



**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, February 18, 2026

10:00 AM

RECORDING FOR THE ENTIRE MEETING. (26-1734)

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:

- Fernandeno (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

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- 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 anaic.lacounty.gov. (26-1265)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m. followed by the reading of the Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement. Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza arrived to the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Sarah Mahin arrived to the meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Chair Dr. Contreras informed that two items will be of focus for the meeting, an update from the Office of Child Protection, OCP on work that they've been engaged in since the last PPSGC meeting, and an update from The Prevention and Promotion Coordination Implementation Team, PPCIT on steps to close out work that aligns with and supports the establishment of a unified prevention framework for children, youth, and families. The second topic of discussion will focus on Strategic Transition and Alignment: Prevention 360, User Journey Map, UJM Analysis, and Data Sharing efforts. These efforts are PPCIT deliverables that align with the Unified Prevention Motion and Strategic Plan and will be closed out as part of the transition. They are also among the ten initiatives outlined in the Inventory of PPCIT & PPSGC Transition Items presented at the January 28 PPSGC meeting.

She also recognized and thanked members of the public for joining the meeting. Commission Services staff performed roll call, and a quorum of in person members was met.

Present: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member David J. Carroll, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Chair Sarah Mahin and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Absent: 2 - Member Brandon T. Nichols and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

I. DISCUSSION/APPROVAL

2. Unified Prevention Motion and Strategic Plan Update.

- 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 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, Office of Child Protection (OCP), County of Los Angeles
- Mary Barraza, LCSW, Senior Deputy Director, Prevention and Child Wellbeing (26-1266)

Anna Potere overviewed the Unified Prevention Motion and informed that the focus is on children, youth, and families and stated the goals are as follows:

- **Have their basic and concrete needs met**
- **Maintain connections that reduce isolation and build personal support systems**
- **Ensure navigation supports are in place to reduce confusion**
- **Prevention Strategies must include non-punitive, voluntary access points**
- **Show improvements in cross-department data sharing, shared assessments, and coordinated planning.**

Alaina Moonves-Leb overviewed the feedback received to date and noted the following is what was received:

- **Elevate equity and focus on reducing disparities everywhere in plan**
- **Define a broader, longer-term vision and then select more focused, defined strategies to work on in the short term**
- **Build from what already exists and elevate what has been successful**
- **Determine immediate and actionable areas of focus**
- **Consider the cost-benefit of primary and more upstream prevention**
- **Consider community schools, universities/colleges as community service hubs**
- **Ensure that the goals set are clear and measurable**

Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer asked for clarification on whether the previous plan the PPSGC worked is no longer being implemented and expressed concern that the two years of focused work on it will not come to fruition. Alaina

Moonves-Leb informed that the Board tasked them to work with the plan that the PPSGC came up with and implement new ideas into the plan based on prevention models that have worked.

Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer expressed disappointment on the focus of the new plan and stated she hoped the original plan would move forward. A discussion ensued amongst members. Chair Dr. Contreras stated the body has five months to address what the PPSGC needs to focus their efforts on. She noted the PPSGC has representation from a group referenced in the plan and other groups that it was agreed upon to provide feedback and representation. She further stated the plan introduces new opportunities and noted there are practical issues in the current plan for discussion such as the addition of seniors and additional matters not discussed in the original plan. A discussion ensued amongst members.

Member Karaccusian emphasized the importance of including nonprofit agencies in the plan and recommended that the PPSGC consult with organizations that operate prevention programs. Member Carroll inquired whether the objective is to integrate the PPSGC plan with other agency plans to create a single cohesive plan. Alaina Moonves-Leb informed that there will be a discussion on combining the work under the system of care (SOC). Member Karaccusian noted the importance of behavioral health and recommended further review.

Member Pleitéz Howell requested a review of the plan components related to equity, racial justice, and outcomes for children and families, and stressed the importance of piloting the plan at the community level. She additionally noted that information regarding the number of children served by the plan would be beneficial.

Anna Potere overviewed the prevention and promotion strategic plan and stated the following points are at the core of the plan:

- **Background and purpose of plan**
- **Definition of Prevention**
- **Prevention and Promotion framework**
- **Departmental efforts**
- **Defining and measuring success**
- **Accountability framework**

She informed that the identified background and purpose as well as the definition of prevention includes key components such as the Board Motion and Directives, Work to Date, and next steps.

Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer directed that discussions move toward implementation and strategies instead of journey mapping or framework.

Chair Dr. Contreras described the effort as an evolutionary process, noting that while the task force highlighted many needs, establishing clear priorities remained challenging. She stated that the recently adopted motion established expectations for stable infrastructure to support the PPSGC's work and underscored the importance of sustaining momentum and leveraging the information gathered thus far and proposed that the next five months be dedicated to defining the infrastructure and clarifying the path forward. Member Carroll raised the question whether the differences could be addressed rather than starting from scratch.

Member Karaccusian stated that the OCP has a prevention plan that should be reviewed if the intent is to revisit the plan. Member Dr. Scorza informed that OCPs plan was reviewed when the PPSGC plan was formed and stated they will share their findings which includes research on Countywide prevention work. He further explained that the three-year process was intended to evaluate the landscape and integrate the information gathered, noting that the priority is not to define prevention but to determine how to operationalize the ideas.

Member Pleitez Howell recommended examining prevention implementation approaches adopted by other counties and having the PPSGC present measures of success. Member Dr. Scorza reported that his group evaluated over a dozen prevention models and documented analyses of state models in the Prevention Services Task Force report and stated that the report would be shared with PPSGC members.

Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer expressed appreciation for the OCPs contributions and noted a perceived disconnect with the plan's current trajectory. Member Mahin agreed it would be helpful to understand what the changes are. Member Karaccusian stated that managed care is a missing component in the discussions. Chair Dr. Contreras requested that members review the plan and provide feedback at the next PPSGC meeting of March 18, 2026.

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

Attachments: [PPSGC Feb2026 OCP Presentation.pdf](#)
 [Board Motion](#)
 [Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

3. Strategic Transition and Alignment: Prevention 360, User Journey Map Analysis, and Data Sharing efforts.
- 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
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Member Dr. Scorza presented an overview of the inventory related to PPCIT and PPSGC transition items, noting that the objective was to strengthen infrastructure and mitigate systemic barriers where deficiencies existed. He noted that one of the identifiable items was collaboration with the Justice Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) and County Counsel to evaluate opportunities for scaling data-sharing initiatives countywide and stated that updates to members would be provided on the progress that has been made. He further informed that CalAIM has created consent forms to support data sharing across departments.

Member Pleitez Howell suggested adding links to the table and recommendations to the document shared at the meeting and obtaining real time feedback from the community. Member Dr. Scorza stated that the funding stream analysis is people driven, not technology driven. Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer recommended aligning requests with a defined action plan so that departments may clearly assess and determine their respective contributions. Member Dr. Scorza reported that a Net County Cost (NCC) request was evaluated; however, it was determined not to be viable given the lack of matching funds and federal resources. Chair Dr. Contreras stated that the body is uniquely positioned to make recommendations regarding where the work should reside and emphasized the need to begin identifying appropriate placement. Chair Dr. Contreras further stated that community engagement should be incorporated into the process.

Carlos Pineda overviewed the proposed collaborative approach to support the countywide strategic plan and informed it consists of the following beginning in March 2026 and ending in May 2026:

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- Convene the PPCIT to close out deliverables
 - Create a PPCIT User Journey Map (UJM) Workgroup to identify cross-departmental strategic opportunities
 - Funding workgroup to identify potential funding to support strategies/implementation efforts

Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer requested that activities scheduled between March 2026 and May 2026 be refined to ensure tangible and actionable deliverables. Member Dr. Scorza informed that the lead for the new motion is the OCP. Chair Dr. Contreras clarified that the PPSGC is working in partnership with the OCP to move the work forward. Vice Chair Dr. Ferrer clarified that, beginning in June 2026 with the implementation of a Strategic Plan, the PPSGC will advise the OCP on the input it seeks and how that input should be organized. Alaina Moonves-Leb stated that, with respect to the items discussed by Member Dr. Scorza, initiatives currently operating in other agencies could be reviewed for potential implementation.

Chair Dr. Contreras acknowledged that the vision member Dr. Scorza presented on what the county could look like is a possibility and that some members have posed questions that don't yet have an answer. And that foundational work is required to understand things such as policy. She highlighted that with the new motion the OCP has a responsibility to coordinate diverse groups and initiative representatives to move the work forward.

Member Dr. Scorza stated that if the PPSGC were to assume coordination of the budget request function, it would enable tracking and reporting should the body choose to proceed in that manner.

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

Attachments: [PPSGC - Strategic Transition & Alignment \(02.13.26\) .pdf](#)
[Public Comment/Correspondence](#)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

4. Approval of the minutes from the January 28, 2026, SPECIAL meeting. (26-1268)

On motion of member David J. Carroll, as amended by member Sarah Mahin to revise the agency name under item 2, the Los Angeles County Homeless Initiative to the Department of Homeless Services and Housing, seconded by member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza, this item was approved 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 David J. Carroll, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Member Maral Karaccusian, Chair Sarah Mahin and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Absent: 2 - Member Brandon T. Nichols and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Attachments: [012826_PPSGC_MINUTES.pdf](#)
[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. (26-1269)

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

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Adjournment

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (26-1270)

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 March 18, 2026, then adjourned the meeting of February 18, 2026 at 11:50 a.m.