the minutes from the December 17, 2025, meeting. (26-0864)

On motion of member Karaccusian, as amended by member Dr. Scorza to correct the amount of \$4B of Net County Cost that the Board motioned on the spending plan to \$4M on page 7, under item 3, seconded by member Mahin, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

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

Ayes: 8 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member David J. Carroll, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, Member Cheri Todoroff and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 1 - Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer

Attachments: [121725 PPSGC Meeting Minutes](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

III. MISCELLANEOUS

Public Comment

5. Opportunity for members of the public to address the PPSGC on items of interest that are within the jurisdiction of the PPSGC. (26-0867)

Written public comment was provided by Los Angeles Council for Aging. There was no in person or virtual public comment.

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Adjournment

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (26-0866)

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. and stated that the next PPSGC meeting is scheduled for February 18, 2026. She then adjourned the meeting of January 28, 2026 at 11:25 a.m.