



**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, March 18, 2026

10:00 AM

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
- 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

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- 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 about the First Peoples of Los Angeles County, please visit the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission website at anaic.lacounty.gov. (26-1740)

Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m., followed by the reading of the La County Land Acknowledgement. Roll was performed by staff. Member Sarah Mahin arrived to the meeting at 10:34 a.m. Member Dr. Scorza left the meeting at 11:09 a.m. Member Dr. Wong arrived to the meeting at 11:12 a.m.

She additionally stated that the meeting is specifically designed to accelerate the transition to the Office of Child Protection (OCP) and noted the key areas the committee will focus on:

- 1. Identify which items/products are most appropriate to transition to OCP.**
- 2. Determine how these items/products can best be integrated in the work OCP will lead around prevention and promotion for children, youth, and families – or where they should reside within the County, and who should be responsible for ensuring their sustainability.**
- 3. Establish a process to formally wind down the committee, including consideration of a final report, to ensure that progress is made, and lessons learned are preserved and used to support the County's prevention efforts.**

Present: 7 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member David J. Carroll, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Chair Sarah Mahin, Member Brandon T. Nichols, Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 2 - Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer and Member Maral Karaccusian

I. PRESENTATIONS

2. Presentation on the Prevention and Promotions Systems Governing Committee (PPSGC) Strategic Alignment and Transition.
- 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
 - Dr. Priya Batra, Medical Director, Health Promotion Bureau for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (26-1741)

Member Dr. Scorza and Carlos Pineda provided an overview of the Unified Prevention Motion (UPM) Prevention Strategy and Transition Infrastructure. Noting that the UPM framework is aligned with OCP work. The discussion was on how best to transition the work, identify components to continue, and where functions should reside. Carlos Pineda reviewed the inventory of transition items and recommendations reflecting the work previously assigned to both bodies.

The following motions and directives were reviewed and discussed:

- **Data Sharing / No Wrong Door Approach**
- **Funding Stream Analysis / Prevention 360 Database**
- **User Journey Mapping (UJM)**
- **Contracting Plan**
- **Legal, Policy, and Regulatory Analysis**
- **Communications**
- **Prevention Model**
- **Homeless Services and Housing (HSH)/Prevention and Promotion (P&P) Initiative**
- **PPCIT**
- **Coordinating Bodies**

Dr. Scorza stated that the No Wrong Door effort is operating as a pilot involving several departments and will report back with additional details.

A discussion ensued on how the budgeting process would be managed for initiatives involving First 5 LA and the Los Angeles County Office of Education (LACOE). It was clarified that First 5 LA is a separate legal entity from the County, which provides greater flexibility in contracting.

Member Pleitéz Howell cautioned against characterizing those funds as LA County prevention dollars, First 5 LA funds are separate and may include non-federal matching funds. Carlos Pineda would like to revisit earlier efforts that involve LACOE.

Dr. Scorza stated that data can be disaggregated in multiple ways, including by prevention tier, social determinant of health, domain, and population focus. In which the PPSGC recommended the data be publicly accessible so contributing agencies can review and use. And engage agencies to identify which will be responsible for implementation and what support they will need to be successful.

A discussion ensued on the additional work needed under the contracting plan, including whether Internal Services Department (ISD) should serve as the lead. It was noted that payment and reimbursement processes should be reviewed, particularly with respect to smaller nonprofit organizations facing hardship if reimbursement is delayed. And that, based on feedback from providers in HSH, risk management requirements and insurance limits remain significant barriers. It was emphasized that the work is intended to maintain focus on the communities and individuals throughout the transition.

Alaina Moonves Leb stated regarding the legal, policy, and regulatory analysis, this work represents a natural progression as coordination and alignment continue across departments.

Dr. Scorza reported that the P&P model is being updated on the website. Alaina Moonves Leb stated that the OCP is working to approach communications thoughtfully, by engaging communities already involved and by creating space for continued engagement. Anna Potere added that broader communications efforts will occur after completion and submission of the strategic plan so that the work can receive the attention it requires.

Dr. Scorza explained that the prevention model examined approaches across multiple domains, including education, public health, health care, and medical services, to develop a comprehensive prevention model with clear definitions. And that a final draft on the HSH and P&P initiative had been submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Alaina Moonves Leb clarified that OCP will serve as the coordinating body to support implementation across departments after the PPCIT and PPSGC sunset on June 30, 2026. And that the OCP provides backbone support to the Committee and noted the existence of a steering committee that includes the DPSS, LACOE, and Department of Youth Development (DYD).

The PPSGC suggested that Department Heads serve as Chair on a rotating basis to strengthen engagement. Alaina Moonves Leb added that the Executive Advisory Committee has historically met monthly, whereas the Interagency Leadership Team (ILT) has not met regularly, and will reengage the ILT in these discussions.

Dr. Scorza clarified that the OCP will lead the data related work and that certain efforts under the Chief Executive Office's Anti Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion (CEO ARDI) team may be transferred including the Prevention 360 Database should OCP elect to assume that responsibility. Member Pleitéz Howell suggested establishing timelines for each transition item.

Alaina Moonves Leb stated that in regard to policy and regulatory matters, OCP's intention is not to create a rigid process for every policy issue, but rather to pursue a collaborative approach. And the OCP has engaged departments in the motion and continues to coordinate with departments and other governing bodies.

Carlos Pineda reviewed recommendations to support the OCP strategic plan, implementation of the UJM, and integration of PPSGC and PPCIT work products. And that transition leads work with OCP to:

1. Develop a unified narrative;
2. Map Prevention 360 data and UJM findings to identify program, funding, system navigation gaps, and develop funding and navigation strategies to address those gaps;
3. Build upon data sharing efforts, legal and policy analysis, and contracting reform opportunities; and
4. Utilize plan templates and related processes.

Next steps:

1. Schedule a strategic plan road mapping session in April 2026;
2. Develop a unified narrative in collaboration with OCP;
3. Coordinate with CEO ARDI;
4. Preserve the PPSGC website as an archive; and
5. Draft a final report.

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

Attachments: [Strategic Transition & Alignment \(03.13.26\)](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

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3. Presentation on the Office of Child Protection (OCP) Unified Prevention and Promotion (UPM) Strategic Plan Update and Departmental Highlights through a Prevention and Promotion Lens.
- Dr. Jackie Contreras, PPSGC Chair and Director of the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS), County of Los Angeles
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 - Anna Potere, Project Director, Office of Child Protection (OCP), County of Los Angeles
 - Nick Ippolito, Chief of Staff, Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services
 - Dr. Priya Batra, Medical Director, Health Promotion Bureau for Los Angeles County Department of Public Health (26-1742)

Alaina Moonves Leb informed that engagement with the Systems of Care (SOC) Executive Advisory Council and UPM workgroup continues. The OCP met with Subject Matter Experts on the strategic plan components, matched with Community Pathway Collaborative. And are refining metrics to measure success, and meeting regularly with PPSGC and PPCIT leads to coordinate transition items. She presented OCP's recommendations to the Board on redefining child protection priorities and developed an outline for the strategic plan. Noting that the P&P strategic plan outline includes:

- 1. Background and purpose of plan**
- 2. Definition of prevention**
- 3. Prevention and Promotional Framework**
- 4. Departmental efforts**
- 5. Defining and measuring success**
- 6. Accountability framework**

Key components are planned efforts. Work to date includes collected resources from previous efforts, including funding analysis and youth motions, information requests, organizing and synthesizing. Information on current efforts via the 2/2 UPM workgroup is being collected. Next steps include how DPSS thinks about today and having departments share their plan to incorporate the prevention plan per the motion directive.

Nick Ippolito provided an overview of Viewing DPSS through a P&P lens, noting that the presentation addresses the framework, priority outcomes and data, current efforts, and community engagement. And framing services as a preventive measure against homelessness, poor health outcomes, and food insecurity, and as a means of promoting economic opportunities. And using

predictive analysis and analytics to intervene and prevent homelessness among families. Collaborative partnerships include:

- 1. General Relief Redesign**
- 2. Benefit Cliff Mitigation Pilot**
- 3. TAYportunity Guaranteed Income Pilot**
- 4. Service Enhancement Homeless Prevention**
- 5. CalWORKs Home Visiting Program**

He stated that community engagement is a foundational strategy for DPSS and noted that the Department has engaged with community-based organizations (CBOs), faith-based organizations, sister departments, and both in person and virtual forums to share information and foster partnership. He further noted that DPSS is committed to analyzing and reviewing data to help inform its work.

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

Attachments: [March 2026 Presentation - DPSS Prevention Promotion Efforts](#)
[OCP March PPSGC UPM Presentation](#)
[PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

II. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTER

- 4. Approval of the minutes from the February 18, 2026 meeting. (26-1743)**

There were no in-person, virtual, or written public comment.

On motion of Member David J. Carroll, seconded by Member Sarah Mahin, this item was approved with the following roll call vote:

Ayes: 6 - Chair Dr. Jackie Contreras, Member David J. Carroll, Member Karla Pleitéz Howell, Chair Sarah Mahin, Member Brandon T. Nichols and Member Dr. Lisa H. Wong

Absent: 3 - Vice Chair Dr. Barbara Ferrer, Member Maral Karaccusian and Member Dr. D'Artagnan Scorza

Attachments: [021826_PPSGC DRAFT 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. (26-1745)

Virtual public comment was provided by Fran Sererses. There was no in person or written public comment.

Attachments: [PUBLIC COMMENT/CORRESPONDENCE](#)

Adjournment

6. Closing Remarks and Adjournment. (26-1746)

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, the next PPSGC meeting is scheduled for April 15, 2026, and adjourned the meeting at 11:43 a.m.