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**CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

Fesia A. Davenport

June 26, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ISSUES RAISED AT PUBLIC BUDGET HEARINGS  
(ALL DISTRICTS AFFECTED - 3 VOTES)**

**SUBJECT**

A report from the Chief Executive Officer summarizing issues raised at the Public Budget Hearings.

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

Receive and file the attached report containing issues raised at public budget hearings.

**PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Your Board may wish to consider these issues raised at public budget hearings during Budget Deliberations. Since you will be addressing these items at that time, our office recommends that you receive and file all issues presented.

Attached is a compilation of issues raised at public budget hearings by oral (Attachment I) and written (Attachment II) testimony, including individual Supervisor's and departmental requests for additional funding for various programs.

**Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

These actions support the County's Strategic Plan Goal III.3: Pursuing operational effectiveness, fiscal responsibility, and accountability; continually assess our efficiency and effectiveness, maximize and leverage resources, and hold ourselves accountable.

**FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

No fiscal impact.


**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

Not applicable.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Not applicable.

Respectfully submitted,



FESIA A. DAVENPORT  
Chief Executive Officer

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Attachments

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors  
County Counsel

**PUBLIC BUDGET HEARING  
MAY 10, 2023  
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Attachment I

<b>SPEAKER</b>	<b>DEPARTMENT/AFFILIATION</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>
Fesia A. Davenport, Chief Executive Officer	Chief Executive Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Presented a report on the 2023-24 Recommended Budget priorities and challenges.</li> </ul>
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell	Board of Supervisors, Second District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Acknowledged importance of the budgeting process, emphasizing responsible decision-making, and prioritizing critical services. Expressed openness to diverse perspectives for meeting residents' needs.</li> </ul>
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath	Board of Supervisors, Third District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasized public engagement in the budget process, highlighted areas of focus, and expressed willingness to collaborate in prioritizing and addressing community needs.</li> </ul>
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis	Board of Supervisors, First District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Highlighted budget pressures, emphasized the importance of affordable housing and the need to address homelessness, and expressed continued support for environmental justice issues.</li> </ul>
Supervisor Janice Hahn	Board of Supervisors, Fourth District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced concerns about the lifting of Title 42 as well as risks associated with claims of childhood assault at County facilities. Expressed support for the Assessor's budget request concerning preservation of vital records and expansion of data analytics capabilities.</li> </ul>
Robert Luna, Sheriff	Sheriff's Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addressed the Board regarding the Sheriff's Department budget requests as well as the many issues facing the department.</li> </ul>
James Brooks		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced support for the Department of Parks and Recreation's budget, emphasizing Jackie Robinson Historic Park as a cherished community hub with diverse programs.</li> </ul>
Frederick Thompson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emphasized importance of the Jackie Robinson Park on the community and expressed the need for a cooling center during hot summers.</li> </ul>

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Margaret Grier	Arts of Healing & Justice Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concern about the tragic loss of life under the care of the Probation Department and urged the Board to defund the Department.</li> </ul>
Jacqueline Bailey	Soul Sisters Line Dance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed continued support for exercise, dance, and social contact programs at Loma Alta Park.</li> </ul>
Eric Previn		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concern about unfilled positions and oppose the use of tasers in Los Angeles County.</li> </ul>
Michelle King		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oppose increased funding for the Sheriff's Department and supports funding for mental healthcare workers, housing, jobs, and pandemic recovery.</li> </ul>
Ricky Avalos	Parks for LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports increased funding for the Organizational Grants Program to address inflation, support operations, and stabilize small and mid-sized organizations.</li> </ul>
Minor M	Art for Healing & Justice Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to defund the Probation Department and invest in community-based programs.</li> </ul>
Tamara Casa		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Oppose additional funding for the Sheriff's Department and suggests allocating resources towards affordable housing, addressing systemic inequality, improving transportation, and aiding the homeless population.</li> </ul>
Byron Jose	Trans Latina Coalition & Reimagined LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Against allocating additional funding to the Sheriff's Department and urged the board to fully fund CFCI, prioritize the needs of transgender communities, and adopt a cares-first approach.</li> </ul>
Akili	Reimagining LA and Black Lives Matter LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board not to allocate new funding to the Sheriff and Probation departments.</li> </ul>
Christopher Ige	Union of American Physicians and Dentists	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised concerns about the high vacancy rate of physicians, dentists, and psychiatrists in the County and criticized the lack of a</li> </ul>



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		competitive benefits package, which affects recruitment efforts.
Ana-Alicia Carr	American Heart Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to allocate \$6 million for the sustained implementation of the Market Match program.</li> </ul>
Amira Hall	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced the benefits of youth development programs that use sports and play.</li> </ul>
Emerald Gilliam	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced the benefits of youth development programs, specifically those involving sports and play, and urged the County to prioritize funding for the programs.</li> </ul>
Aria Gooden	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports youth development programs, particularly those involving sports and play.</li> </ul>
Aditi Sherikar	Children's Defense Fund, California	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned about funding for Probation and asked the Board to cut vacant positions and prioritize community demands.</li> </ul>
Elias Davila	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed the need for resources to help youth reintegrate into the community.</li> </ul>
Brooklyn	Young Women's Freedom Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the board to invest in community resources and prioritize care and healing for young people.</li> </ul>
Deandre Tisby	Free LA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to invest in school lunches instead of incarcerating young people.</li> </ul>
Bendakay Farmer		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concerns about a system that continues to fail youths.</li> </ul>
Scott Martin	Hacienda Heights Improvement Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed appreciation for community centers and parks, highlighting the value of children's happiness, and urged continued support for community events and facilities.</li> </ul>
Emily Skihan		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concerns over conditions at Camp Gonzalez and urged the Board to stop funding the Probation Department.</li> </ul>
Roy Humphreys		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed opposition to defunding the Sheriff's Department and raised concerns about budgeting, short-staffing tactics, automation of ports, and other issues.</li> </ul>

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Alyssa Arbolante	American Heart Association and LA Producers Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to allocate \$6 million for sustained implementation of the evidence-based nutrition program, Market Match.</li> </ul>
Allen Hernandez	American Heart Association and LA Producers Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocated for \$6 million investment in the budget for the Market Match program.</li> </ul>
Jessica Ellis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Concerned that the budget fails to address accountability and supports institutions that resist reform.</li> </ul>
Leandro Marin		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to prioritize youth development programs over incarceration.</li> </ul>
Max Sherman	Apartment Association of Greater Los Angeles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to suspend funding for right to council payments to private attorneys for non-criminal matters, new sites of retrofit inspections, and the proposed Habitability Inspections program.</li> </ul>
Angie Venezuela	Hacienda Heights Swimming Club	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed the importance of having community programs and events at the Hacienda Heights Community Center.</li> </ul>
Latia Stevenson		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked for assistance and called for greater representation and reallocation of the budget for homeless families.</li> </ul>
No name provided		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The speaker asked that certain individuals and organizations stop spreading false information about her.</li> </ul>
Diana Garcia		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed support for investments in youths instead of incarcerating minors.</li> </ul>
Francisco Romero	Park Equity Alliance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concern about a \$17 million cut in funding for parks and advocated for increase in funding.</li> </ul>
Gabriella Rojas		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Called for reducing reliance on policing and jails and urged the Board to invest in public safety alternatives, youth justice, reentry, and homelessness outreach programs.</li> </ul>
Herminia Galvez	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to increase funding for counselors, street coordinators, and trusted</li> </ul>

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		community members, instead of allocating more funds to the Sheriff's Department.
Jaylen Pere	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports funding for youth development programs that incorporate sports and play.</li> </ul>
Dominique Davis	Young Women's Freedom Center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to redirect funding from the Sheriff and Probation departments to support youth development organizations committed to care-first initiatives.</li> </ul>
Jesus Trigo	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed support for community-based organizations that work with young people.</li> </ul>
Jared O'Bryant	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked the Board to defund of the Probation Department and redirect \$28 million towards youth development and job opportunities.</li> </ul>
Caitlyn Lewis	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocated for funding of sports-based youth development programs.</li> </ul>
Jerry Homes		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raised concerns regarding dead trees that could pose safety risks during the upcoming Juneteenth celebration at the Jackie Robinson Park and requested immediate attention to prevent potential injuries.</li> </ul>
Brandy Butler		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed gratitude for the funding provided for youth sports programs and scholarships, highlighting the positive impact it has had on children and foster youths.</li> </ul>
Stephanie Luna		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Against funding for the Sheriff's Department and advocated for investing in the community.</li> </ul>
Phillip Kim		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to reconsider supporting the budget, criticizing it as a fear-first budget that prioritizes increasing the Sheriff's budget.</li> </ul>
Miguel Caesar		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed frustration and condemnation towards the current system and the disregard for human rights of the people, particularly the marginalized.</li> </ul>
Regina Lockridge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Requested assistance to help with her homelessness and health issues.</li> </ul>

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Ty Simore		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Criticized the allocation of funds to the Sheriff and Probation departments, advocating for investing in community services instead.</li> </ul>
Javier Starring		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed gratitude for the community's response to an incidence at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall.</li> </ul>
Gloria Cruz	Coalition for Humane Immigrant Rights	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urged the Board to continue support for the represent LA model as well as legal services for immigrant families.</li> </ul>
Deborah Lewis		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emphasized the impact of the County's actions on the State, urging investment in community, education, and care for young people, rather than incarceration.</li> </ul>
Valeria Velazquez		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Expressed appreciation for the \$2 million investment in Market Match expansion and urged the Board to increase the funding to \$6 million.</li> </ul>
Michael Aranda	California Conference for Equality Injustice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Called for the Board to dismantle and abolish the Probation Department.</li> </ul>
Jacob Jackson	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Advocated for investing in alternatives to youth incarceration.</li> </ul>
Jazar Holiday	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Raised concerns about moving back into an abandoned building that was closed due to roach infestation.</li> </ul>
Kalani Eldridge		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Voiced support for community unity and protection of young people, expressing the need for improved education, facilities, and resources rather than the building of new jails.</li> </ul>
Elijah Chandler		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Asked the Board to allocate \$28 million towards school food and education instead of using it for increasing juvenile detention center capacity.</li> </ul>
Mya Hendrix	Reimagine LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urged the Board to refrain from investing further in the carceral system, emphasizing the need for care-first approaches, mental</li> </ul>

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		health support, crisis response teams, and youth services.
Imari Wallace		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed support for funding to support kids, emphasizing the need for mental health classes and other assistance.</li> </ul>
Jade Green	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questioned the allocation of funds to the Sheriff's Department and urged prioritization of resources for young people's well-being.</li> </ul>
Chloe Bacchus	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced support for funding concept proposal 113 in the CFCI spending plan.</li> </ul>
Kamiko Davis	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed support for funding concept proposal 113 in the CFCI spending plan.</li> </ul>
Kath Rogers	ACLU	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked the Board to reconsider the funding allocated in the budget for the Sheriff's Department HOST Team and instead invest in affordable housing and effective solutions for houselessness.</li> </ul>
Monte		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocated for prioritizing positivity, growth, and mental health of incarcerated youth through investments in substance abuse counseling and preventative measures.</li> </ul>
Kevin Garcia	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to invest in programs and activities for incarceration youths.</li> </ul>
Kamari Powell	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocated for redirecting funding from Probation and law enforcement departments to organizations and programs that support housing, mentoring, and resources for youth.</li> </ul>
Kent Mendoza	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Asked the Board to reconsider the approved budget and redirect funding towards supporting young people.</li> </ul>
Melinda Kakani	Children's Defense Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criticized the Board for funding and perpetuating the mistreatment and death of young people, urging the Board to take responsibility.</li> </ul>

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No name provided		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed frustration with the Board's decisions, advocating for defunding the police and investing in youth.</li> </ul>
Leah Perez	La Defensa, Justice LA, and Reimagined LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed concerns about human rights violations at County jails and supports full funding of CFCI.</li> </ul>
Nicholas	Anti-Recidivism Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed highlights of his personal transformation after incarceration and emphasized the need for genuine community engagement.</li> </ul>
Trinity	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced support for funding concept proposal 113 in the CFCI spending plan.</li> </ul>
Zelaya	Alliance Leadership Initiative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Supports funding for concept proposal 113 in the CFCI spending plan.</li> </ul>
Sophia Ventura	Urban Peace Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criticized allocation of funding in the budget for the carceral system, neglecting care-first approaches.</li> </ul>
Olivia Shields	Urban Peace Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questioned additional funding in the budget for the Sheriff and Probation departments. Asked the Board to invest in youth development.</li> </ul>
Sophia Barras		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Advocated against investing \$20 million in the Probation Department, suggesting it should be directed towards youth justice programs.</li> </ul>
James Bailey	Youth Justice Coalition and LA Youth Uprising	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced strong opposition to the budget, calling for defunding the police, stopping wasteful spending on probation, and addressing coercion and mistreatment of young children.</li> </ul>
Tauheedah Shakur	Youth Justice Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to fund and support YJR.</li> </ul>
Thomas Harvey	Children's Defense Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Voiced criticism of the County's Probation facilities and called for an end to funding of the Department.</li> </ul>
Maria Blanco		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Expressed gratitude to the Board for voting to provide affordable healthcare to contract</li> </ul>

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		service workers at county hospitals, highlighting the need for accessible healthcare for herself and her coworkers.
Yasmine Imani McMorris	Children's Defense Fund	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to fully fund care-first and youth justice programs.</li> </ul>
No name provided	Arts for Healing & Justice Network	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to end funding for incarcerating young people.</li> </ul>
Sangita Rayasam	La Defensa and Reimagined LA Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Urged the Board to fund Youth Justice Reimagined as well as invest in proven alternatives to incarceration.</li> </ul>
No name provided		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Criticized the Board for not protecting children and demanded accountability and action to prevent further child deaths and misappropriation of funds.</li> </ul>

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May 26, 2023

TO: Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair  
Supervisor Hilda L. Solis  
Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell  
Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath  
Supervisor Kathryn Barger

FROM: Celia Zavala   
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET HEARING RECORD

The following statements and/or requests were received in my office by Friday, May 19, 2023. These documents will be made part of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Public Budget Hearings record and will be before you for consideration during Budget Deliberations.

1. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, regarding various budget priorities and unmet needs for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
2. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, regarding various unmet needs and priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
3. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Supervisor Lindsey P. Horvath, regarding various budget priorities for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
4. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Supervisor Janice Hahn, regarding various unmet needs requests for consideration during Budget Deliberations.
5. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Supervisor Kathryn Barger, regarding critical needs for consideration during Budget Deliberations.



6. Memorandum dated April 24, 2023, from Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed., Director, Department of Public Health, regarding various requests totaling \$14.9 million in appropriation, including a net increase of approximately 42.0 positions in addition to the \$130.8 million in appropriation, and 105.0 positions already requested in DPH's Recommended Budget.
7. Memorandum dated May 11, 2023, from Anthony C. Marrone, Fire Chief, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, regarding critical budget priorities, which include \$3.462 million for 21.0 position in Human Resources to support the Department's hiring promotional and D.E.I. processes and recall issues and meet the objectives of the Workplace Trauma Board Motion, and \$3.724 million for 19.0 positions in Dispatch to address an increasing 9-1-1 call volume, long 9-1-1 answer times, and staffing shortages as a result of personnel being off work on long-term leave.
8. Letter dated May 15, 2023, from Bridget Gordon and Luckie Alexander Fuller, Co-Chairs, Commission on HIV, regarding the Commission's support of the Department of Public Health's appeal for \$19.25 million to close the gap in unmet funding needed to respond to the County's STD crisis.
9. Memorandum dated May 16, 2023, from Jim Zenner, Director, Department of Military and Veterans Affairs, regarding critical unmet needs request in support of the County's Homeless Initiative, by providing direct services to the County's homeless veterans, for 4.0 Veterans Claims Assistant III items that will directly support this mission.
10. Letter dated May 17, 2023, from Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D, Director, Department of Mental Health, regarding priorities for inclusion in the public record that consist of a Wellness Officer (\$0.2 million), Heluna Health Capacity Building Services (\$5.5 million), Mental Health Loan Repayment Program (\$2.2 million), Contract and Memoranda of Understanding (\$80.8 million), and Building Management Costs (\$0.5 million).
11. Letter dated May 18, 2023, from Robert G. Luna, Sheriff, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, requesting critical unmet needs related to Network Infrastructure, Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System (LA-RICS) Requirements, Custody/Consent Decree Technology and Personnel Needs, Computer-Aided Dispatch Replacement Project, Patrol/Countywide Operations Equipment, two additional captains recommended for deputy gangs, AV-DOJ Consent Decree, Training Resources, Expenditure Control and Compliance, Revenue Maximization, and Operational Efficiencies, Homeless Outreach

Services Team (HOST) Expansion, Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Expansion, Station Custody Assistants, and replacement of 10 transportation buses.

12. Letter dated May 18, 2023, from Celia Zavala, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors, requesting unmet needs priorities in the areas of Chief Sustainability Office, Office of Child Protection, and Net County Cost funding request increase of \$100,000 in Services and Supplies.
13. Letter dated May 18, 2023, from Norma E. García-González, Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, regarding unmet needs request to support continuing the critical programs and services offered by the Department, which include the Parks After Dark (PAD) Program, Safe Passage Program, and Golf Course Operating Fund (CA8).
14. Letter dated May 18, 2023, from Tamika L. Butler, Chair, Parks and Recreation Commission, requesting the Board to allocate ongoing Net County Cost (NCC) funding of \$944,000 for the Department's Central Reservation and Partnership Operations to support staffing that will increase access to Los Angeles County park facilities and amenities, improve customer service, and create a sustainable workload for staff.
15. Letter dated May 18, 2023, from Lynn Whitaker, President, Friends of Robinson Gardens, in strong support for the Department of Parks and Recreation's request for one-time cost of \$184,000 and ongoing cost of \$407,000, including 3.0 positions, to support the expanded hours of operation for park coverage, maintenance and programming in its 2023-24 Fiscal Budget request.
16. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Corey Calaycay, Chair, Library Commission, requesting the Board to fund the Los Angeles County Library's unmet needs request to continue providing necessary library services within the Los Angeles County communities, including ongoing funding of additional net County contribution, ongoing books and materials funding, security, and mental health support.
17. Memorandum dated May 19, 2023, from Joseph F. Iniguez, Chief of Staff, Los Angeles County District Attorney's office, requesting additional unmet needs in the amount of \$2,450,000 for a total of 10.0 additional positions.

18. Memorandum dated May 19, 2023, from Brandon T. Nichols, Director, Department of Children and Family Services, requesting 561 additional net full-time equivalent positions at a projected Net County Cost of \$74.4 million to address critical unmet needs in the areas of child safety, and administrative and program support services.
19. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Gary Jones, Director, Beaches and Harbors, regarding unmet needs request for septic tank maintenance services, which consist of annual compensation of \$573,965 in each contract year, plus up to 10% for additional or unforeseen services within the scope of the contract.
20. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Kristin Sakoda, Director, Arts and Culture, regarding unmet critical needs requests, which include the Arts Internship Program (minimum wage adjustment) for 228 full-time, 400-hour paid internships at arts organizations throughout the County, and two position changes within the Civic Art Division, which are cost-neutral to the Department and no additional funding is requested.
21. Letter dated May 19, 2023, from Ricardo D. García, Public Defender, Los Angeles County Public Defender, regarding budget priorities and unmet needs in support of various Board priorities, including Care First, Jails Last, Justice Reform, Anti-Racism, and the Alternatives to Incarceration Initiative, including ongoing funding for the following program areas; Felony Trial Attorneys, Human Resources, Mental Health Services, Data Analytics and Technology Support, Legal Support, and Post-Bar Law Clerks.
22. Memorandum dated May 19, 2023, from Christina R. Ghaly, M.D., Director, Department of Health Services, requesting consideration of unmet needs funding in the areas of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism Support Team, Los Angeles General Medical Center – Office of Decedent Affairs, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center – Infusion Center Rightsizing – Nursing and Pharmacy, Integrated Correctional Health Services, and Health Services – Community Programs totaling \$110.6 million in appropriation, including an increase of 155.0 positions.
23. Email correspondence dated May 12, 2023 through May 19, 2023, from various constituents in support of yearly full funding for Care First Community Investment; support for immigrant communities in the areas of housing, legal services, food assistance, equity service navigators and internet access; jobs and workforce development; guaranteed basic income; investing in the public assets and sustainability efforts; resources, including financial literacy classes, for the youth community; equity and wellness fund for the families

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and targets of mass incarceration, and transportation for seniors, disabled and the vulnerable population.

In addition, the following unmet needs requests were received after the May 19, 2023 deadline:

24. Email correspondence dated May 22, 2023, from various constituents in support of funding for housing, legal services, internet access for immigrant families, and Care First Initiative in Los Angeles County.

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May 19, 2023

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Dear Ms. Zavala:

This is to formally submit, for the public record, my budget priorities and unmet needs for the fiscal year 2023-24 public budget hearings. In accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), issues raised during the budget hearing process may be considered during budget deliberations, which are scheduled to commence on June 26, 2023.

The County's resiliency will again be tested as we face what is expected to be another challenging year for the budget. The growing unsheltered population, looming consent decrees for our adult and juvenile systems, and unprecedented costs for litigation and settlements all weigh heavily on the budget.

However, crisis is not new to the County. It is for these moments that the Board of Supervisors, past and present, implemented strong fiscal policies to see us through. There is still hope for an economic upswing, no matter how small, that will allow us to expand programs and services. These efforts remain necessary to help improve the lives of all ten million Angelenos, especially those who have not yet fully recovered from the devastating impacts of the pandemic.

I respectfully request funding for the following:

## Capital Projects

- Old General Hospital. \$120 million to reuse and rehabilitate the iconic historic building for housing, including affordable housing.
- Restorative Care Village at LA General Hospital. \$180 million to build sub-acute mental health beds and Residential Withdrawal Management beds on the health campus.
- Century Housing. \$12 million for in-fill upgrades and infrastructure improvements at LA General Hospital for 300 units of housing.

- Norwood Library Rehabilitation. \$6 million for the outdated County library in the San Gabriel Valley.
- Skid Row Navigation Center-Crocker Building. \$80 million for a navigation hub to provide wraparound services and short-term housing for Skid Row residents and support the Skid Row Action Plan.
- Restorative Justice Village. \$50 million to acquire and cleanup an adjacent parcel to expand housing.
- Transformative Climate Communities East LA (TCC ELA). \$250,000 for a feasibility study of a parcel at 3rd Street and La Verne Avenue for housing.
- Alcazar Feasibility Study. \$100,000 to fund a feasibility study for the future use of the properties.
- Central Juvenile Hall Feasibility Study. \$100,000 to fund a feasibility study for future use of the site.
- Maclaren Housing Development. \$10 million for in-fill and infrastructure upgrades.
- Plaza Project on City Terrace Drive. \$3 million to convert the County-owned surface parking lot located on City Terrace Drive at Miller Avenue in East Los Angeles into an urban plaza for respite, gatherings, and waiting for transit as envisioned by community members.
- Enhancing green space in park poor communities. \$1 million for a pocket park in partnership with school districts in the Valinda and La Puente area to increase recreation activity.

#### Immigration

- Represent LA. Increase investment to provide legal services for immigrants living in Los Angeles County and expand the program to support more robust removal defense.
- Language access. Invest additional resources to improve language access across all County Departments. This includes guidance and standards for procuring and evaluating quality language service providers, support to increase a department's internal capacity for language access vis-à-vis more bilingual staff that are formally trained in interpretation and translation, more training for the County workforce on the County's responsibilities to provide language access and on how to adequately access language services for the public, and more resources and technical assistance to provide translation and interpretation in more needed languages.
- Staffing. As the Office of Immigrant Affairs's (OIA) responsibilities continue to mature and grow as the lead agency for the County's Immigration Priority, including leading the response on a variety of Board-directed initiatives that have fundamental Countywide impact (i.e., Equitable Recovery for Immigrants, Benefits Enrollment for Immigrants, Language Access), it needs staffing suited to do the work.

### Los Angeles County Development Authority

- Community land trusts (CLTs). CLTs are nonprofit organizations that own land on behalf of a community and ensure its long-term use for affordable housing, community gardens, civic buildings, and other community asset. Continuing the Pilot Community Land Trust Acquisition / Rehabilitation program will ensure affordability for many residents.
- Intergenerational Gardening. Young and older gardeners come together to spend time, share stories and food, as well as strengthens the local food systems through practical gardening. An investment in workforce and intergenerational greening programs at Maravilla Public Housing will benefit many residents.

### Health and Mental Health Services

- Promotoras/Community Health Workers. Continue to support, invest in, and expand efforts to break down barriers to mental health care and public health resources to address social determinants of health, as well as for the successful implementation of CARE Court. In addition to providing career pathways and opportunities for existing promotoras and extending full-time opportunities, expand upon the cultures and languages utilized by the promotoras program, and create networks for promotoras to communicate with one another to share best practices across communities.
- P3/P4 Discharge. There has been tremendous focus on those with mental health needs in the County jails, especially the P3 and P4 individuals, those with the most serious mental health needs that require more resources and support, an estimated 12% of the total jail population. The Board passed a motion to create an initial 500 secure mental health beds to provide a better and more therapeutic setting for those with the most severe mental health needs, including LPS conserved/conservable, FIST, non-LPS conserved/conservable, and the non-traditionally divertible populations.
- Field Intervention Teams. Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams, Mobile Crisis Outreach Teams, and Therapeutic Transports play a pivotal role in alternative crisis response and bringing critical care directly to individuals in crisis. With the mental health workforce shortage, these positions are the most difficult to fill, as they require intensive-in-person engagement but often are subject to low Medi-Cal payment rates and per-service reimbursements. Additional funding must be made available to augment these positions, to hire for in-need areas, including the Metro system.
- Culturally and Linguistically Appropriate Mental Health Outreach. In response to the tragic mass shooting at Monterey Park, the Department of Mental Health launched a “Tea Time” initiative at the Langley Senior Center. Designed to break down barriers and address stigma among AAPI older adults with accessing mental health resources, this culturally accessible initiative provides culturally tailored outreach to this community and

has made significant inroads in breaking down barriers. This initiative has already resulted in an increase of older AAPI adults signing up for needed mental health support and resources. This initiative must be expanded to other AAPI enclaves, while identifying equivalent interventions to other communities of color.

- **Street Vendor Outreach.** With the passage of SB 972, there is now a legitimate pathway for sidewalk vendors to attain a pathway to economic sustainability. However, guidelines will vary from city to city to unincorporated area, and other activities will remain restricted. A significant education and outreach campaign is needed to educate both vendors and residents on the future of this Los Angeles County cultural staple.
- **Forensic In-Patient (FIP) Units at Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF).** At TTCF, FIP step-down units are used for high-observation individuals, creating modules where they are provided intensive services and support from Mental Health Associates. FIP Units play a pivotal role in allowing justice-involved individuals to stepdown and recover, freeing up resource-intensive acute services elsewhere. Given the ever-increasing mental health population in the jails, more FIP step-down units are needed to help facilitate further rehabilitation and recovery.
- **Care with Pride.** The Board passed the first Care with Pride motion, to ensure that the Department of Health Services (DHS) was providing appropriate care to the LGBTQ+ community and created the Gender Health Program within DHS, using community feedback to implement best practices for gender-affirming care. The program has been successful in creating safe spaces for LGBTQ+ patients, expanding access to needed medications, and providing training for staff to appropriately respond to the needs of LGBTQ+ patients. Additional funding and staffing are needed to support and grow this program, and to facilitate the appropriate connection to other departments for services and resources.
- **Harm Reduction and Substance Use.** Continue to support and invest in harm reduction efforts utilized by the Office of Diversion and Reentry, especially on Skid Row. Support and expand Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs in the jails. Establish more vending machines providing essential health supplies like naloxone and fentanyl test strips in high-traffic areas.
- **Sexual Assault Forensic Examinations.** Continue to work with sexual assault forensic examination partners to identify the necessary funding to provide adequate reimbursement for the critical services they provide for survivors of sexual assault.
- **Substance Use Crisis.** With overdoses in the County climbing for the past decade and reaching its highest ever levels, impacting adults and adolescents alike, appropriate resources must be allocated to address this crisis. Funding would help in the expansion of critical harm reduction efforts, including further distribution of naloxone and fentanyl test



strips. Additionally, outreach and partnership to community organizations, including cities and school districts, is essential to curbing this epidemic.

- Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI). STI rates in the County continue to increase at an alarming pace, but the funding received from State and federal partners is insufficient to mount the extensive response needed. The County previously allocated Tobacco Settlement Funds to sustain the current level of STI response, but additional ongoing funding is needed to enhance community services, support disease surveillance infrastructure, and expand efforts to address inequities in treatment.
- Vision Zero Initiative. Recent data estimates indicate that 103 fatal collisions occurred on County-maintained roadways throughout the unincorporated communities in 2021. This number represents a 22% increase when compared to 2020. The Board has requested that DPH work in concert with Public Works to provide a plan to accelerate the implementation of Vision Zero traffic safety strategies to help curb this deadly trend. The requested funding will allow Public Health to address its part of the Vision Zero implementation and provide ongoing, in-depth surveillance of traffic deaths and severe injuries, build community support for traffic safety improvements on high-injury roadways, and develop pedestrian plans to increase safety and promote walking.
- Home Visiting Programs. Preserve and expand upon existing home visiting programs, such as nurse family partnerships.
- Domestic Violence (DV) Programs. The Board has directed Public Health to expand efforts to prevent and mitigate the impact of domestic violence on survivors. Additional funding is needed to provide support to non-CalWORKs eligible DV survivors, offer technical assistance and contract management support to DV agencies, conduct community needs assessments and enhance liaison work with DV survivors, provide interim shelter options for those fleeing domestic violence, and provide preventative education and training.
- Market Match. Identify additional funding to sustain Market Match, a nutrition incentive program helping low-income households increase access to healthy food, matching CalFresh and WIC nutrition assistance benefits with \$10-\$20 at participating farmers' markets.

#### Children and Families Well-Being

- Early Childhood Education and Care. The Office for the Advancement of Early Care and Education in the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) envisions a high-quality early care and education system that is accessible to all families and that nurtures children's healthy growth and early learning while fostering protective factors in families and strengthening communities. As it stands, there is a shortage of affordable early care

and education available to families and a lack of providers to meet current needs.

Provide funding needed to expand availability of early childhood education and care.

- **Pre-Petition Legal Services.** To assist in preventing children from being removed from their parents, the County should invest in providing legal representation for parents prior to petitions being filed.
- **Mandated Supporting Initiative.** Transitioning to a system of mandated supporting, instead of traditional mandated reporting will prevent unnecessary investigations, while providing families with supportive services they need to prevent DCFS involvement in the future. The County should invest in the Mandated Supporter Initiative to build community pathways and supports to assist families in need.
- **Expansion of Continuum of Care for Foster Youth.** To better serve youth with the highest complex needs, funding should be allocated to provide housing options, specialized services, and training, including residential treatment facilities, enhanced care programs, intensive mental health services, de-escalation training, and mentorship/credible messenger programs, that are tailored to address their needs.
- **Children's Social Workers.** Funding should be allocated for additional staff and associated support staff to support Emergency Response, Continuing Services, and Alternative Permanency caseloads.
- **Food Security.** The end of the pandemic also marked the end of CalFresh emergency allotments, which has greatly reduced benefits and customers' ability to procure food. Inflation and increased demand for food have heightened the need for direct food assistance, including food pantries and food distributions. Funding is needed to continue food support.
- **Language Interpretation Services.** To make navigating the child welfare and public social services systems easier and more equitable to all residents, the County should make services accessible in residents' primary languages. Funding for language interpretation services should be allocated to the Departments of Children and Family Services, Public Social Services and other Departments that provide services to residents.
- **Refugee Employment and Acculturation Services.** Recently, the nation has experienced large influx of refugees due to changes in the Federal administration and several conflicts around the world. The County should allocate funding to provide services for the thousands of refugees who are eligible for services but cannot currently be served.
- **Senior Centers.** As the County population ages, the demand for Senior Centers will only grow. Prioritize filling the positions needed within the Department to address the need for these Centers, especially in high-demand communities like Avocado Heights and Salazar Park.
- **Home Safe Program.** Work with the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority to serve older adults who are at high risk for homelessness with early intervention and prevention.

Secure funding for services to help support independence of older adults to expand the array between independent living and nursing homes.

- Social Isolation. Continue to invest in providing training and technology to older adults to help connect them to resources and address social isolation, bridging the digital divide that many older adults face. Continue offering remote services for older adults who remain concerned with exposure to COVID-19.
- Vendor Subsidies. As the County formalizes the street vending ordinance, high permit costs will prohibit many vendors to comply with local regulations. A subsidy program to assist vendors with permit issuances will be needed.
- Youth@Work. Young workers experience a higher unemployment rate (16.8%) than other workers (9.2%). Youth@Work Hiring Fairs in the County's unincorporated areas will assist youth and employers to break barriers and provide access to good jobs.

#### Community and Municipal Services

- East Los Angeles Parking Benefit District. Seed funding to deliver state-of-the-art parking demand management along high-demand corridors to increase parking turnover that benefits reliable access to local businesses and residences, and reinvests revenues to deliver community improvements, including but not limited to: parking meters, construction of parking structures, sidewalk cleaning, free Wi-Fi, etc.
- Freeway Soundwall and Environmental Improvements in East Los Angeles. Funding should be identified to accelerate construction of soundwalls, landscaping, and additional improvements to mitigate noise and air pollution impacts on surrounding neighborhoods in partnership with Caltrans and Metro.
- Whittier Boulevard and South La Verne Parking Lot. Replace and activate the underutilized County-owned surface parking lot with a community-serving purpose on a pilot basis.
- Street Safety. Grow the Department of Public Works' (DPW) Traffic Safety and Mobility program capacity to conduct transportation safety and mobility planning and transportation safety capital project delivery to reduce the frequency and severity of traffic collisions and increase safety for our most vulnerable travelers.
- Clean Neighborhoods. Fund DPW's efforts to respond to growing demands for people experiencing homelessness (PEH) sanitation services, and dumpster/recreational vehicle pilot program as part of the Homeless Initiative activities.
- DPW Street Ambassadors. Fund a pilot program that hires local area youth to speak with community members at active neighborhood spaces, raise their awareness about County transportation capital projects and DPW initiatives, and collect feedback to serve as a new pathway into a career in public service

- **Staffing at parks.** To sustain and attract staff to work in over 30 Park facilities, a salary with health benefits will attract and maintain recurring employees.
- **Whittier Narrows Splash Pad.** Funding is needed for programming at the new Whittier Narrows Splash Pad, the first one in a regional park.
- **Libraries and Mental Health Services.** The Library had a collaborative partnership between LA County Library and the Department of Mental Health ( DMH). The program assisted the department in providing support, triage, linkage, and consultation in coordination with Library programs. The Library needs continued resources to provide services in collaboration with DMH to provide direct mental health patron services, and guide patrons to mental health agencies.

#### Public Safety

- **Medical Examiner support.** Address the growing workload by sufficiently funding increased staff and resources such IT infrastructure, physical security, teleworking, repair and upkeep of the body storage and release areas.
- **Alternate Public Defender support.** Address the ongoing operational needs of the Department by sufficiently funding increased staff and resources for the following:
  - Indigent Defense for the most serious and complex homicide cases that carry the highest possible incarceration sentences, including life without the possibility of parole.
  - Office of Diversion and Re-Entry hubs that re-opened on January 1, 2023 to actively participate in the diversion process and work with justice partners, judges, and service providers to enhance diversion services.
  - Emergence of the Racial Justice Act to address legislation that collectively provides unprecedented ways of addressing individualized and systemic racial bias in the criminal justice system.
  - Post-Conviction Operations in response to the expanded number of cases that are eligible for post-Conviction (resentencing) relief, approximately 700+ eligible cases.
- **Public Defender support.** Address the ongoing operational needs of the Department by sufficiently funding increased staff and resources for the following:
  - Social Worker positions to address the significant increase in workload in areas, such as Pomona.
  - Felony Trial Attorneys to address the significant increase in case appointments of the most difficult and complex felony cases.
  - Administrative, Human Resources, Information Technology and other support positions for the growing personnel needs of the department, including preparing investigative reports, providing disciplinary policy and employment law guidance

to supervisors and managers, onboarding, civil service exams, personnel studies, leave management, and data collection.

- Senior Management Secretary to provide admin support of the Chief of Staff
- Legal support staff to:
  - Provide support for attorneys within the Central Region, experiencing a significant increase in workload resulting from Criminal Justice reforms and new resentencing options,
  - Track and litigate issues regarding officer misconduct, including reviewing docs and handling data entry into systems,
  - Address the increase in workload and decrease the attorney to clerical staff ratio, and
  - Support the department's Post-Bar Law Clerk program to serve as a hiring pipeline for the entry level Deputy PD positions.
- Sheriff's Department support. Appropriately staff and resource the newly established Constitutional Policing Unit which will address long standing issues within the Department including Deputy gangs.
- Sheriff's Co-Response Teams. Expand co-response teams including the Homeless Outreach Services Team (HOST), Mental Evaluation Teams (MET), to accompany staff from the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority and the Department of Mental Health to provide coverage throughout the County to address homelessness and mental health needs.

#### General Operations

- Tenant Protections. Since tenant protections have expired countywide, cities need to know how to implement their own Tenant Protections. The Department of Consumer and Business Affairs should host Tenant Summits in East Los Angeles and San Gabriel Valley.
- Eviction Defense Legal Services. Funding should be provided for a countywide, universal access program for eviction defense legal services to support tenants in legal proceedings.
- Stay House. Sufficiently fund a direct tenant, outreach, education, legal representation and short-term rental assistance program to County of Los Angeles residents outside of LA city.
- Enhanced Constituent Services for Unincorporated Areas. Dedicate staff to address quality of life issues experienced by residents, business operators, workers, and consumers and coordinate responses to calls for services in unincorporated areas.
- Pilot Navigation Hubs Near Transit. Funding for the installation and operations of pilot navigation hubs near Metro rail and bus stations with the greatest count of people seeking

shelter on transit property, in partnership with Metro and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Each navigation hub would be housed in temporary structures that may require sewer or water infrastructure upgrades. Each hub would serve up to 50 individuals with a small number of short-term crisis beds and 24-hour resource navigation services.

- **Emergency Housing Options for People Seeking Shelter on Transit.** Funding for the Homelessness Initiative to provide emergency housing option(s) that prioritize people who are experiencing homelessness and seeking shelter on the transit system, particularly during periods of the day when transit operators must disembark all passengers to perform end-of-service maintenance.
- **Sexual Assault Survivor Support.** Sexual assault survivors would benefit from a coordinated, countywide response to sexual violence. A Sexual Assault Council should be established in coordination with the County's Women's and Girl's Initiative to better assist and support survivors of sexual assault.
- **Community Broadband Network.** Appropriately fund the pilots to deliver digital equity to our most vulnerable communities.
- **Delete The Divide.** Sufficiently fund the program to increase the number of participating interns.
- **Office of Major Programs & Initiatives.** Establish and appropriately fund such an Office in the Internal Services Department (ISD). As the Department's role evolves from support for County Departments to directly serving the community, additional staff is needed at the appropriate levels.
- **Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE).** Additional funding is needed for ISD to assist affected residents who participate in the program.
- **Organizational Grants Program (OGP).** Double funding for the Arts and Culture Department's OGP to increase stable and ongoing funding for arts organizations, sustain and strengthen their workforce, and help poise them to take advantage of Olympic opportunities, as approved in the Cultural Policy Strategy Plan.
- **Free Concerts.** Reestablish free concerts in public sites, as approved in the Cultural Policy Strategy Plan, to create jobs and community programming that would meaningfully contribute to Cultural Olympiad activities, it can also be leveraged as a creative career platform and its mini-grants to support the Metro Olympic motion.
- **Recognize American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) Communities.** Funding honoraria for cultural services would dedicate resources to ensure that tribal artists and culture bearers are meaningfully engaged and included in Cultural Olympiad activities.
- **Appeals Board.** Increase staff and necessary support for the Assessor's expanded appeals boards to address the backlog of cases and also ensure that cases are processed within the legally mandated timeframe of two years.

- **Academies for Human Resources Manager and Finance Manager.** Sufficiently fund the academies to enhance retention and competency building for County employees, specific to budget, operations, and human resources functions.
- **Pipeline Programs.** Appropriately fund and support the County's workforce pipeline programs for those with lived experience and remove barriers to County employment.
- **Human Resources Support to County Departments.** Appropriately staff the Department of Human Resources to support County Departments hire critical positions in response to the recently declared Emergency Order Related to Homelessness and handle changes in Civil Service Rules and targeted recruitment.

Thank you for your consideration. If you or your staff have questions or would like to discuss, please contact Tami Omoto-Frias of my staff at (213) 974-4111.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hilda L. Solis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Hilda" and last name "Solis" clearly legible.

**HILDA L. SOLIS**

Supervisor, First Supervisorial District

c: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer



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Dear Ms. Zavala:

In accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), I am writing to formally submit a list of unmet needs and priorities for inclusion in the public record during the Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget hearings.

As I have emphasized on countless occasions, it is integral that we utilize an equity lens in our budget process to determine the allocation of Los Angeles County's (County) resources. Decades of institutional inequity have led to negative health, wealth, and opportunity outcomes for marginalized communities throughout the County. We must invest in residents and communities who have been most disproportionately impacted by the County's past inequitable policy decisions, and we must turn our attention to our hardly served populations countywide. It is vital that the County ensures equity in the distribution of benefits, so they are delivered to communities that have the greatest needs.

Throughout the budget process, the County must maintain a special focus on our unincorporated areas. As the local government representative of these areas, we have a special responsibility to these communities. The well-being of unincorporated residents remains a top priority for me. That commitment stretches across all policy areas and priority programs I address in this letter. The County has a responsibility to the residents of our unincorporated communities, and we must remain focused on providing high-quality services to these residents. Unincorporated services, programs, and development must be a priority for the County in 2023-24.

Engaging with the residents who live and work in the Second Supervisorial District (Second District) is a critical priority for me and my office. My team engaged directly with community members through a pair of public budget discussions held in April and May. These virtual events were attended by over 300 participants, during which the public provided valuable testimony regarding the Recommended Budget. My team and I also listened intently to the public comments received during the County's Public Budget Hearing on May 10, 2023 and read the written public comments that were submitted. The priorities included below reflect the input that we heard from the public.

As a County, we must expand opportunities for public understanding, engagement, and input in



all phases of the budget process, to increase the public's effectiveness when engaging with the County budget to solve some of our most pressing issues. My team is continuing to explore opportunities to expand the public's understanding of the County budget and develop a more participatory County budgeting process that embraces the diverse perspectives and concerns of the residents we serve.

I understand that this year presents some new budgetary challenges resulting in many gaps in funding for County services and programs in the 2023-24 Recommended Budget. In contrast to previous years, we cannot rely on strong local revenue growth and significant federal and state support for this upcoming year. Our resources available this year are significantly less than our needs. I urge the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to consider supporting these targeted priorities I am highlighting in this letter with any available resources.

Below are the unmet needs I would like to highlight as priorities for available funding in the upcoming phases of the 2023-24 budget process:

**Support Department Efforts that Prioritize Resources to Provide Exceptional Municipal Services to Unincorporated Areas**

The County is the sole provider of municipal services in unincorporated areas. In the Second District, 250,000 of our 2 million constituents live in unincorporated areas. Over 54% of these unincorporated residents reside in census tracts that are at a concentrated disadvantage according to the County's Anti-Racism, Diversity, & Inclusion (ARDI) Initiative Concentrated Disadvantage Index. Serving my district means ensuring unincorporated areas receive effective municipal services. This is an issue of equity. My office receives complaints from these unincorporated communities regarding the County's inability to provide consistent, effective municipal services. Departments should make efforts to adjust their department budget, resources, and designated staffing to ensure they can effectively provide basic municipal services to the communities that have felt neglected for many years. It is my expectation that the CEO will work with departments providing municipal services to unincorporated areas (such as Public Works, Parks, Library, Regional Planning, Animal Care and Control, Fire, and Sheriff) to ensure these areas receive an equitable provision of services and programs. Efforts such as reallocating existing funds to expand designated staffing and resources for serving the unincorporated areas will allow departments to better engage with and provide improved services to our unincorporated communities.

**Expand and Coordinate Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Positions**

Many departments have identified a need for positions to implement internal diversity, equity and/or inclusion (DEI) functions. Efforts to build this DEI capacity at the department level will support the use of equity tools within our programs, services, and processes. As we expand these resources within departments, we must also ensure countywide coordination of these efforts. ARDI will play an important role in centralization and coordination to ensure departments are utilizing available tools and DEI is working in alignment with County priorities. Allowing departments to act independently without consultation or coordination from ARDI could produce unintended consequences that result in an unfair or disparate impact on marginalized residents. The CEO should provide the staffing and contractor resources that ARDI needs to continue coordinating the growing capacity within the County department DEI functions.

**Fully Fund the Countywide RV Pilot Program Implementation (\$8.8M, ongoing)**

People experiencing homelessness have diverse needs and as such the County needs to support diverse programs to achieve impact for our unhoused constituents. With the rise of Recreational Vehicle (RV) encampments throughout the county, the need for services for this vulnerable population is imperative. The Countywide RV pilot program has been long awaited by Second District constituents and the County has the opportunity to expand this program to be a countywide pilot. The CEO Homeless Initiative's implementation plan budget outlines a need of \$8.8M in additional funding to expand this program. The growing number of people living in RVs has dire health and wellness consequences for the unhoused residents as well as the young people, seniors, and business patrons whose safe passage is obstructed. These programs are essential to the welfare of some of our most vulnerable constituents, and any potential funding gap may jeopardize our collective efforts to provide much needed resources and lifesaving services to these residents.

**Implement Doula “Hub” to Ensure Birth Health Equity (\$835K, ongoing)**

In Los Angeles County, Black women die due to pregnancy-related complications at four times the rate of White women, and Black infants die before their first birthday at more than three times the rate of White infants. These outcomes can be seen regardless of educational level, socioeconomic status, or geographic location and are the result of cumulative stressors related to racial discrimination experienced by Black birthing people, historical and systemic racism, and implicit bias in the health care system. Culturally competent doula care is a tested and evidence-based way to improve birth outcomes. In February 2023, I authored a motion implementing Medi-Cal benefit for doula services. With \$835,000 in 2023-24, the Department of Public Health will implement a “hub” to provide technical assistance to doulas on how to organize, implement best practices, and bill for care.

**Expand Vision Zero Program Equitably Countywide (\$20M, ongoing and 10.0 positions)**

Traffic collisions are the number one cause of death for kids ages 5 to 14, and are a leading cause of premature death for adults in Los Angeles County. In 2022, traffic deaths rose to the highest amount seen in the last two decades, and Black Angelenos are killed at disproportionately higher rates than others. This devastating increase in preventable deaths is a clear reminder of the urgency to provide adequate resources to the Vision Zero program. The proven and time-tested solution to save lives is better street design including traffic signals, better crosswalks, and changes that slow down excessive speeding. Existing road funds that the Department of Public Works controls are insufficient to address the critical signal and safety improvement work that Vision Zero requires. An additional \$20M to cover 10 new positions will allow DPW to further their efforts to fully implement the Vision Zero Action Plan and save lives. These investments are both racial and public health equity investments.

**Sustain Parks on the Move & Park Facilities in SD2 (\$1.37M, ongoing and 12.0 positions)**

The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides essential programs and community infrastructure that support the health and well-being of our residents. Over the past few years, the County has committed to allocating ongoing funding for the restoration of recreation programming, aquatics staffing, and removing barriers to aquatics programming. DPR also has several critical programs that help implement the County's Care First Jails Last vision. Yet each year they must find alternate funding sources to fund and sustain some of their core programs.

DPR needs \$574,000 for 5.0 positions for operation, programming, and maintenance for Earvin Magic Johnson Park and \$366,000 for 4.0 positions for the operation, programming, and maintenance of Wishing Tree Park. Both parks serve unincorporated areas and residents and provide necessary programming and space for families and youth. In addition to these parks, DPR's Parks on the Move program utilizes a mobile van and provides recreational programming in high-need communities where there is limited park space, including the unincorporated communities of Lennox and West Athens. The program will need an additional \$433,000 and 3.0 positions ongoing. Further funding of this program would allow the van to serve more schools, churches, and libraries in underserved areas.

**Shore Up the Office of Labor Equity (\$2.1M, ongoing, and 13.0 positions)**

In November 2021, the Board unanimously approved a motion I co-authored establishing the Office of Labor Equity (OLE) within the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs to protect our region's most vulnerable workers. To ensure the continuation and expansion of OLE's necessary services in the wage theft capital of the United States, the County must provide funding for permanent staffing. It is imperative that OLE expand worker protection services, such as enforcing unpaid overtime and meal and rest breaks, our forthcoming fair chance ordinance, the right of recall ordinance, and working with our Public Health Councils, all of which can be done through \$2.1M covering 13 positions. This includes a Deputy Director position that will oversee OLE with a focus on developing strategies, policies, and partnerships that support targeted enforcement programs.

**Expand Small Business Outreach and Technical Assistance (\$2.1M, ongoing and 11.0 positions)**

The Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) is the County's central economic and workforce development hub. As a department less than a year old, it is vital that the County provides DEO with the necessary staff and resources to stand up their services and programs, as was committed to in the CEO's three-phase optimization and alignment report. Providing DEO with \$2.1M to cover the cost of 11.0 positions for a team of outreach and technical assistance providers to help our most vulnerable small businesses would ensure hardly reached communities have access to technical assistance, grants, contracting incentives, loans, legal assistance, and help with their hiring needs. The small business technical assistance and outreach team will move beyond the traditional methods of outreach and meet small employers where they are. We must ensure DEO is able to build their capacity to engage with the many small business and vendors in need of their services to ensure they are supported and can grow and build wealth within the County.

**Stabilize Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (\$8M, ongoing)**

The Martin Luther King, Jr. Community Hospital (MLK Community Hospital) is a nonprofit facility that provides quality healthcare services in South Los Angeles, a historically underserved medical provider shortage area. The County provides funding for the hospital to provide critical inpatient and emergency services once provided by the County-run King Drew Medical Center. The hospital provided life-saving care during the COVID pandemic. Its emergency room remains precariously overcrowded beyond its built capacity. Last year, the MLK Community Hospital's Emergency Department provided over 12,000 Emergency Department visits to DHS-assigned patients. The County-provided funding (\$50M Intergovernmental Transfer) has not been

adjusted in for nine years. The MLK Community Hospital needs to grow and seeks a cost-of-living adjustment in response to spiraling health care costs. It is my expectation that the County and MLK Community Hospital will continue to also seek available federal and state funding and work with managed care plans to find options to sustain the hospital's operations. I also expect the County to seek ways to leverage resources from existing state and federal programs to help expand services at the Community Hospital. The \$50M paid by the County should be annually increased by the percentage change in the Consumer Price Index. The current cost-of-living increase that is needed is \$8M.

**Support Department of Youth Development Expansion (9.0 positions)**

The newly established Department of Youth Development (DYD) is dedicated to supporting the development of young people in Los Angeles County, with a focus on care-first efforts and equitably reducing youth justice system involvement. DYD hopes to build out the first phase of its reentry branch with nine positions, four of which will be funded with existing revenues. I am hopeful that the remaining 4 positions will be funded through Probation's SB823 funding. If this funding is not provided, then it is imperative that this be funded from other appropriate County sources.

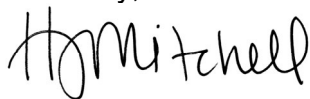
**Support La Brea Tar Pits and Museum Master Plan (\$100M, one-time)**

The La Brea Tar Pits is a beacon of scientific discovery and education, which attracts visitors countywide, nationwide, and worldwide. As the only active excavation sites in a major city, they currently lack the necessary facilities for modern-day scientific research. In addition, the La Brea Tar Pits Master Plan includes a state-of-the-art museum and ample open green space. I believe the County should provide \$100M to support these efforts and the Natural History Museum should develop a phased approach that provides flexibility for when the County funds can be provided based on the current fiscal condition of the County. Since the County is working with limited amounts of available funding, the County's support should be spread with incremental amounts for this fiscal year and future fiscal years.

I look forward to continuing to work with the CEO and my colleagues on the Board to finalize our County budget for 2023-24 that advances the Board's priorities, meets the needs of our County residents, and moves us closer to ensuring equity for everyone in the County.

Please feel free to contact my team with any questions regarding these unmet needs.

Sincerely,



Holly J. Mitchell  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
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SUPERVISOR, THIRD DISTRICT

May 19, 2023

Ms. Celia Zavala, Executive Officer  
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Dear Ms. Zavala:

I am submitting my budget priorities to your office so that they may be entered into the public record, in accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), which requires that matters considered during the budget deliberations be first raised during the public hearings process. I look forward to working with the CEO's Office, my colleagues, and stakeholders as we finalize the budget for fiscal-year 2023-24.

## **Key Priorities**

### **Homelessness Response and Prevention, and the Development of Treatment Beds and Affordable Housing:**

Additional funding is needed for the County's homelessness response, including actions related to the proclaimed local emergency. The need for housing and treatment beds is of particular importance, as well as funding and staff for mental health support teams. Additional funding is also needed to stem the flow of individuals into homelessness, including rental assistance for those at risk of losing their homes and legal counsel for those facing eviction or other legal matters that may lead to homelessness. Some of the critical initiatives include:

- Mental Health, Substance Use Disorder, and Housing Beds – Additional funding is needed to address the County's shortage of mental health, substance use disorder, and housing beds. While there are beds under development within all treatment categories more are critically needed, additional funding should be added to address these needs as quickly as possible. Additionally, the County is in need of an efficient, cross-departmental tool to track all beds, including, availability, access criteria, allowed length of stay, vacancy, and other factors. Additional funding should be allocated to develop this tool as quickly as possible, and additional staffing as needed in the future.

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- Mental Health Outreach Teams – As a part of the County's response to the local homelessness emergency more mental health outreach employees and teams are needed, including additional positions to partner with the Sheriff's Department to expand the Mental Health Evaluation Teams (MET) and expansion of the Psychiatric Mobile Response Teams (PMRT) to implement the new team model and provide 24/7 coverage.
- MHSA Funding to Local Agencies as a Pilot Program for Mental Health Response – As noted, additional MET and PMRT staff are needed to expand those programs, however the County has faced challenges in filling some of the currently funded positions. At the same time there are cities in the County working to implement their own Mental Health Response Teams. The County should provide one-time MHSA dollars to these cities to get their programs operational and to assist with expenses in the first 1-2 years of operation. These types of programs will help to relieve some of the mental health response burden from the County while creating successful on-going programs that are operated in local cities.
- Stay Housed LA – Funding is needed to fully maintain Stay Housed LA, the County's Eviction Prevention and Defense Program, as a permanent and ongoing program. At a minimum, current funding levels should be maintained, but it is also important to expand the program. Stay Housed LA is a critical program that provides outreach and education, legal representation, and flexible rental assistance to low-income tenants, which prevents homelessness.
- Renters' Counsel – Access to legal representation for renters who are facing eviction is an important step towards preventing additional homelessness. As COVID-19 era rental protections expire, and the rental housing market continues to remain competitive, more renters will face eviction from their homes. Many of these renters have rights but are unaware of the technical aspects of those rights, or the steps needed to adequately defend themselves in court. A right to counsel is a goal that the County should seek. This is a significant undertaking, and the County should begin to allocate funding to phase-in right to counsel in the unincorporated areas of the County and eventual universal access to counsel for renters Countywide.
- Rental Assistance – In addition to the one-time rental assistance dollars that have been provided by the Board of Supervisors, there is need for a permanent rental assistance program for households that encounter instances where they are unable to pay their rent and are at risk of becoming homeless.
- Pilot an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program for Low-Income Families – A significant barrier to housing for many low-income individuals is the cost of a rental deposit. The County should provide funding for a pilot program to establish an interest-free rental deposit loan program in collaboration with community-based organizations.
- Affordable Housing – The County should continue to work towards the goal of providing \$100 million in annual on-going funding for affordable housing development. Currently, the County plans to allocate \$70 million in on-going permanent funding and \$30 million in one-time funding to affordable housing development this year, but the goal should be to make the \$100 million permanent.

## **Justice Reimagined, Including Probation/Juvenile Hall Reform and Compliance with Jail Consent Decrees and Settlement Agreements:**

As the County continues to reimagine justice within various departments additional funding and staff positions are needed to ensure these visions are met, specifically:

- DYD and JCOD Administrative Positions – The Department of Youth Development and the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) share administrative staff that is housed in JCOD. Both of the departments are growing, and more administrative staff are needed to properly and efficiently administer the work of the departments, including budget/fiscal operations, human resources, and contract administration needs. Proper administrative staffing will allow the departments to have employees that are dedicated to specific department needs and will also allow timely and proper administration of contracts (the departments have a significant number of contracts). Specifically, there is a need for eighteen administrative positions in the departments.
- Probation Oversight Commission Positions – The Probation Oversight Commission is in need of additional staffing positions to adequately fulfill its mission included in the recommendations from the Probation Reform Implementation Team (PRIT) approved by the Board of Supervisors in 2020. Many of the reform priorities have remained unaddressed, and progress holding the Probation Department accountable has been stymied in some key areas by the lack of capacity. Additional staffing is crucial for ensuring implementation of the ninety-three reform priorities set forth by the PRIT which include ambitious goals such as changing the culture of the Probation Department; addressing grievances and concerning conditions within the current system; and acting as a liaison between the Board, the Department, and the public. Six additional positions have been requested and are necessary, particularly as the County continues to reform the Juvenile Halls - and justice system overall - and works towards compliance with various findings, including those of the BSCC.
- Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender Positions – Additional permanent positions are needed within the Office of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender to address increased cases, including additional complex cases. One-time staff provided in prior budget years should also continue into the upcoming fiscal year.
- Continued Adequate Funding to Comply with Jail Consent Decrees – The County should continue to fund implementation of actions related to the jail consent decrees and settlement agreements, to ensure the necessary reforms and improvements are completed and resolution is achieved.
- Pre-Trial Programming and Services – Funding is needed for new and enhanced pre-trial programming and services, so that those who are awaiting trial can access services to address issues they may be facing and that may also be contributing factors to their arrest. Access to pre-trial services can speed rehabilitation and provide individuals with care that can help address the legal matters they face.

## Health and Wellbeing for All:

The County acts as the health and social safety net for our residents. The health and wellbeing of County residents is important, and it is critical that we work to ensure that the needs of all our communities are met, including:

- Sexually Transmitted Infections Crisis – The County has continued to see an increase in Sexually Transmitted Infections and needs to provide additional funds for treatment and prevention activities. These funds should target the communities and issues that are of greatest need, as well as new issues that have emerged, such as mpox. Currently, the County's budget includes \$2.5 million in one-time funds to maintain the County's current level of support, however, additional funds are needed, and should be allocated to adequately and equitably address the crisis. The CEO should continue to work with Public Health to address these needs and identify resources for them.
- Office of Violence Prevention – Ongoing core funding to sustain the Office should continue, as well as additional funding requested from the Department of Public Health to support the Office's proposals to expand its activities.
- Office of Women's Health (DPH) - \$5,714,000 in funding is needed to expand services to domestic violence survivors who are not eligible under DPSS CalWorks funding (which includes older survivors, those without children or whose children do not live with them, those with older children, and immigrant clients) and to broaden the range of services offered to survivors beyond those covered by DPSS.
- Children's Social Workers – Additional children's social workers and associated support staff are needed to support emergency response, continuing services, and alternative permanency caseloads.
- Sexual Assault Council – Additional funding and positions are needed for the Sexual Assault Council, which is an important resource in the County's efforts to address sexual assault.
- LGBTQ Community, Youth, and Women – Additional funds are needed to address the educational, social service, health/mental health, and vocational training needs of specific communities, including funds to support new and innovative approaches to addressing these needs as they arise.
- Food Equity – In response to the issue of food insecurity, the County established the Food Equity Roundtable which is a collaboration with cross-sector stakeholders to develop and implement strategies to make the food system more equitable, resilient, and sustainable. To advance this work, additional funding is necessary for staffing.
- Food Assistance Programs – It is important that the County continue to play a role in supporting food assistance programs, including Market Match which increases the healthy purchasing power of CalFresh and WIC participants by providing extra dollars for fruits and vegetables. Federal, state, and philanthropic funding has supported this program but an annual county investment of \$6M is needed for the program.



## **Sustainability and the Environment, Including Water Infrastructure and Climate Change Response:**

The impacts of climate change are upon us and being felt by our communities and residents. These impacts include extreme storms, rising temperatures, increased wildfires, coastal erosion, the loss of plant and animal life, and overall stress to the health of the planet and our way of life. Continued significant investments in various projects and programs are necessary to lessen climate change and respond to the impacts we are already seeing.

- Chief Sustainability Office – One-time (\$1.9 million) and on-going (\$375k) funding is needed for the Chief Sustainability Office. These funds will be used to coordinate implementation, reporting, and updates for the Our County Plan, Just Transition Task Force, and Climate Resilience Initiative, as well as the launch of a Clean Energy Partnership with the Los Angeles Cleantech Incubator.
- Storm Water Capture and Ground Water Recharge Infrastructure – The County should continue to make investments in stormwater infrastructure with a focus on storm water capture. As we continue to see the impacts of climate change the County will likely see more intense storms and the continued ricochet between wet and dry water years. With this in mind, it is more important than ever for the County to invest in stormwater capture and ground water recharge projects. The County should increase its investment in these projects and proactively seek additional state and federal funding for them.
- Investments in Sustainable Infrastructure and Improvements – The County should continue to invest significantly in sustainable infrastructure and improvements, including electric vehicles and charging stations, the de-carbonization of buildings, renewable energy, and increases to green space.
- Early Detection and Rapid Response Program for Invasive Oak Tree Beetles – Critical funding is needed for this program, which will identify and remove infested oak trees in County parks and the Santa Monica Mountains, to stem the spread of invasive beetles that could wreak havoc on the oak tree population. The request is for \$800,000 annually for the next 3-4 years for the Department of Agricultural Weights and Measures, and \$750,000 annually for three positions in the LA County Fire Department. Of the most critical need is \$100,000 annually for the next 2-3 years to remove infested trees in the Santa Monica Mountains. These trees have already been identified and if not removed will significantly amplify the problem and create an extreme fire hazard. State funding was previously provided for these activities but is currently not available.
- Wildfire Safety and Prevention – Continued and increased funding is needed to support the County's work addressing fire safety and prevention in Very High Fire Severity Hazard Zones, particularly the Santa Monica Mountains. This work is critical to prevent the loss of property and life, to protect against catastrophic wildfires, and to stem climate change by protecting our important forests and natural resources.

## **Equity, Access, and Opportunity, Including Community Needs After the COVID-19 Pandemic:**

As our communities recover from the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic we have the opportunity to increase equity, access, and opportunity, while addressing lingering impacts from the pandemic.

- Continued Funding for the Guaranteed Income Pilot Program – The County should provide continued funding in FY 23-24 for the Guaranteed Income Pilot Program.
- Arts and Culture Grants – The Department of Arts and Culture operates an Organizational Grants Program that provides \$4.5 million in grant funds annually to arts and culture nonprofit organizations. These grants provide critical support and stability to arts and culture nonprofit organizations, many of which have been historically and are currently underfunded and under-resourced, including organizations that represent communities of color, low-income, LGBTQ+, and disabled, as well as other communities experiencing barriers to participation in the arts. Grantees provide County residents with increased access to quality arts and culture programming and positively impact residents, neighborhoods, and communities. The Department has proposed to double the amount of grant funding over a 3-5 year period, based on five potential options. The County should begin to implement one of these five options in FY 23-24.
- Childcare Centers – The Office of the Advancement of Early Care and Education and Regional Planning are working to update an ordinance to reduce barriers to creating new childcare centers. \$500,000 in funding is needed by the Department of Regional Planning to do community engagement and an environmental scan to update the ordinance.
- Recognize AIAN Communities and Resources for Native American Indian Commission – The County should provide \$50,000 in funding to the Department of Arts and Culture to recognize the American Indian/Alaska Native (AIAN) communities, including honoraria for cultural services provided by tribal artists and cultural bearers for County functions. Additionally, the County should provide one-time funding of \$300,000 to the Los Angeles City/County Native American Indian Commission to engage a consultant to develop a Countywide tribal consent and consultation policy to formalize and centralize the County's relationship with local tribal governments.
- Pathways to Public Sector Employment: PLACE Program – There is a need for \$2 million in one-time funding to support the PLACE Program within the Department of Economic Opportunity. This workforce development program is critical because it focuses on providing access to high-quality public sector employment for people who disproportionately experience high unemployment, including transition age or foster youth, homeless or formerly homeless individuals, justice involved individuals, the LGBTQ+ community, and low-income individuals. At a time when the County is having difficulty filling all of its vacant positions, this program can make an impact.

- Youth Employment Pipeline: Youth@Work – There is a need for additional on-going funding to expand the Youth@Work program the County's largest youth workforce development program. This program is important because it provides employment opportunities for 10,000 young adults and introduces them to work experience and high-quality employment.
- Continued Assistance After COVID – As one-time COVID-19 funding expires there will be unmet needs from various departments for important and impactful community programs. Departments should work to identify the most critical programs that will lose one-time COVID-19 funding, so that they can be evaluated and addressed in up-coming budgets.

Thank you for your consideration of these important projects and priorities.

Sincerely,

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Lindsey P. Horvath  
Supervisor, Third District



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Dear Ms. Zavala:

## **FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST**

In order, to ensure that certain subjects can be discussed and maintained as three-vote items during the Board's budget deliberations, I am submitting the following list for the public record for Fiscal Year 2023-24:

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### **AGING AND DISABILITIES**

- Consideration of funding for one full-time employee for the Disabilities Commission.

### **ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- Restore positions that were receiving one-time funds last fiscal year, including 15 positions for post-conviction cases and 2 positions for a senior law clerk pilot program

### **ANIMAL CARE AND CONTROL**

- Consideration of funding for 8 critical Care Center maintenance projects.
- Consideration of funding for 27 additional positions.
- Consideration of funding for 4 Information Technology projects.

### **ARTS AND CULTURE**

- Prioritize and support the formation of the Tribal Relations Office (TRO), which would serve as a liaison and point of contact for all Tribal concerns. The TRO is necessary to provide the consistency needed to strengthen relationships with the local Tribes and build on the County's commitment to reducing and mitigating harm to the greatest extent possible.
- Align budget with actual Departmental operational costs for non-negotiable County services (County Counsel, Auditor-Controller, Human Resources, ISD, etc.).

- Technical assistance support for artists and arts organizations doing business with LA County.
- Support fiscal, contracting, and budget operations of a growing Department with high volume of administration.
- Ongoing funding for existing, ordinance-only position.
- Support long-term stabilization of the Departmental budget.

### **ASSESSOR**

- Consideration of one-time funding for legal services.
- Consideration of one-time funding for health and safety remediation for mold contaminated historical map books.
- Consideration of ongoing funding for various positions to support assessment appeals, training, roll services, and human resources.
- Consideration of one-time funding for the Asset Development Investment Fund loan payment.

### **CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

- Consideration of funding and placement for the Office of Food Equity, which will include the work of the Food Policy Roundtable.
- Continued support and establishment of a central contracting and procurement office, so that community-based organizations (CBOs) can be fairly treated and compensated for the services they provide to the County.

### **CHILD SUPPORT SERVICES**

- Ongoing support with additional funding for the State Department of Child Support Services to keep Local Child Support Agencies whole.
- Ongoing support for the Level Up 2025 initiative in order to help build capacity and efforts in the area of staff development.

### **CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES**

- Consideration of funding for, 308 Children's Social Workers (CSWs) & 132 associated support staff (including Supervising Children's Social Workers (SCSWs), Intermediate Typist Clerk (ITCs), Human Services Aides (HSAs), Assistant Regional Administrators (ARAs) & Secretaries IIIs) are needed to support both Emergency Response, Continuing Services and Alternative Permanency caseloads.
- Consideration of ongoing and sustainable support for Domestic Violence Experts at the Child Protection Hotline.
- Consideration of sustainable and increased funding for community supports and the Prevention and Aftercare Networks, in order to continue prioritizing prevention and child and family well-being throughout the County.
- Continued support of bridging the gap and connecting the County's California Advancing and Innovating Medi-Cal (CalAIM) work with children and families who are at-risk of, or who have entered the Department of Children and Family Services.

- Continue to strengthen and prioritize the Systems of Care Work in order to prioritize the County's Youth with Complex Care Needs.

### **CONSUMER & BUSINESS AFFAIRS**

- Consideration of funding for the Office of Immigrant Affairs to support immigrants who come to Los Angeles – passing through or to stay – as a result of the Federal government's lifting of Title 42.
- Consideration of funding additional resources to improve language access across all County Departments.
- Consideration of funding for the Represent LA program, which provides immigration legal services for immigrants living in Los Angeles County.
- Consideration of funding additional resources to improve language access across all County Departments.
- Consideration of funding for additional staff in response to Board-directed initiatives that have fundamental Countywide impact such as Equitable Recovery for Immigrants, Benefits Enrollment for Immigrants, and Language Access.
- Consideration of additional funding to provide translation and interpretation services in more needed languages across the County.

### **DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

- Consideration of funding to support a countywide Homeless Court initiative and expansion.
- Consideration of funding to maintain and expand domestic violence victims support services.

### **FIRE**

- Adding 21 positions in HR to support the Department's hiring, promotional, and Diversity Equity and Inclusion process - these positions will help increase diversity in the department and address workplace trauma by reducing recalls
- Adding 19 positions in dispatch to address an increasing 911 call volume and long 911 answer times
- Increasing funding for the Junior Lifeguard Program so that fees do not need to be increased. This will keep the program accessible to everyone

### **HEALTH SERVICES**

- Consideration of funding for the Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST) Diversion Program to increase bed capacity, staffing, and rates.
- Consideration of funding for 1.0 FTE - Staff Analyst and ongoing AB 109 funding for Jail Interim Housing Beds.
- Consideration of funding for Permanent Supportive Housing - Single Adult Model.
- Consideration of funding for 24.0 Mental Health Clinical and program support positions for the Mental Health Unit at Correctional Treatment Center.
- Consideration of funding for Mobile Stroke Unit

### **HUMAN RESOURCES**

- Consideration of funding for the Departmental Human Resources Manager and Departmental Finance Manager Academies, which both play critical roles as the County experiences attrition through retirements.
- Consideration of funding for the expansion of the Administrative Intern Program.
- Consideration of funding for Enterprise-Wide Hoteling to offer employees flexibility when they are in the office, including work at locations that might be close to their homes, childcare centers, or children's schools.

### **INTERNAL SERVICES**

- Consideration of funding for electric vehicle infrastructure in public and private facilities.
- Consideration of funding for the Delete the Divide Initiative.
- Consideration of funding for the Green Jobs Program.
- Consideration of funding for a Countywide e-Procurement Solution system.

### **JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES**

- Additional positions in pretrial services and programming, contracting, and administrative support

### **LIBRARY**

- Identifying ongoing funding for books and materials.
- Consideration of funding for full budget restoration.
- Consideration of funding for security.

### **MEDICAL EXAMINER-CORONER**

- Funding 10 additional physician specialists and intermediate typist clerks to assist with the increased caseload being experienced by the department
- Funding a data scientist to help the department analyze and interpret data

### **MENTAL HEALTH**

- Establishing a Wellness Officer within the Department of Mental Health
- Expanding the mental health loan repayment program
- Increasing the appropriation and revenue for new and existing MOUs for the provision of specialty mental health services
- Consideration of funding to expand the bed network for individuals with serious mental illness, especially sub-acute beds.
- Consideration of funding to establish new Psychiatric Urgent Care Centers (UCCs) to help assist people in a mental health crisis.

### **MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

- Consideration of funding for 4 Veterans Claims Assistant III.
- Consideration of funding for building maintenance and repair.
- Consideration of funding for 1 security guard.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Consideration of funding for senior programming at County parks.
- Consideration of funding for Parks After Dark.
- Consideration of funding for the Safe Passage Program.
- Consideration of additional funding for general maintenance projects throughout the Fourth Supervisorial District.
- Consideration of funding for full budget restoration.
- Consideration of ongoing funding for the programming and maintenance of the Whittier Aquatics Center in the amount of \$960,000 for 12.0 positions (7.0 Pool Lifeguard, 1.0 Locker Room Attendant, 2.0 Senior Pool Lifeguard, 2.0 Pool Manager) and services and supplies.
- Consideration of ongoing funding to partially offset 10.0 positions (2.0 Administrative Services Manager I, 1.0 Management Analyst, 3.0 Senior Typist Clerk, 4.0 Intermediate Typist Clerk). The staffing will support increased access to LA County Park facilities and amenities, improve customer service and create a manageable workload for employees.
- Approval of 1.0 new position (Deputy Director) that will strengthen the oversight and programming in the Aquatics operations, support the significant increases in its responsibility, and implement DPR's strategic plan for hiring, recruitment and retention, succession planning, and risk management.

## **PROBATION**

- Ongoing funding for the DOORs center that includes that ability to expand to new locations (like Long Beach)

## **PUBLIC DEFENDER**

- Restore positions that were receiving one-time funds last fiscal year.
- Additional psychiatric social worker positions to address the increased mental health caseload
- Additional paralegals and felony trial attorneys

## **PUBLIC HEALTH**

- Consideration of funding for stabilizing and supporting programs for survivors of intimate partner violence/domestic violence.
- Consideration of ongoing and sustainable funding for Food Assistance Programs, including Market Match.
- Consideration of ongoing and sustainable funding for Sexually Transmitted Infection Response to enhance community services, support disease surveillance infrastructure and address inequities in treatment.
- Consideration of ongoing funding for Environmental Justice and Climate Health related services and programs, as well as for funding for staffing to support the Office of Environmental Justice and Climate Health (Hahn motion, April 5, 2022).
- Consideration of funding for School-based Wellbeing Centers.
- Consideration of funding to support the African American Infant & Maternal Mortality (AAIMM) Initiative.



### **PUBLIC SOCIAL SERVICES**

- Consideration of increased funding for the Personal Assistance Services Council to help support their work and goals.
- Consideration of hiring staff to help with ongoing MediCal redeterminations.

### **PUBLIC WORKS**

- Consideration for increased funding for traffic study requests from constituents.
- Consideration for funding to improve safety of crosswalks to levels that are higher than minimum standards. This includes the addition of lights.
- Consideration for funding for additional crossing guard services.
- Consideration for funding to purchase electric shuttle buses in order to electrify County shuttles.
- Consideration for shovel ready projects.
- Consideration of funding for Fourth Supervisorial District unincorporated area stormwater capital projects.
- Consideration for additional funding to address quality of life concerns.
- Consideration for funding to address homelessness concerns on county roads and the flood control channel.

### **REGISTRAR-RECORDER/COUNTY CLERK**

- Consideration of funding for the department's Voting System All People 4.0 effort which will bring the system in alignment with California Secretary of state Certification Use Conditions.
- Consideration of funding for the department's ongoing effort to improve its Cybersecurity posture to prevent threats to the County's information assets and continue to reduce risk exposure heading into a Presidential Election year.
- Consideration of funding for the Election Management System (EMS) implementation, which is the central nervous system to the elections process, managing functions such as voter records, ballot layouts, petitions, vote by mail, etc.

### **SHERIFF**

- Replacing and upgrading inmate transportation buses.
- Funding for the Jail Information Management System.
- Funding for the Computer Aided Dispatch replacement project.
- Funding to replace and upgrade CCTV in the jails.
- Funding for phase 2 of the body worn camera rollout.
- Expand the Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST).
- Expand the Mental Evaluation Team (MET) unit to become a full bureau.
- Funding to continue Crisis Intervention Training for Sheriff deputies (was previously funded by ODR).

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**YOUTH DEVELOPMENT**

- Additional positions for Reentry.
- Funding 2 communications positions.

Sincerely,



JANICE HAHN  
Chair  
Supervisor, Fourth District  
County of Los Angeles



# BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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**KATHRYN BARGER**  
SUPERVISOR, FIFTH DISTRICT

May 19, 2023

Ms. Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street, Suite 383  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Ms. Zavala:

I am submitting my budget priorities for fiscal year 2023-2024 to your office in accordance with Government Code so that these critical needs may be considered by the Board of Supervisors during budget deliberations.

## **Public Safety**

- Services to Support Unincorporated Communities
  - Increase resources to support Sheriff's stations in unincorporated communities (including patrol deputies and community liaison deputies).
- Tasers
  - Funding to provide equipment, training, and personnel to support new tasers in the Sheriff's Department.
- Protecting Against Illegal Cannabis Operations
  - Funding to support additional illegal cannabis enforcement teams to mitigate and eradicate illegal grows and other infrastructure and staffing needs to prevent water theft and pollution.
- Academy Classes
  - Continued funding to allow for additional expansion of Sheriff's Academy classes as needed to fill vacancies and support attrition within the Sheriff's Department.
- Restoration of Cut Items
  - Funding to restore budgeted items from both patrol and custody units that were previously cut from the Sheriff's Department budget.
- Staffing for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner
  - Additional funding to adequately staff the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner to handle increased caseloads and decrease and backlogs.
- "Old" Santa Clarita Valley Sheriff's Station
  - Funding to provide necessary patrol services and a more central location to serve the west side of the Santa Clarita Valley and the surrounding unincorporated areas as a result of significant development in the region.

### **Children and Youth Services**

- SOS Village
  - Funding to support capital and program expenses to build and sustain an SOS Village in the Antelope Valley.
- Challenger Memorial Youth Camp
  - Funding to support capital and program expenses to build and sustain the re-imagined Challenger site which will provide housing, job training and supportive services to Los Angeles County youth.
- Housing for Transitional Aged Foster Youth
  - Funding to provide housing and supportive services for Transitional Aged Youth involved in the child welfare system.
- McCourtney Courthouse
  - Funding to improve and enhance Shelter Care at the McCourtney Courthouse to better serve the needs of foster youth in the Antelope Valley.
- Castaic Boys and Girls Club
  - Funding to support the development of a permanent site for the Boys and Girls Club to serve the Santa Clarita Valley.

### **Health and Mental Health Services**

- Mental Health Beds
    - Ongoing funding to establish and operate new IMD (Institution for Mental Disease) facilities.
  - Expanding Sexually Transmitted Infection (STI) Services
    - Additional resources for testing, messaging, and clinical care for STI services.
  - North Hollywood Integrated Care Clinic
    - Necessary funding for capital expenses, programs, and services.
  - Mental Health Evaluation Teams (MET)
    - Funding to fully staff and expand MET teams throughout the Fifth District.
  - Joint Municipal Services Health and Housing Site in Pasadena
    - Funding to support any necessary development and implementation costs for the pending site in Pasadena that will include a mental health and health services center and affordable housing.
  - Restorative Care Village (adjacent to the High Desert Medical Campus)
    - Funding for capital expenses, and ongoing programs and services.
  - Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facilities
    - Funding to develop and staff a Distinct Part Skilled Nursing Facility in the Fifth District.
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### **Homelessness and Housing**

- Bridge To Home Homeless Services
    - Funding to support the expansion of Bridge to Home shelter and supportive services in the Santa Clarita Valley.
  - The MACC Winter Shelter in the Antelope Valley
    - Continued funding to support and expand the now year-round winter shelter in the Antelope Valley led by Volunteers of America.
  - Project Homekey Sites in the North County
    - Funding to support capital improvements and services at three new Project Homekey sites in Lancaster, and one existing Project Homekey site in Palmdale.
  - Penny Lane Permanent Supportive Housing in the Antelope Valley
    - Funding to support additional capital expenditures and service expenses for the Imagine Village 2 in the Antelope Valley.
  - Single Adult Permanent Supportive Housing in the Santa Clarita Valley
    - Funding to provide capital expenditures and services expenses for a permanent supportive housing site in the Santa Clarita Valley.
  - Notice of Funding Availability Resources
    - Additional funding for the County's Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) to support additional affordable housing.
  - Interim Housing and Interim Housing Pilot Programs
    - Funding for programs such as Life Ark modular homes to create rapid and interim housing with emphasis on the San Gabriel and Antelope Valleys.
  - Fifth District Homeless Outreach Services
    - Additional funding to expand staffing and resources for both the Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Homeless Outreach Services Teams (HOST) and the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority Homeless Engagement Teams (HET) throughout the district.
  - Funding to Friends-in-Deed for Homeless Prevention
    - Funding to support the Pasadena based non-profit Friends-in-Deed for homeless outreach, services, and prevention programming.
  - San Gabriel Valley Consortium on Homelessness
    - Funding for staff and educational programming designed to inform San Gabriel Valley cities and communities about interim and permanent housing opportunities and to help with coalition building and stakeholder engagement.
  - Domestic Violence Support
    - Funding to sustain and expand domestic violence programs in Glendale and Pasadena, including Door of Hope to help prevent homelessness among victims of domestic abuse.
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**Community Development and Municipal Services**

- Implementation of the Epic-LA Expansion
  - Funding to implement the recommendations from the updated Gartner Study for County departments involved in the entitlement and permitting processes to expand and improve utilization of technological solutions to expand the reach and effectiveness of the County's online permitting systems.
- Honor Ranch
  - Provide gap funding to support the predevelopment of the Honor Ranch site in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Additional Dwelling Unit Expansion
  - Funding to expedite the review and approval of Additional Dwelling Units (ADU) and affordable housing applications.
- Illegal Dumping in the Antelope Valley.
  - Funding for enforcement against and mitigation of illegal dumping in the Antelope Valley.
- Santa Clarita Valley One Stop
  - Funding for capital expenditures and tenant improvements to facilitate the renovation and completion of a one-stop location for development services in the Santa Clarita Valley.
- Regional Planning Support for Subdivisions
  - Fund adequate staffing in the Department of Regional Planning to support the development of subdivisions and new housing in the Fifth District.
- Wireless and Broadband Access
  - Funding to expedite the review and approval of applications for new wireless facilities to help reduce the digital divide and expand access to high-speed broadband internet.
- Community Animal Control Services
  - Funding to support infrastructure improvements/expansion of the Lancaster Animal Shelter.

**Infrastructure and Transportation**

- Santa Clarita Valley Multimodal and Resiliency Enhancement Project – The Old Road Corridor
    - Gap funding to support the traffic safety and multi-mobility enhancements of the corridor of The Old Road in the Santa Clarita Valley.
  - Bus Stop Improvements
    - Funding to improve bus benches, shelters, and related infrastructure in unincorporated areas of the Fifth District in recognition of changes implemented by Metro's Next Gen Bus Plan.
  - Transit Services in Unincorporated Areas
    - Funding to support additional transit services in unincorporated areas, transit to trail connections, and on-demand mobility pilot program(s).
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- At Grade Rail Crossing Upgrades
  - Funding in unincorporated communities, including Acton, that focus on improving the safety and mobility of people and goods, and reducing noise impacts.

**Parks, Recreation, Library, and the Arts**

- Reservations System
    - Funding to fully staff and support the reservations system for park activities.
  - Devil's Punchbowl New Facilities Request
    - Funding to acquire, develop and operate a new parcel on the south side of Devil's Punchbowl.
  - Eaton Canyon New Facilities Request
    - Funding to operate the new restroom building.
  - Tameobit Wildlife Sanctuary New Facilities Request
    - Funding to assume responsibility for a natural area and archeological site surrounding Stephen Sorensen Park. Additional funding will also be needed for safety and security services at this facility.
  - Williams Ranch Park New Facilities Request
    - Funding to support the construction of a new public park with parking lot, restrooms, children's play areas, group picnic shelter, walking path, benches, open turf play area, landscaping, and signage. Additional funding will also be needed for safety and security services at this facility.
  - Restoration of Library Hours of Operation
    - Funding to restore Library hours and service availability at libraries throughout the County.
  - Organizational Grant Program
    - Additional funding to allow more arts organizations to receive grants and increase the amount of each grant to advance arts programming in local communities.
  - Summer Concerts
    - Funding to support and expand free concerts at local parks on Saturdays during the summer months through the Departments of Arts and Culture and Parks and Recreation to provide access to the arts for the most in-need and remote communities who may not otherwise have access to performances close to home.
  - Santa Clarita Arts and Vets Center
    - Funding to support the development of the Santa Clarita Arts and Vets Center.
  - Val Verde Park
    - Funding to support the reconstruction of the community pool and additional funding to modernize and enhance the existing building and improve the parking lot.
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**Veterans Services**

- Veterans Service Officers
  - Consideration of funding to increase the number of Veteran Service Officers.
- Veteran Suicide Review Team
  - Funding to support the work of the Veteran Suicide Review Team.

**Economic and Workforce Development**

- Strengthening the Workforce in the North County
  - Funding to support recruitment, retention and training for mental health, healthcare, and social workers in the Antelope Valley and funding to increase the workforce to provide much-needed services.
- Workforce Training
  - Funding for apprenticeship programs and workforce training programs for priority populations in the Fifth District.
  - Funding for specialized outreach to Transitional Aged Youth populations in the Antelope Valley who are foster and probation youth for County youth workforce programs.
- Altadena Business Technology Center Site
  - Funding for tenant improvements to bring in new businesses and continue to support new and emerging business sectors.
- Auditing and Contracting
  - Provide funding for technological advancements and staff resources to streamline and facilitate auditing and contracting throughout the County.

If you or your staff would like to discuss these requests, please contact Michelle Vega of my staff at (213) 974-5555.

Sincerely,



KATHRYN BARGER  
Supervisor, Fifth District

KB: mvs

c: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer





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April 24, 2023

TO: Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer of the Board

FROM: Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., M.P.H., M.Ed.  
Director 

SUBJECT: **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET REQUEST**

Thank you for your consideration of the Department of Public Health's (DPH) Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 budget request. DPH's Final Changes budget requests, which are offset with revenue and other departmental resources, includes:

- 1) New state funding of \$0.400 million (M) from the California Department of Health Care Services under the Capacity and Infrastructure, Transition, Expansion and Development program. The funding will serve Medi-Cal members to enable the transition, expansion, and development of Enhanced Care Management and Community Supports capacity and infrastructure.
- 2) New state funding of \$8.25M from the California Department of Social Services for the Children's Medical Services Division to establish the Public Health Nurse Early Intervention program to improve outcomes for the youth at risk of entering the foster care system, includes 35.0 positions fully offset with revenue.
- 3) Additional resources of \$0.393M for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Control Division for the allocation of funds from the opioid settlement to define and address the opioid epidemic and resources needed for the Student Wellbeing Centers, includes 6.0 positions fully offset with revenue.

- 4) New state funding of \$3.957M from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) for the Syphilis Outbreak Strategy program. The funding will help to control and prevent the rise in syphilis and congenital syphilis cases.
- 5) Additional resources of \$1.218M to strengthen and support the department's programmatic and administrative operations within the Disease Control and Operations Support Bureaus (e.g., Finance, Compliance Management, Information Technology, Administrative Services, Vital Records, Organizational Development and Training). Reflects the addition of 4.0 new positions, partially offset with 7.0 position deletions, revenue, and net county cost appropriation.
- 6) Additional resources of \$0.250M for the Maternal, Child, and Adolescent Health Division of the Health Promotion Bureau for the African American Infant and Maternal Mortality program aimed at implementing strategies to reduce racial disparities in birth outcomes, includes 1.0 position funded with net county cost.
- 7) Additional resources of \$0.447M for the Health Facilities Inspection Division (HFID) of the Health Protection Bureau to support compliance with federal and state mandates and address related administrative functions, includes 3.0 positions fully offset with revenue from the CDPH.

The estimated fiscal impact of these Final Changes budget requests total \$14.9 million in appropriation, including a net increase of approximately 42.0 positions. This request is in addition to the \$130.8 million in appropriation and 105.0 positions already requested in DPH's Recommended Budget.

We appreciate the Board's support of DPH's Final Changes requests. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or your staff may contact David Cardenas, Deputy Director, at (213) 247-5709, or Claudia Valenzuela, Budget Officer at (323) 659-6079.

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May 11, 2023

TO: CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: ANTHONY C. MARRONE, FIRE CHIEF 

### FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET HEARING

I am submitting this additional written testimony for the Board of Supervisors' consideration during the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Budget Hearings. Below are the Fire Department's (Department) critical budget priorities, which were previously discussed with the Chief Executive Office (CEO). However, the CEO has deferred our requests to Supplemental.

- \$3.462 million for 21.0 positions in Human Resources to support the Department's hiring, promotional, and D.E.I. processes and recall issues and meet the objectives of the Workplace Trauma Board Motion.
- \$3.724 million for 19.0 positions in Dispatch to address an increasing 9-1-1 call volume, long 9-1-1 answer times, and staffing shortages as a result of personnel being off work on long-term leave.

We will also continue to develop and implement various revenue generating and cost reduction strategies to fund our ongoing payroll obligations. This includes strategizing with the CEO to develop internal efficiencies surrounding workers' compensation costs.

If you or your staff have any questions, please contact me at (323) 881-6180.

ACM:al

c: Fesia Davenport  
Each Board Deputy

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## 2023-24 Recommended Budget and Support for Funding to Curb the STD Epidemic

May 15, 2023

Honorable Supervisor Janice Hahn, Chair, Fourth District  
Honorable Hilda L. Solis, First District  
Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Second District  
Honorable Supervisor Honorable Lindsey Horvath, Third District  
Honorable Supervisor Honorable Kathryn Barger, Fifth District  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisors:

The Commission on HIV calls for sustained investments in STD-related public health infrastructure and comprehensive sexual and reproductive health services. Sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) continue to rise in Los Angeles County. In 2019, there were a total of 98,427 cases of STDs reported to the LAC Department of Public Health. The majority of reported cases (66%) were chlamydia followed by gonorrhea (25%) and syphilis (9%). Sixty five percent of the syphilis cases were early syphilis.

In 2019, the number of congenital syphilis cases continued to rise (N=88) with an increase of 60% since 2018. Since 2012, the number of reported congenital syphilis cases has increased over 1,300%. Latinx (57%) females represented the majority of mothers of infants with congenital syphilis.

In a memo (dated February 7, 2023) from the Department of Public Health (DPH), the Department noted "due to the resource gaps, several areas of unmet need tied to local STD control efforts persist and can be grouped across four main areas: Surveillance, Disease Control, Communications, and Resource Coordination. With adequate funding, Public Health could better support and enhance local STD control efforts." **The Commission on HIV supports DPH's appeal for \$19.25 million to close the gap in unmet funding needed to respond the County's STD crisis. We urge you to do the same.**

**We must act now to prevent the STD crisis from getting worse.** Our concern has only grown as the COVID-19 pandemic exacerbated gaps in an already overstressed public health system that was not prepared for the pandemic. With the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic, HIV and STD testing and treatment rates sharply declined while new transmissions continued. Particularly concerning, some of the same communities disproportionately impacted by STDs, including men who have sex with men (MSM), transgender individuals, women of color, and youth, have also been disproportionately impacted by COVID-19, exacerbating existing health and social inequities.

Thank you for your time and we implore you to help us respond to the STD crises with the same energy, attention and resources as we have put on combatting the COVID pandemic.

Sincerely,

*Bridget Gordon*

Bridget Gordon, Co-Chair

*Luckie Alexander Fuller*

Luckie Alexander Fuller, Co-Chair



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Jim Zenner  
Director

May 16, 2023

TO: CELIA ZAVALA, EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

FROM: JIM ZENNER, DIRECTOR  
MILITARY AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

**FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS REQUEST**

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs (Department) would like to present for consideration its critical unmet needs for Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24. The critical needs identified in this memo are in direct support of the County's Homeless Initiative, by providing direct services to the County's homeless veterans.

The Department serves homeless veterans as part of its daily operations by offering shower facilities within Bob Hope Patriotic Hall and immediately connecting them to critical services, such as housing and benefits. To maintain and expand the Department's reach of critical services to the homeless veteran community, we are requesting 4.0 Veterans Claims Assistant III (VCA III) items that will directly support this mission. The VCA III's will be responsible for coordinating benefits and services for homeless veterans with a variety of partners such as the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development – Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing, the Los Angeles Homeless Service Authority, and the Department of Mental Health. They will conduct assessments for veteran benefits and services, mental health conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder, etc.; provide regular follow up services to veterans experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, or recently housed; coordinate directly with city and county to establish Veteran Resource Centers in cities where it is difficult to access VA services to assist veterans experiencing homelessness; and provide technical assistance and training around veteran benefits for all county/city veteran homeless providers and project based housing sites.

The Department previously submitted this request through the CEO-Homeless Initiative Emergency Hiring process, but our request was denied due to lack of funding for such positions.

The Department is committed to addressing the homeless crisis within the veteran community. We thank you in advance for your consideration of our Department's critical unmet needs request.

Should you have any questions, please contact me at (213) 765-9678 or [jzenner@mva.lacounty.gov](mailto:jzenner@mva.lacounty.gov).

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Attachments

c: Fesia Davenport  
Each Board Deputy

**DUTY STATEMENT AND JUSTIFICATION FOR NEW AND TRANSFERRED POSITIONS**

**Department:** Military and Veterans Affairs **Duty** **Statement**  
**Reference No.**           

**Number of Positions Requested:** 4 **Class Requested:** Veterans  
Claims Assistant III

**Item No.** 8142 **Sub Item Designation:** A

**Allocation of an additional position to:** *Existing Class* X *New Class*       

**Number of Vacant Positions in this Classification:** 0 per item control dated       .  
**Duration of vacancy (longest vacancy)**       .

**Organizational Assignment:** [Attach organizational chart(s) showing current ***ordinance*** positions and superior/subordinate relationships with respect to the requested position(s)]

**Bureau/Branch:** MVA

**Division:** 767

**Section/Unit:**                                 

**Budgeted/Ordinance Title of Immediate Supervisor:** Supervisor, Veterans  
Claims

***For eHR Position (Item) Control Purposes:***

**eCAPS Unit\* Number and Description**                                   
*\*Unit number is the same level as the five-digit Org Code in the CWTAPPS JJOB Screen.*

**Primary function of the position(s) requested:** *(Provide a brief overview as to why the position(s) is/are being requested.)*

**To support the needs of homeless veterans, their dependents and survivors.**

**Proposed Primary Duties (List in order of importance):** **Percent of Time**

***(Do not copy the class specification duties. Also, duties should be broken down into significant groupings such that the percentages are not less than 10%)***

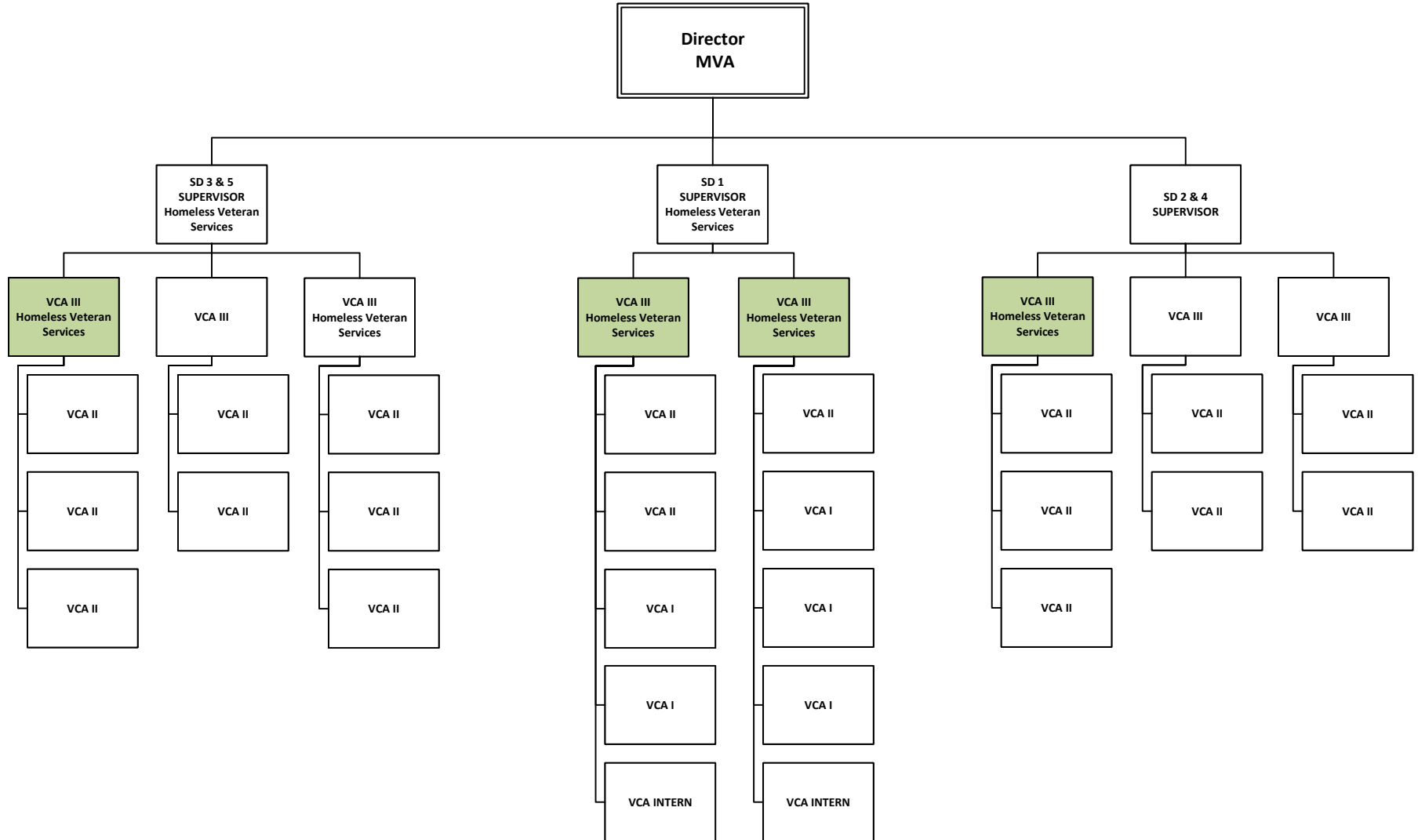
1. Attends all county/VA veteran by name list meetings to coordinate benefits needs for all veterans experiencing homelessness. Collaborations include:  Department of Veterans Administration HUD-VASH staff, LAHSA outreach, DHS/DMH outreach, VA Supportive Services for Veterans and their Families (SSVF), and VA Community Engagement and Reintegration Services (CERS).	35%
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**EXHIBIT N**

2. Conducts assessments for veteran benefits and services, mental health conditions including post-traumatic stress disorder, military sexual trauma, and traumatic brain injury. Provides regular follow up services to veterans experiencing homelessness, at-risk of homelessness, or recently housed. Possesses knowledge of suicide risk factors. Recognizes warning signs for suicide ideation or recent self-directed violence, and utilizes screening tools to assess suicide risk referring veterans for immediate professional services.	35%
3. Coordinate directly with city and county to establish Veteran Resource Centers in cities where it is difficult to access VA services to assist veterans experiencing homelessness get connected to VA healthcare, housing, and benefits.	20%
4. Provide technical assistance and training around veteran benefits for all county/city veteran homeless providers and project based housing sites.	10%
Total	100%



**HOMELESS EMERGENCY INITIATIVE - PROPOSED**  
**UNIT CODES 26501, 26502, 26503**







## DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

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May 17, 2023

Ms. Celia Zavala, Executive Officer  
Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Ms. Zavala:

### DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH ADDITIONAL PRIORITIES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2023 – 2024

In accordance with Government Code Section 29064(b), I am writing to formally submit the following priorities for inclusion in the public record so they may be considered during the Budget Year (BY) 2023-24 deliberations:

#### Wellness Officer - \$0.2M

The Department of the Medical Examiner Coroner has identified a need for Wellness Officer. The record number of exposures to critical incidents (e.g., Windsor Hills Accident, Monterey Park Shooting), psychologically disturbing death material (e.g., decomposing remains, pediatric homicides), and primal family grief reactions (e.g., physical attacks by angry family members) have had impacts on the workplace and our workforce. The Wellness Officer will have responsibility to develop and direct a comprehensive psychological program for internal staff that includes an initial assessment and diagnoses of the current psychological health of the department; development of programs to combat existing psychological trauma and grief; development of ongoing preventative departmentwide interventions; and guidance and referrals to individuals with specific needs.

#### Heluna Health Capacity Building Services – \$5.5M

The Department of Mental Health (DMH) has identified a need to utilize temporary personnel master agreements to fill gaps in various disciplines across the local mental health plan in order to provide adequate services and supports to our communities. The use of such agreements enables DMH to recruit for hard – to – fill positions more quickly

Ms. Celia Zavala  
May 17, 2023  
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and achieve efficiencies in the management of all personnel-related activities, including payroll and benefits administration.

Mental Health Loan Repayment Program - \$2.2M

The Mental Health Loan Repayment Program encourages mental health providers to practice in underserved locations within Los Angeles County by authorizing a plan for repayment of some or all of their educational loans in exchange for their service in a designated hard-to-fill/retain position in the Public Mental Health System. California Mental Health Services Authority (CalMHSA) serves as the fiscal intermediary for this program.

Contract and Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) - \$80.8M

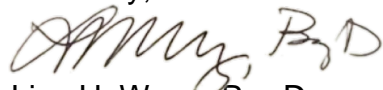
DMH has identified a need to increase appropriation and revenue for new and existing contracts and MOUs for the provision of Specialty Mental Health Services, including 24-hour residential, prevention and early intervention, training, and crisis response. This will enable DMH to provide critical services to needy communities.

Building Management Costs - \$0.5M

DMH has identified a need to increase appropriation and revenue for Coldwell Banker Richard Ellis (CBRE) Property Management services at the Behavioral Health and the Jacqueline Avant Children & Family Centers located on the Martin Luther King, Jr. Hospital Campus.

DMH is not requesting Net County Cost for these priorities. Thank you in advance for your consideration of this request. I can be reached at (213) 947-6670, or your staff may contact Connie D. Draxler, Acting Chief Deputy Director, at (213) 738-4926 email [CDraxler@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:CDraxler@dmh.lacounty.gov), or Sara Lee Dato, Acting Finance Manager, at (213) 947-6225 or by email at [SLDato@dmh.lacounty.gov](mailto:SLDato@dmh.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Lisa H. Wong" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lisa H. Wong, Psy.D.  
Director

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c: Erika Bonilla  
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# OFFICE OF THE SHERIFF

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May 18, 2023

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Executive Officer  
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Dear Ms. Zavala:

**NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR 2023-24  
RECOMMENDED BUDGET REQUEST**

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 29064, this letter serves as the Los Angeles County (County) Sheriff's Department's (Department) written notice to your office that the Department has additional unmet needs that were not previously submitted as part of the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Recommended Budget Request.

As part of the Recommended Budget, the Board of Supervisors (Board) approved some of the Department's most critical unmet needs, including the establishment of the Office of Constitutional Policing to support Departmental Consent Decrees and ongoing reforms, and the continuation of four additional Deputy Sheriff Trainee academy classes for the purposes of filling existing sworn vacancies throughout the Department. The Department greatly appreciates the support extended by both the Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO) and is certain that the financial and operational resources included in the FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget will assist the Department and the County in achieving the desired outcomes associated with the approved requests.

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Due to the timeliness of the Recommended Budget submission, the Department's Recommended Budget submission contained an overview of items that had risen to my attention as critical unmet needs in the first six weeks in office. In the ensuing timeframe, additional priorities primarily associated with the Department's Consent Decrees have emerged and have resulted in the revision to the priority order of the Department's critical unmet needs. The newly identified priority requests seek to address the Department's/County's adherence to the Custody and Antelope Valley (AV) DOJ Consent Decrees, address critical information technology network infrastructure and equipment needs, and provide staffing and training resources needed to help ensure expenditure monitoring and control, revenue maximization, operational efficiencies, and adherence to accountability standards and/or compliance expectations. More specifically, the new requests include:

- Network Infrastructure – Routers and Switches;
- Los Angeles Regional Interoperable Communications System Requirements;
- Custody/Consent Decree Technology and Personnel Needs;
- AV DOJ Consent Decree;
- Training Resources – Budget Increase; and
- Expenditure Control and Compliance, Revenue Maximization, and Operational Efficiencies (Staffing).

During the Final Changes phase of the County budget process, aside from consideration of the aforementioned new requests, the Department seeks the Board's consideration of several critical unmet needs requests that were deferred by the CEO to Final Changes. These deferred requests include:

- Computer-Aided Dispatch Replacement;
- Patrol/Countywide Operations Equipment (Thomas A. Swift Electric Rifles [TASERs] and Body Worn Camera);
- Homeless Outreach Service Team Expansion;
- Mental Evaluation Team Expansion; and
- Station Custody Assistants (Deferred by the CEO to Supplemental Budget).

To obtain a more detailed explanation and understanding of the totality of the Department's prioritized critical unmet needs, including proposed staffing increases and cost, please see the Department's list of Budget Priorities for FY 2023-24 (Attachment I).

Lastly, I must draw your attention to an item included in the Department's unmet needs for the past several years – the replacement of ten transportation buses. The Department has requested replacement buses for the past several years, as both unmet needs and Department priority. Due to the long list of priority needs, the Department has submitted for FY 2023-24, and the cost of the existing priorities, this item has not risen to the top of the priorities. However, recently, there has been a lot of discussion about the Department's aging bus fleet and the need for replacement buses. The need to upgrade the Department's transportation buses continues to be an unmet need for the organization and any investment in replacement buses would be appreciated.

The Department understands the host of financial burdens and uncertainties facing the County and sincerely appreciates the Board's consideration of our identified needs, as well as those that may emerge between now and the Department's submission of the Supplemental Budget Request. Given the extent of the County's unmet needs and our understanding that the amount of available resources to meet these needs may be woefully insufficient, we are committed to working with the Board and the CEO to help develop multi-year financing plans where necessary and identify one-time projects/funding needs that might be best-suited for the type of resources currently available to the County.

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Assistant Sheriff Jill Torres, Chief Financial and Administrative Officer, at (213) 229-3066.

Sincerely,



ROBERT G. LUNA  
SHERIFF



**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
FY 2023-24 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET - BUDGET PRIORITIES**

#	Title	Positions	NCC (Millions)
1	Network Infrastructure - Routers and Switches <b>(Phase 1 of 5-Year Plan)</b>	0.0	\$2.7
2	LA-RICS Requirements		
	a. LA-RICS Licenses	0.0	\$1.2
	b. LA-RICS Mobile Radio Replacement	0.0	\$25.0
3	Custody / Consent Decree Technology & Personnel Needs		
	a. Jail Information Management System (JIMS)	0.0	\$10.0
	b. Contract Custodial Services	0.0	\$1.0
	c. Custody Professional Staff	47.0	\$6.0
	d. Custody Network Upgrade <b>(Phase 1 of 5-Year Plan)</b>	0.0	\$21.2
	e. Custody Computer Replacement	0.0	\$6.2
	f. Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) System	7.0	\$15.2
	g. Body-Worn Cameras <b>(Phase 1 of 2-Year Plan)</b>	5.0	\$3.2
	h. Use of Force Investigative Team	12.0	\$3.9
4	Computer-Aided Dispatch Replacement Project <b>(Multi-year Plan)**</b>	7.0	\$24.6
5	Patrol/Countywide Operations Equipment		
	a. Tasers for Patrol and Countywide Operations <b>(Phase 1 of 2-Year Plan)</b>	3.0	\$11.0
	b. Body-Worn Cameras for Station Jails, Detective Bureaus and Special Operations Division	4.0	\$19.2
6	Additional Captains / 2nd Captain (COC Recommendation for Deputy Gangs)	6.0	\$3.2
7	AV-DOJ Consent Decree		
	a. Data Scientist Position	1.0	\$0.3
	b. IA Pro Software (Early Warning System)	0.0	\$0.5
8	Training Resources - Budget Increase	0.0	\$2.5
9	Expenditure Control and Compliance, Revenue Maximization, and Operational Efficiencies		
	a. Administrative Services Division Various Positions	20.0	\$3.4
	b. RIB - Auto Fingerprint Identification System Staff	6.0	\$0.9
	c. FCCB - Crime and Statistical Analyst	9.0	\$1.6
10	Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) Expansion	2.0	\$10.2
11	Mental Evaluation Team (MET) Expansion	0.0	\$2.0
12	Station Custody Assistants <b>(Phase 1 of 3-Year Plan)</b>	15.0	\$2.6
	<b>Top 12 Priorities Total</b>	<b>144.0</b>	<b>\$177.6</b>

\* The Department has these obligational needs to adhere to and has been performing these duties to the greatest extent possible via overtime. While the Department would prefer to have the budgeted positions and full-time staff available to perform these duties on a permanent, non-overtime basis, this just is not feasible given the present circumstances with respect to the excessive amount of budgeted Departmental vacancies. The Department is in the process of working with the Chief Executive Office (CEO) to develop a plan that seeks to fill its budgeted vacancies as quickly and as responsibly as possible.

\*\* Reflects a request for funding and professional staff positions related to the initiation of the Department's CAD replacement project. The total cost of the CAD replacement project currently ranges between \$100-\$125 million over a 10-year period. As the project progresses and the total estimated cost of the project becomes clearer the Department will continue to work with the CEO to keep the CEO apprised of the developments to the overall project cost and anticipates submitting subsequent future budget requests to ensure the project is fully funded.

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CELIA ZAVALA  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

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Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST FOR THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

This letter outlines the unmet needs priorities for the Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors, as requested in the Department's Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget request.

**CHIEF SUSTAINABILITY OFFICE**

The Executive Office (EO) is requesting Net County Cost funding for the Climate Resilience Officer position responsible for developing, implementing, managing, and maintaining the strategic planning necessary to guide and coordinate a Countywide approach to climate resilience. The Chief Sustainability Office was unable to receive grant and/or philanthropy funds to offset this position. This request will result in an increase of \$291,000 in NCC.

**OFFICE OF CHILD PROTECTION**

The EO is requesting to provide a one-time funding to the Chief Executive Office for the Poverty Alleviation Initiative. This project supports tax credit filings for families and access to cash aid which decreases risk factors that can contribute to child maltreatment. This request results in a decrease of \$600,000 in Services and Supplies.

**EXECUTIVE OFFICE**

The EO is requesting Net County Cost funding to cover the increase in cost for accident claims and incidents related to the Board Offices. This request will result in an increase of \$100,000 in Services and Supplies.

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

May 19, 2023

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Thank you in advance for considering our Unmet Needs Request.

Sincerely,

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Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer

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Attachment

c: Anthony Baker  
Monique Nady  
Jeff Levinson  
Hanna Cheru  
Susan Huff





COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

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Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

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Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST  
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION**

I am submitting the Department of Parks and Recreation's FY 2023-24 Unmet Needs request to support continuing the critical programs and services offered by the Department.

Operating Budget

1. Parks After Dark (PAD) Program: Increase appropriation and revenue by \$1,020,000 for Winter PAD programming in various parks funded by the Probation Department. The PAD Program provides recreational, educational, arts and cultural programs and has been proven as a successful prevention and early intervention program.
2. Safe Passage Program: Increase appropriation and revenue by \$208,000 funded by the Probation Department to address increasing violence in partnership with the Office of Violence Prevention.

Golf Course Operating Fund (CA8)

Golf Course Management Agreement: Increase appropriation by \$2,809,000, decrease appropriation for contingency by \$1,629,000 and increase revenue by \$1,180,000 to partially fund a golf course management agreement.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at (626) 588-5373 or your staff may contact Malou Rubio, Administrative Deputy at (626) 588-5293.

Sincerely,



Norma E. García-González  
Director

NEGG:AB:MR:cb

- c: Chief Executive Officer (F. Davenport)  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (C. Zavala)  
Park Deputies (G. Duran-Medina, L. Muraida, M. Chong-Castillo, D. Gonzalez, S. Nemer)



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Dear Supervisors:

**FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET REQUEST**

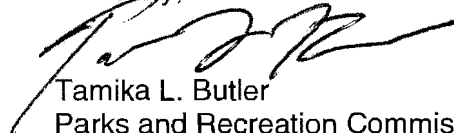
The Parks and Recreation Commission continues to appreciate the Board of Supervisors' (Board) recognition of the endless positive impact that park facilities and programming have on the communities we all serve. The Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR) provides critical recreation programs for vulnerable and systems-involved youth and adults. DPR's programs and resources are one of the few providing youth affordable and available programs in communities heavily impacted by legacies of racism, lack of public investment, environmental degradation and violence. In the Care First Community Investments (CFCI) framework, prevention programs for youth are critical and essential providing youth with programs that support positive social-emotional outcomes and benefits.

DPR's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Budget Request focuses on bridging gaps in their supportive infrastructure. As the Board deliberates the FY 2023-24 Budget, we urge the Board to allocate ongoing net County cost (NCC) funding of \$944,000 for the Department's Central Reservation and Partnership Operations. This request will support staffing that will increase access to LA County park facilities and amenities, improve customer service, and create a sustainable workload for staff.

In addition, we request that the Board approve one new position resulting from the Department's reorganization to consolidate all bodies of water operations, including pools, splash pads and lakes, under a new Aquatics Agency. This request, which will not require additional NCC, will strengthen the oversight and programming in the Aquatics operations, support the significant increases in its responsibility, and implement the Department's strategic plan for hiring, recruitment and retention, succession planning, and risk management.

We appreciate your time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



Tamika L. Butler  
Parks and Recreation Commission Chair

TLB:cb

c: Chief Executive Officer (Fesia Davenport)  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors (Celia Zavala)  
Park Deputies (G. Duran-Medina, L. Muraida, M. Chong-Castillo, D. Gonzalez, S. Nemer)  
Parks and Recreation Commissioners (A. Martinez, K. Cabrera-Miller, M. Balocca, D. Boublis)



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**RE: Virginia Robinson Gardens 2023-24 Fiscal Budget Request**

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to express our strong support for the Department of Parks and Recreation's (DPR) request for one-time cost of \$184,000 and ongoing cost of \$407,000, including 3.0 positions, to support the expanded hours of operation for park coverage, maintenance and programming in its 2023-24 Fiscal Budget request.

In late 2022, Friends of Virginia Robinson Gardens (FRG) and DPR coordinated and collaborated on a Supplemental Environmental Impact Report (2022 SEIR), to propose an increase in the days and hours of operation and programming as a critical component to expand public access and advance inclusive and diverse educational programming, especially for school children from Title I schools. Title I is a federal entitlement program designed to meet the needs of children in low-income households. The program offers supplemental funds to school districts with high concentration of poverty to support the school's educational goals. Virginia Robinson Gardens (VRG) follows the third-grade curriculum for science and has trained docents to lead the school tours. The buses that take students to VRG are all underwritten by fundraising and grants to the Friends of Robinson Gardens. Prior to this effort, VRG offered very limited tours and educational programs to children across Los Angeles County, including students from Title I schools.

On November 15, 2022, the Board of Supervisors adopted the SEIR for Virginia Robinson Gardens, allowing the garden to increase its hours of operation by 40% and increase its special events by 300% which is commensurate with other County facilities and botanic gardens. Prior to these changes, the gardens were underutilized. The proposed operational changes would increase inclusivity and accessibility and adhere to DPR's mission to serve as stewards of parklands, build healthy and resilient communities, and advance social equity and cohesion. The proposed changes also further the Board-approved County Strategic Plan Goal to Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities (Goal II) by expanding access for all County residents who have traditionally underutilized the County's museums, theatres, beaches, parks, and other recreational facilities.

The Virginia Robinson Gardens, which are listed on the National Register of Historic Places, is a County cultural jewel that transports the visitor back in time. Built in 1911, it was once the residence of retail giants Virginia and Harry Robinson (of the Robinson department stores). The beautiful six-acre property contains a breathtaking botanical garden, mansion, and pool pavilion. Without the additional staffing, DPR and FRG will not have the ability to fulfill the DPR's mission to advance social equity by expanding access and educational programming or uplift the legacy of Virginia Robinson to expose and connect the public, with a special focus on children, to the importance of historic preservation and the beauty and importance of the natural environment.

Therefore, we urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to approve DPR's critically important budgetary request for additional staff at Virginia Robinson Gardens.

Sincerely,

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Lynn Whitaker

**President**

**Friends of Robinson Gardens**

- C: Lindsey P. Horvath, Supervisor, 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District  
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May 19, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors County of Los Angeles  
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Dear Honorable Members of the Board of Supervisors:

### **LA COUNTY LIBRARY FY 2023-24 BUDGET REQUEST**

On behalf of the LA County Library Commission, I am submitting this letter in support of LA County Library's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Budget Request.

Let me begin by thanking the Board of Supervisors for taking several actions to support funding for the Library's budget over the past fiscal years.

The Library Commission is requesting the Board support its request to fund the LA County Library's Unmet Needs Request to continue providing necessary library services within the Los Angeles County communities:

#### **Ongoing Funding of Additional Net County Contribution**

The Library is requesting ongoing county funding in FY 2023-24 to mitigate its projected structural deficit and maintain current library service levels. The Library has continued to face serious budgetary challenges which have been mitigated by one-time funds. However, this structural gap continues when annual property tax growth levels do not compensate the department's cost increases from mandated living wage adjustments, County approved salary and benefit increases, and absorption of other County department's cost increases. Future budgetary forecasts will deplete the Library reserves in several years and may need to further reduce its services to balance its budget.

#### **Ongoing Books and Materials Funding**

The Library has continually received one-time funds to supplement its books and material budget and is requesting to formalize a budgetary increase to sustain the annual increased need and progression to digital library materials based on increased use of digital resources.

### **Security**

The pandemic has exacerbated the mental health needs of individuals and is resulting in heightened incidents in the libraries. The Library currently has dedicated security in six of its 85 libraries (less than 1%) and is requesting ongoing County funds to expand its security service levels to, at a minimum, 50% of library locations it serves.

### **Mental Health Services Support**

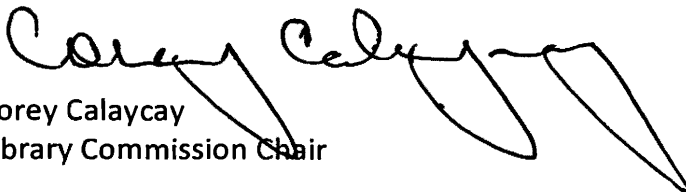
To supplement the security need of the libraries, the Department is also requesting ongoing funding to restore the collaborative partnership between LA County Library and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) who provided mental health staff to support, triage, link, and consult with library patrons with mental health needs. The services that DMH offers provide communities pathways to resolve the mental health and homeless crisis throughout LA County.

The Commission has undertaken work over the last few years to help raise private dollars for the Library. Commissioners have worked with the LA County Library Foundation to strengthen its board and fundraising. Commissioners created a fundraising plan to be used by both the Commission and the Foundation Board. Commissioners are working with Library staff to identify key government funding. And many Commissioners are personal donors to the Library. But even these efforts cannot close the structural deficit or assist with some of the extraordinary work the Library is doing for its patrons and communities.

The Library strives to meet the evolving demands of its communities through programs for education, access to information, content, and technologies. These funding requests assist the LA County Library to further its objective in reducing barriers to educational and social support access; and reduce resource disparities among communities.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,



Corey Calaycay  
Library Commission Chair

c: Fesia A. Davenport, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



## LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

GEORGE GASCÓN • District Attorney  
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JOSEPH F. INIGUEZ • Chief of Staff

TO: CELIA ZAVALA, Executive Officer  
Executive Office of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: JOSEPH F. INIGUEZ, Chief of Staff  
District Attorney's Office

SUBJECT: NOTICE OF CHANGES TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE DEPARTMENT'S FISCAL YEAR  
2023-24 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET REQUEST

DATE: MAY 19, 2023

Pursuant to California Government Code Section 29064, this letter serves as the Los Angeles County District Attorney Office Department's (Department) written notice to your office that the Department has additional unmet needs that were not previously submitted as part of the Department's Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Recommended Budget Request.

Subsequent to submitting the Department's FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget Request, the Department identified additional new unmet needs reflecting an ongoing commitment that are essential to carry out activities in support of the Department's mission and strategic initiatives. These emerging needs cumulatively account for an additional Gross Appropriation of \$2.450 million and 10.0 budgeted positions, bringing the Net County's unmet need to \$2.450 million.

While the Department is not revising its previously submitted list of critical unmet needs as part of the FY 2023-24 Final Changes Budget Request process, additional unmet needs are as follows:

Budget Request	Amount	Additional Positions
Mental Health Division Request	\$2,450,000	10.0
<b>Total -New Unmet Needs</b>	<b>\$2,450,000</b>	<b>10.0</b>

Should you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Navjot Kaur, Director, Bureau of Administrative Services at (213) 257-2774.

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Attachments (3)

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BRANDON T. NICHOLS  
Director

## County of Los Angeles DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES

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May 19, 2023

To: Celia Zavala  
Executive Officer of the Board

From: Brandon T. Nichols  
Director

### DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES' CRITICAL UNMET NEEDS REQUEST

This memo is to underscore the Department of Children and Family Services' (Department) previously identified major unmet needs. As indicated in our Fiscal Year (FY) 2023-24 Official Budget, 561 additional net full-time equivalent (FTE) positions at a projected net County cost of \$74.4 million are needed to address critical unmet needs in the areas of child safety and administrative and program support services. The Department's FY 2023-24 proposed service delivery enhancements are needed in order to stay in alignment with the five goals the Board of Supervisors outlined for the Department in the areas of Safety, Permanence, Well-Being, Performance Contracting, Family-Centered, and Neighborhood-Based Services.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The requested 561 additional net FTE positions is comprised of 308 Children's Social Workers (CSWs) with 132 associated support staff needed to support our Department's Emergency Response, Continuing Services and Alternative Permanency caseloads, as well as 121 administrative and program support staff to strengthen infrastructure and support line operations. The total projected annual cost is \$100.5 million, which includes training, linkages, implementation of the Family First Prevention Services Act, Intensive Services Foster Care, Continuous Quality Improvement, and the Crisis Continuum Pilot Project. Of this amount, \$26.1 million can be offset with Federal revenue bringing the County's portion of the unmet need to \$74.4 million.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (213) 371-6326 or your staff may contact Rogelio Tapia, Administrative Deputy, at (213) 371-6293.

BTN:CMM:RT

c: Chief Executive Officer  
Board Deputies

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May 19, 2023

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Dear Supervisors:

### **DEPARTMENT OF BEACHES AND HARBORS FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 UNMET NEEDS REQUEST**

We would like to present to your Board for consideration the Department of Beaches and Harbors' (Department) Unmet Needs for Budget Year (BY) 2023-24. The needs identified here support the County's Strategic Plan Goal II, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities, by enabling the Department to operate well maintained recreational County facilities and preventing potential public health and environmental hazards at County-owned, controlled, or managed beaches.

#### **Septic Tank Maintenance Services**

The Department is responsible for operating and maintaining septic systems installed at beach restrooms at: Malibu Surfrider Beach, Point Dume Beach, Topanga Beach, Dan Blocker Beach, Zuma Beach and White Point/Royal Palms Beach. This includes as-needed maintenance, electronic remote monitoring, periodic inspections, effluent and groundwater sampling and state-required reporting of the septic systems to ensure proper sanitizing of the wastewater to prevent potential public health and environmental hazards at County-owned, controlled, and managed beaches. On January 26, 2023, the Department issued an Invitation for Bids (IFB) seeking qualified contractors to provide as-needed maintenance, effluent and groundwater sampling, and state-required reporting of the septic tank systems located at County-owned, controlled, or managed beaches.

Two bids were submitted in response to the IFB. One bid was disqualified as a late submission. The remaining bid was submitted by A+ Superior Sanitation, Inc. (A+) and was determined to be the lowest cost, most responsible and responsive bidder. A+ is currently providing the services through an issued Purchase Order that will expire June 30, 2023 and has the experience and expertise to service the septic systems. The annual compensation for septic tank maintenance services is \$573,965 in each full contract year.



Furthermore, the Director may increase the annual compensation by up to 10% for any additional or unforeseen services within the scope of the contract, subject to availability of funds in the Department's budget. The budgeted amount in the Department's BY 2022-23 Final Adopted Budget for this service is \$237,000. We are requesting ongoing appropriation of \$337,000 to fully fund the needed contracted services.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our Unmet Needs request. My staff and I are available to discuss our request and to provide any additional information you may require.

Very truly yours,

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Gary Jones, Director

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c: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer  
Celia Zavala, Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors



May 19, 2023

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Dear Ms. Zavala:

**ARTS AND CULTURE FY2022-23 UNMET CRITICAL NEEDS REQUESTS**

This memo outlines priority programmatic issues that will be affected by budget decisions in FY 2023-24:

**1. Arts Internship Program: Minimum Wage Adjustment**

During FY23-24 the LA County Arts Internship Program will support 228 full-time 400 hour paid internships at arts organizations throughout the County. Los Angeles County has long been a leader in providing more paid arts internship opportunities than any other region in the United States. In addition to bolstering workforce development of the County, the Arts Internship Program plays a critical role in strengthening and diversifying the pipeline of arts leaders in Los Angeles and was lauded as a "promising practice" in the Board of Supervisors' recent motion to improve diversity in LA County cultural institutions. Due to the increased minimum wage rates for both the City of Los Angeles and the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County, Arts and Culture requests \$79,000 to preserve the number of internships available at the current level as a matter of equity and to keep pace with wage rates.

**2. Staffing: Position Changes (Cost-Neutral)**

As the Department continues to grow, adjustments to program division processes and responsibilities are being made to accommodate the increased workloads and administrative requirements. To align job duties with the appropriate classification Arts and Culture is requesting two position changes within the Civic Art division. The requested position changes will align responsibilities with classifications and facilitate future recruitments of staff with the appropriate skills and experience needed to support the work of the department. These position changes are cost-neutral to the Department and no additional funding is requested.

If you have any questions please contact me or Administrative Deputy, Brandon Turner, at [bturner@arts.lacounty.gov](mailto:bturner@arts.lacounty.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kristin Sakoda".

Kristin Sakoda  
Director, Arts and Culture



**RICARDO D. GARCÍA**  
Public Defender

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May 19, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
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Dear Supervisors:

**PUBLIC DEFENDER FISCAL YEAR 2023-24 BUDGET PRIORITIES AND  
UNMET NEEDS**

This letter outlines the Public Defender's budget priorities and unmet needs, as submitted in the Department's Fiscal Year 2023-24 budget request. The Department's budget request supports advancing various Board priorities, including Care First, Jails Last, Justice Reform, Anti-Racism, and the Alternatives to Incarceration initiative. Public Defender is requesting ongoing funding for the following program areas:

- **Felony Trial Attorneys.** Deputy Public Defender IV positions to assist in offsetting the increase in workload associated with the significant rise in highly complex felony cases, including homicides, which reached a 15-year high in 2022.
- **Human Resources.** Human Resources positions to support the growing personnel needs of the organization, including facilitating hiring through exams administration, meeting disability management requirements, and managing labor relations and employee performance management matters.
- **Mental Health Services.** Psychiatric Social Worker positions, which provide critical mental health support and treatment plans to clients at the direction of and in collaboration with, attorneys of record, to address the significant increase in target regional offices.
- **Data Analytics & Technology Support.** Data Analysis and IT positions to advance the digitization of critical business functions, enhance data collection and reporting

The Honorable Board of Supervisors

May 19, 2023

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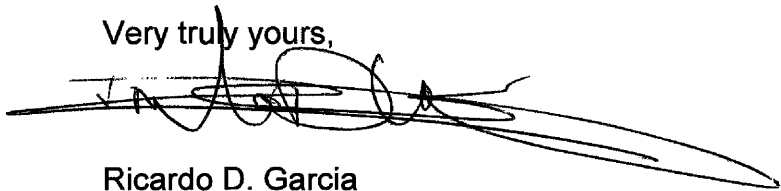
capabilities, and effectively support the Client Case Management System and other essential IT business tools.

- **Legal Support.** Paralegal and legal office support assistant positions to provide critical support for attorneys experiencing a significant increase in workload resulting from criminal justice reforms, new resentencing options and to improve attorney-to-legal support staff ratios.
- **Post-Bar Law Clerks.** Sr. Law Clerk positions to support the Department's Post-Bar Law Clerk Program, which is an effective tool for recruiting diverse candidates and a talent hiring pipeline for entry-level attorney positions.

We appreciate the Board's continued support, time, and consideration of this matter.

If you require additional information, please contact me, or your staff may contact Justine Esack, Chief Deputy at (213) 974-0318.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ricardo D. Garcia', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Ricardo D. Garcia  
Public Defender

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May 19, 2023

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FROM: Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.   
Director

SUBJECT: **DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES' UNMET  
NEEDS REQUEST - FISCAL YEAR 2023-24**

**Christina R. Ghaly, M.D.**  
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Administrative Deputy

The Department of Health Services (DHS) requests your funding consideration of our Unmet Needs for Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIA) Support Team, Los Angeles General Medical Center (LA General) - Office of Decedent Affairs, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center (H-UCLA MC) – Infusion Center Rightsizing – Nursing and Pharmacy, Integrated Correctional Health Services (ICHS), and Health Services – Community Programs (HS - Comm Program) during the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Adopted Budget Deliberations, as summarized below. Please refer to Attachments A1-A3 for the program description and cost estimate of each request.

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Program	Cost (\$ in Millions)	Number of Positions
<b>DHS</b>		
Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIA) Support Team - DHS	\$ 4.4	21.0
Office of Decedent Affairs - LA General	3.6	16.0
Infusion Center Rightsizing - Nursing and Pharmacy - H-UCLA MC	2.2	14.0
<b>Subtotal DHS</b>	<b>\$ 10.2</b>	<b>51.0</b>
<b>ICHS</b>		
Inmate Reception Centers (IRC) COVID-19 Mobile Testing	\$ 12.0	-
Pitches Detention Center (PDC) Mobile Lab	6.8	-
Mental Health Unit - Correctional Treatment Center (CTC)	6.8	24.0
Loan Repayment	5.0	-
Pharmacy Services Expansion - Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF)	4.0	21.0
Men's Mental Health Services	3.9	28.0
Men's Mental Health Services - Release Evaluation Services	1.5	10.0
Servicon	1.5	-
IRC Mobile Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner	1.4	-
Servicon - Psychiatric Urgent Care Unit	0.9	-
Information Technology (IT) Staffing - Phase II	0.9	6.0
EDIA Support Team	0.1	1.0
<b>Subtotal - ICHS</b>	<b>\$ 44.8</b>	<b>90.0</b>
<b>HS - Comm Program</b>		
Crocker Campus	\$ 40.0	4.0
Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST)	7.9	7.0
Jail Decompression	3.0	1.0
Office of Diversion and Re-Entry (ODR) Housing Program	2.3	-
Sobering Center	0.8	-
Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) Program	0.6	-
Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH)	0.6	-
EDIA Support Team	0.4	2.0
<b>Subtotal - HS - Comm Program</b>	<b>\$ 55.6</b>	<b>14.0</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 110.6</b>	<b>155.0</b>

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The estimated fiscal impact of these unmet needs totals \$110.6 million in appropriation, including an increase of 155.0 positions.

Please let me know if you have any questions or need additional information.

CRG:fl

Attachment

c: Chief Executive Office  
County Counsel  
Executive Office, Board of Supervisor

## County of Los Angeles - Department of Health Services

## Unmet Needs

## FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget

(\$ in millions)

## DHS

No.	Program	Description	Cost (\$ in Millions)	Number of Positions
1	Equity, Diversity, Inclusion and Anti-Racism (EDIA) Support Team - DHS	To request 24.0 new budgeted positions and \$0.4M in Services and Supplies (S&S) at various facilities for the Department of Health Services (DHS) EDIA support team. Based on the EDIA Strategic Plan Board memo on September 6, 2022, DHS is engaged in a multi-phase EDIA Initiative that seeks to transform the policies and practices that in the past have contributed to inequitable employment and patient care experiences and outcomes in the department. An EDIA Strategic Plan was developed, and DHS leadership is committed to bringing the EDIA vision to reality at all levels of the organization.	\$ 4.4	21.0
2	Office of Decedent Affairs - LA General	The Office of Decedent Affairs has three components to its operation. These are to provide morgue services to LA General patients, provide services to all of Los Angeles (LA) County for unclaimed decedents, and to operate the LA County Cemetery and Crematorium which includes the release of cremains and annual burial of decedents. The operation runs with minimal staffing. As a result, LA General morgue services and unclaimed dead pickups from facilities with no refrigeration are the top priority for the operation. This request is to allocate adequate staff to provide timely LA County morgue pick up and receiving services for the unclaimed dead to all outside agencies that may need assistance. This includes all other public and private hospitals, skilled nursing facilities, convalescent homes, and private residences. The request includes 16.0 new positions for \$1.5 million, and \$2.1 million in Services and Supplies and Capital Assets (of which \$1.7 million is one-time expenses for two morgue vans and storage freezers replacement).	3.6	16.0
3	Infusion Center Rightsizing - Nursing and Pharmacy - H-UCLA MC	To request 14.0 new budgeted positions, partially funded by \$0.4M in various revenues for the Infusion Center rightsizing with a net cost of \$2.177M. The items are needed to support the Infusion Clinic and future Hematology-Oncology management improvements related to Infusion services. The additional items will provide the needed staff to support the nursing and pharmaceutical services associated with the fifty percent increase in patient load and infusions in the Infusion Clinic. The Infusion Center currently has 200 active patients with reoccurring treatments from two to nine months. With the current staffing and performance improvements in place, the Infusion Center can treat forty patients per day with an average treatment time of four hours. The Infusion Center has a wait time of two-six weeks from physician request to induction and continues to have a wait list of fifteen to twenty-five patients.	2.2	14.0
<b>Subtotal DHS</b>			<b>\$ 10.2</b>	<b>51.0</b>

## Integrated Correctional Health Services (ICHS)

No.	Program	Description	Cost (\$ in Millions)	Number of Positions
1	Inmate Reception Centers (IRC) COVID-19 Mobile Testing	To request funding to cover the annual estimated costs to provide COVID-19 Mobile testing to inmate clients outside of IRC at the downtown facility.	\$ 12.0	-
2	Pitches Detention Center (PDC) Mobile Lab	To reduce the cost associated with using an office vendor and expedite clinical care for the growing population at PDC, the facility is requesting funding to place a mobile lab onsite at PDC.	6.8	-
3	Mental Health Unit - Correctional Treatment Center (CTC)	To request 24.0 mental health clinical and program support positions for the Mental Health Unit at CTC. CTC is a Forensic Inpatient Psychiatric unit that consists of 46 licensed beds. It was designed to improve the mental health status of its patients while also reducing the risk of recidivism of mentally disordered offenders. With the current volume and growing numbers of acute patients in the Los Angeles County jails, the facility is requesting additional mental health clinicians and program support positions to comply with the Department of Justice (DOJ), Provision 64. Under the Provision 64, the County is required to develop a long-term plan that will address the availability of licensed inpatient mental health care for prisoners.	6.8	24.0
4	Loan Repayment	To enhance the County's ability to recruit and retain talented professionals, a loan repayment incentive program is proposed. Annual cost of this program is expected to be \$5.0 million with a five-year cost of \$25.0 million.	5.0	-



## County of Los Angeles - Department of Health Services

## Unmet Needs

## FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget

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No.	Program	Description	Cost (\$ in Millions)	Number of Positions
5	Pharmacy Services Expansion - Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF)	To request 21.0 positions to expand pharmaceutical services to the TTCF to help with timely access to medication therapy. In addition, this is to establish a centralized automated dispensing cabinet to ease the nursing workload by localizing dispensing and distributing medication to all the units within the facilities, to ease the nursing shortages that the facility is experiencing and allowing more time for nursing staff involved in patient care. The switch shall also improve accuracy, reduce in medication waste/loss, and reduction on potential medication errors. Additionally, the Pharmacy department has been pulled more and more to be more involved in the clinical aspect of medication therapy via promoted collaborative practice agreements with physicians to initiate, adjust, modifying medication therapy to achieve optimizing medication efficacy, improve outcomes and minimize adverse drug effects. Pharmacist involvement shall allow for minimizing the time for patients to access the care and assisting physicians to see more patients in their practice and reducing waiting time for patients to be seen in the clinic.  Overall, as it has shown for \$1 spent to expand pharmaceutical services, there will be a Return on Investment (ROI) of \$4 on cost savings in addition to optimizing of care and optimizing patient safety, and improving compliance to meet regulatory agencies demands.	4.0	21.0
6	Men's Mental Health Services	To request 28.0 mental health clinical and program support positions for the Men's Mental Health Services. The additional staffing is required to assist of the mentally ill to the community providers and to provide group programming for the High Observation patients that remain in our care. This will allow ICHS continue its practice of placing inmates with mental illness in the least restrictive setting, and providing appropriate out-of-cell time to all inmates with serious mental illness. The approval of this request will allow ICHS to comply with the DOJ, Provisions 63 and 80.	3.9	28.0
7	Men's Mental Health Services - Release Evaluation Services	To request 10.0 mental health Lanterman Petris Short (LPS) licensed clinicians and support for the Men's Mental Health Services to conduct release evaluation 24/7 to address the Gilbert lawsuit., where Los Angeles County was sued for releasing an inmate who later jumped off parking garage. These clinicians will provide release evaluation services to both men and women inmates released from the mental health housing units at the County jail facilities.	1.5	10.0
8	Servicon	To request funding for the costs of housekeeping and floor care services in clinical treatment areas as agreed in section 7.8.1 based on the Memorandum of Understanding with the Los Angeles Sheriff Department.	1.5	-
9	IRC Mobile Computed Tomography (CT) Scanner	To request a mobile CT scanner to be placed outside of the IRC to accommodate the recent reduction of services previously provided by LA General Medical Center (LA General).	1.4	-
10	Servicon - Psychiatric Urgent Care Unit	To request funding to provide custodial services at the new Psychiatric Urgent Care unit which will face challenges with a population that are the most acute of the mentally ill patients, that also lack the capacity to make informed decisions about their treatments. This request will allow the New Psychiatric Urgent Care Unit to provide cleaning and disinfecting services three (3) shifts daily.	0.9	-
11	Information Technology (IT) Staffing - Phase II	To request 6.0 items for dedicated IT staff to meet the goals and objectives for delivering primary care to Los Angeles County patients. To ensure that the ICHS clinical facilities receive adequate levels of IT support required to service the Los Angeles County inmate population each year, ICHS needs dedicated IT resources to support desktop, computing, network, systems administration, and data analysts.	0.9	6.0
12	EDIA Support Team	To request 1.0 new budgeted positions. Based on the EDIA Strategic Plan Board memo on September 6, 2022, DHS is engaged in a multi-phase EDIA Initiative that seeks to transform the policies and practices that in the past have contributed to inequitable employment and patient care experiences and outcomes in the department. An EDIA Strategic Plan was developed, and DHS leadership is committed to bringing the EDIA vision to reality at all levels of the organization.	0.1	1.0
<b>Subtotal ICHS</b>			<b>\$ 44.8</b>	<b>90.0</b>

## County of Los Angeles - Department of Health Services

## Unmet Needs

## FY 2023-24 Adopted Budget

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## Health Services - Community Programs (HS - Comm Program)

No.	Program	Description	Cost (\$ in Millions)	Number of Positions
1	Crocker Campus Office of Diversion and Re-Entry (ODR) Housing for Health (HFH)	Skid Row is the nation's epicenter of homelessness and the area with the County's highest rates of overdose mortality. With the Skid Row Action Plan, a collaborative response has been building momentum; however, additional resources to develop and maintain comprehensive support in a permanent facility for some of the most vulnerable members of LA County is needed. The Crocker Campus project will be a permanent healing center of services on Skid Row, linking participants with immediate access to a 24/7 clinical team that provides low barrier health care services. The campus will offer both recuperative and general interim housing beds, Safe Services, and a Drug-User Health Hub, as well as access to open spaces to promote wellness and allow residents to thrive. Services will be offered in close coordination with ODR, Community Programs Harm Reduction, HFH, Department of Mental Health (DMH), and Department of Public Health (DPH).	\$ 40.0	4.0
2	Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial (MIST) ODR	The MIST program diverts individuals who are facing misdemeanor charges and are found incompetent to stand trial into community residential settings to restore them to competency. The community settings are tailored to meet the clinical and social needs of the individuals. This request is to support the rate increase of the existing MIST sites with the addition of 52 beds and 7.0 new FTEs. The current rate has been established since the start of the MIST program and has not been increased in the last 5 years. Currently ODR is leveraging staff from other ODR programs to support the existing workload.	7.9	7.0
3	Jail Decompression ODR	To request 1.0 Staff Analyst and on-going AB 109 funding for the Jail Decompression Interim Housing Beds, provide housing for people who are experiencing homeless and have severe mental illness and physical health issues who were released during pandemic-caused jail decompression.	3.0	1.0
4	Housing Program ODR	To support the Housing program expansion to ramp up the slots from 2,200 to 2,950. The funding is to support the 11.0 new positions approved in FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget for the ODR Housing program expansion. The program is focused on reducing the population with mental health needs in the jail and safely serve them in the community through ODR's jail-based diversion model.	2.3	-
5	Sobering Center ODR	To cover a funding shortfall of \$0.8 million due to increased costs and reduced AB 109 funding in FY 20-21 for the Sobering Center, which is open 24 hours a day and offers primarily unhoused residents of Skid Row a safe place to recover from use of alcohol or other substances and provides post-overdose care.	0.8	-
6	Let Everyone Advance with Dignity (LEAD) (formerly known as Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion Program) ODR	The LEAD program currently has 320 slots split between Hollywood (HW), South Los Angeles (SLA) & East Los Angeles (ELA) and will expand to 680 slots by the end of FY 2023-24. The facility is requesting one-time funding of \$0.6 million to cover the costs for Los Angeles Sheriff's Department & Los Angeles Police Department, training, and Key Performance Indicator (KPI) evaluation. The training is for Law Enforcement, intensive case management services (ICMS), prosecutors and ODR to ensure fidelity to model and develop policies. It is also to train new staff working on LEAD due to turnover. Currently, the ICMS rates for LEAD is \$450/slot per month and would like to increase to \$600/slot per month to align with ODR Housing ICMS rates. Due to the expansion, 3.0 new positions were approved and added in FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget.	0.6	-
7	Permanent Supportive Housing (PSH) HFH	Single Adult Model (SAM) is a permanent housing program for single adults in partnership with Department of Public and Social Services (DPSS), DMH, and HFH. Clients are referred through DPSS to HFH. Clients are connected to either ICMS through DHS or mental health services or full service partnership (FSP) through DMH. The facility is requesting additional \$0.6 million on-going funding on top of the existing funding.	0.6	-
8	EDIA Support Team	To request 2.0 new budgeted positions. Based on the EDIA Strategic Plan Board memo on September 6, 2022, DHS is engaged in a multi-phase EDIA Initiative that seeks to transform the policies and practices that in the past have contributed to inequitable employment and patient care experiences and outcomes in the department. An EDIA Strategic Plan was developed, and DHS leadership is committed to bringing the EDIA vision to reality at all levels of the organization.	0.4	2.0
Subtotal HS - Comm Program			\$ 55.6	14.0
Total			\$ 110.6	155.0

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**Subject:** May 10th budget hearing and CFCI

**From:** Marie Mazzone <[marie.mazzone@gmail.com](mailto:marie.mazzone@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Friday, May 12, 2023 1:56 PM

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**Subject:** May 10th budget hearing and CFCI

**CAUTION:** External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Honorable members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors:

I am a constituent of District 2, a member of Bend the Arc ,Care First CA and Reimagine LA. Most significantly, I was also a participant in the year -long ATI workgroup.

It is with great disappointment that I am writing this letter regarding the failure of the board to implement the Care First vision that was so meticulously laid out more than 3 years ago.

The community has done the work to provide a detailed road map (ATI workplan) and to secure the approval of voters (Measure J). And they have met tirelessly for CFCI meetings that go on late into the evening (they are real heroes!)

And yet we are still met with a budget that does not reflect the care and harm reduction that your board had purportedly championed.

At Bend the Arc, we recognize that a budget is a **moral** document that reflects our true values.

I am writing to ask the Board to take a deep breath and really look at this budget and the values that it expresses when the lion's share of the dollars are allocated to law enforcement. We understand that the budget is not limitless which is why we are asking that you reallocate these funds and create a line item for CFCI that ensures its success with yearly full-funding.

The community needs support more than ever. Parents are working 2 and 3 jobs just to stay afloat. They need help keeping their kids out of trouble. and diverting them to effective alternatives if they do. They need more spaces where their children can be safe, especially after school, to get the enrichment programs that have been stripped from the daytime curriculum. On Wednesday you heard from the young people who have had life -changing experiences thanks to sports programs. LET'S AMPLIFY THIS SUCCESS.

This year we can take a lesson from nature. Los Angeles is historically drought territory - a veritable desert. But with an abundance of rain we have all experienced plants blooming that have lain dormant for years or have never bloomed before..

We can help our desert/ deserted communities to bloom and grow with gardens, community farms, parks, playgrounds, libraries, adult education/job training, local mental health clinics and affordable housing. It won't happen overnight but it will happen if we invest deeply and consistently in both CBOs and county public health programs like ODR.

**You have the power to be the change and I urge you to be courageous and use it!**

Sincerely,

Marie

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**OVERVIEW OF BUDGET 2023-2024**

**COMMENTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**REPORT BY:**

**Constituent**

**Wanda L. Solomon Executive Director; Founder  
SINGLE PARENTS OF AMERICA, INC. Non-Profit Organization**

**Submitted: May 19, 2023**

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**COMMENTS ON THE LA COUNTY BUDGET 2023-2024**  
**May 19, 2023**

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## **Division Managers**

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| 14. Jacqueline Guevarra | Executive Director Quality/Prod/Cm    |
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| 16. Tiara Summers       | Director of Youth Commission          |

## INTRODUCTION

I'm Wanda Solomon, Executive Director/Founder of Single Parents of America, Inc. I'm a resident of Los Angeles, California for over Forty-five years and have lived most of my life in and out of homelessness. As an only child, my parents and grandparents passed while growing up at an early age, after moving to Los Angeles in the early mid-Sixties. I went on to receive my High School Diploma in 1973 and went on to Los Angeles Valley College. From 1976-2020 I attended approximately 8 junior colleges before graduating from Los Angeles Southwest College in 2020. I received my Associate degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, but my major is Journalism. Within those Forty years little did I know as an unemployed student applying for Public Assistance that I would be held captive in the State Welfare system for over Forty years. Living in extreme poverty with no family and no place to go, I was abused and went through many Administrative hearings to continue to prove my rights as a Constituent and Citizen. Becoming a single parent I created and founded Single Parents of America, to help support low-income mothers and families. For over thirty-four years while in the Welfare system, I created a platform to help advocate for underrepresented families.

Using only the welfare funds I had I continued to volunteer for community service for decades while trying to sustain my life for me and my children. Devastated by the Social Service system my children were put in the system after my first born daughter had been traumatized by a psychologist. So much so she spent her life in the system which later caused her death in 2020. With one daughter and one son living, we were subjected to extreme poverty, lack of decent housing, and chronic unemployment. Despite these continual systemic racial issues that constantly prevailed in the poorer areas of Los Angeles, it became a revolving door that young people can not get out of. While helping many officials, and campaigns and serving my community, no one cared about the homeless families and children. Many funds were taken and families were left abandoned. It is my goal to see that this does not happen again. We also lost many of our belongings which were never replaced. It was announced that funds would come to low-income families but we never received any funding. Since I received public assistance more families have become homeless.

While currently living in the Westmont area Unincorporated of District 2 there are still many underrepresented families and businesses that need support to sustain liveability. We hear the numbers, but it appears the funds are not reaching the people to help get them on their feet. As a result, over many decades I've seen the same issues happen over and over again. Only a fraction of funding goes to those who are already established in the community. Smaller organizations and businesses are often



overlooked and do not have contracts with the County, State, or Federal government. They are not able to bid on contracts that they do not have. Little or no help comes to those also for reentry into society. I can see that new programs like Care First can make a difference once the funds are allocated.

#### MY CONCERNS:

Who will oversee and monitor these funds? We know some funding is not all the same however, we want to make sure the County budget is inclusive of where the funds should go for each itemized program. The underrepresented community residents do not have a clue or any idea of how the Boards and Directors will oversee these funds. I noted many large numbers are implicated in the millions of dollars. The \$271.9 M divided by five departments does not appear to be accurate for the various five categories. In particular, I do not see new programs shown for the inclusion of the budget.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Small businesses and nonprofits are to be included to help with start-up grants and assistance with families.**
- 2. To ensure that funding is allocated to the businesses so they can sustain a profit for an income to have employees to help with service.**
- 3. To get the work done. Not just have discussions but put them into action.**

Finally, I will submit another report after this review. I hope we can have another town hall meeting before the final draft of the budget. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Wanda Solomon  
Executive Director  
Constituent  
District 2

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**Subject:**

LA County Budget Priorities

**From:** Zainab Qureshi <[zainab@southasiannetwork.org](mailto:zainab@southasiannetwork.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 10:02 AM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** LA County Budget Priorities

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Good Morning,

My name is Zainab Qureshi with the Immigrants Are LA Campaign and the South Asian Network. I am writing about the upcoming vote tomorrow on Item 29, the American Rescue Plan Act Spending Plan for Phase 2.

We urge the Board of Supervisors to vote yes on Item 29 and support immigrants in LA County! Though this plan makes great strides to help the immigrant community, this is just one step forward to address equity in Los Angeles County.

The COVID-19 pandemic devastated immigrant communities even as they worked on the front lines of the battle against this disease. Yet many of these very people have been left out of federal, state, and local COVID relief because of immigration status, language barriers, and/or insufficient outreach initiatives.

With the \$5 million in new money for grocery vouchers, and the additional \$3.5 million for legal representation in immigration court, more immigrant families in our county will eat better and stay together. We are especially pleased to see funding from the supervisors at \$2.75 million for community navigators that help immigrants access county bureaucracies to claim services available to them. Along with the additional \$7 million designated for promotores, we hope to see immigrants in our community getting the information they need to take better advantage of services already available to them.

In dedicating \$3.5 million to improve immigrant-serving, community-based organizations' financial stability and \$5 million to build their capacity, supervisors are finally recognizing that CBOs are their partners in building a better future for Los Angeles County.

I want to thank you for increasing County investments in the immigrant communities that make up more than one third of LA County, especially our #EssentialButExcluded workers. We ask you to continue to include immigrant voices in the County budgeting process, because immigrants will continue to be Los Angeles years into the future, even as the pandemic becomes a collective memory.

I urge the Board of Supervisors to continue to invest ARPA funds in our hard-to-reach, vulnerable immigrant communities with programs targeting Universal Legal Representation, Capacity Building for Immigrant CBOs, Food Assistance, and Equity Service Navigators.

Sincerely,

Zainab S. Qureshi

she/her/hers

Director of Programs

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**Subject:** Include Immigrants in the County's Budget!

**From:** Jason Bautista <Jason@thaicdc.org>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:03 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>  
**Subject:** Include Immigrants in the County's Budget!

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Dear Board of Supervisors ,

My name is Jason Bautista. I am the Community and Civic Engagement as Thai Community Development Center or Thai CDC. The ZIP code of our catered demographic is 90027.

I am sending this email today to support the work of Immigrants Are LA (IRLA) to make sure immigrants are included in the county's budget. I support IRLA's 2023-24 agenda, which focuses on funding housing, legal services, and internet access for my immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this country's population.

I urge my supervisor to support the budget priorities that IRLA has presented in its letter, including:

- End rules in housing programs that exclude residents due to their immigration status, especially those funded by measure H.
- Allocate \$12 million in 2023 for *Represent LA*, the program to provide legal services for county residents facing deportation, to fund it properly.
- Dedicate \$2 million for digital navigators in other languages to help immigrants, especially older residents, learn how to use the internet.

I believe in these priorities, and I urge my supervisor to support them. Thank you

Sincerely,

**Jason Bautista**

*he/they*

**Administrator / Community & Civic Engagement Associate**

Thai Community Development Center

P: (323) 468-2555

W: [thaicdc.org](http://thaicdc.org)



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**Subject:**

IRLA/Homies Unidos Inc.

**From:** Jaime Martinez <Jaime@homiesunidos.org>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:27 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>

**Subject:** IRLA/Homies Unidos Inc.

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Dear BOS, We homies Unidos Inc. write this email on behalf of our Immigrant Are Los Angeles, community and ask for your full support when you make the decision with fiscal funds 2023-24. By allocating the necessary funds needed for Housing, Legal services and Internet Access for the elderly. The need for unhouse immigrants and at-risk immigrants is unique. Immigrant communities need a "housing first "approach that prioritizes their need for long-term, affordable housing solutions.

Adequate representation and legal services are essential in keeping families and communities together.

Immigrants are doubly impacted by the county's lack of infrastructure investment because it limits their access to the Internet and to the in-person assistance provided by immigrant-serving CBOs. These CBOs struggle to meet the demand for their services because of limited opportunities for physical expansion in the county. Investing in the physical infrastructure of CBOs will strengthen digital accessibility for immigrant communities and access to county resources as a whole.

We pray you will take this IRLA's agenda into consideration.

Sincerely,  
Jaime M.

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**Subject:**

IRLA/Homies Unidos Inc.

**From:** Edith Chacon <[Edith@homiesunidos.org](mailto:Edith@homiesunidos.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 2:46 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** IRLA/Homies Unidos Inc.

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Estimada Junta de Supervisores y Oficina de Director Ejecutivo.

Mi nombre es Edith Chacon, y hago parte como constituyente del Distrito de Supervisores uno. En el día de hoy estoy escribiendo en nombre de **Homies Unidos Inc.** Inmigrantes somos LA, y las comunidades inmigrantes que viven en el Distrito uno en el Condado de Los Ángeles, para asegurar la equidad dentro del presupuesto recomendado para este año.

Yo apoyo las prioridades del presupuesto que presenta Inmigrantes somos Los Ángeles para el año fiscal 2023-24 haciendo un énfasis en la financiación de vivienda, servicios legales y acceso al internet para nuestras vecindades inmigrantes que representan a más de un tercio en la población de este condado. Insto a mi supervisor a apoyar a las prioridades presupuestarias que Inmigrantes somos LA ha presentado en su carta, incluyendo:

- Dar por finalizado a las reglas que existen en los programas de vivienda que excluyen a los residentes debido a su estatus migratorio, especialmente a aquellos que son financiados por la medida H.
- Asignar \$12 millones para el 2023 para Represent LA, programa que brinda servicios legales para residentes del condado que se enfrentan a la deportación. Con estos fondos poder financiarlo adecuadamente.
- Dedicar \$2 millones para navegadores digitales en otros idiomas para ayudar a los inmigrantes, especialmente a aquellos residentes mayores de edad para que aprendan a navegar en internet. Creo fielmente en estas prioridades e insto a mi supervisora para que las apoye. Gracias.

Edith Chacon  
Coordinadora de Programa  
Homies Unidos Inc.

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**Subject:**

In Support of IRLA's FY 2023/24 Budget Proposal

**From:** Fredid Toledo <[Fredid@homiesunidos.org](mailto:Fredid@homiesunidos.org)>

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023 3:02 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** In Support of IRLA's FY 2023/24 Budget Proposal

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

My name is Fredid Toledo and I am a constituent of Supervisorial District 10.

I am writing today on behalf of **myself first and foremost, Homies Unidos Inc**, Immigrants Are LA, and the immigrant communities who live in District 10/throughout LA County to ensure an equitable in this year's Recommended Budget.

I support IRLA's FY 2023-24 budget priorities focusing on funding housing, legal services, and internet access for our immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this county's population. I urge my supervisor to support the budget priorities that IRLA has presented in its letter, including:

- End rules in housing programs that exclude residents due to their immigration status, especially those funded by measure II.
- Allocate \$12 million in 2023 for Represent LA, the program to provide legal services for county residents facing deportation, to fund it properly.
- Dedicate \$2 million for digital navigators in other languages to help immigrants, especially older residents, learn how to use the Internet. I believe in these priorities, and I urge my supervisor to support them.

Thank you,

Fredid Toledo  
Youth Development Coordinator  
Homies Unidos, Inc.  
2105 Beverly Blvd Ste 203  
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(213) 383-7484



May 17, 2023

The Honorable Janice Hahn, Chair  
The Honorable Hilda L. Solis  
The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell  
The Honorable Lindsey P. Horvath  
The Honorable Kathryn Barger  
Ms. Celia Zavala

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

*Via Public Comment*

RE: Support Equitable Investments for Fiscal Year 2023-2024

Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Officer:

On behalf of the South Los Angeles Transit Empowerment Zone (SLATE-Z), we strongly support the investments the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors has appropriated to prioritize equitable programs and services that help address historic inequity in South Los Angeles.

The South Los Angeles Promise Zone (South LA PZ) is home to over 200,000 residents in a five-mile area in the heart of South Los Angeles. **The median income in the South LA PZ was \$51,820 in 2021, compared to \$76,370 in Los Angeles County, making our residents generally eligible for various public assistance services.** Serving as the backbone entity (e.g., convenor, facilitator, and advisor) for the South LA PZ, SLATE-Z's place-based and collaborative work lives at the intersection of economic revitalization and environmental sustainability. Working through five levers of change (i.e., transit, education, public safety, jobs, and small business and entrepreneurship), SLATE-Z thrives on a strong cross-sector partnership between residents, businesses, educational institutions, governmental entities, and community-based organizations to develop and implement equitable solutions that move South Los Angeles residents to economic opportunity.

We are excited to learn that the Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Officer has proposed to invest in the areas outlined below:

#### JOBS & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT

At SLATE-Z, we address poverty and move South Los Angeles residents to economic opportunity by focusing on two sources of wealth building: (1) living wage jobs and (2) small business and entrepreneurship. As our nation enters the new climate resilient economy, SLATE-Z works to ensure that South Los Angeles residents are trained and prepared for the historic opportunities ahead.

The Los Angeles County's Department of Economic Opportunity creates workforce development and economic opportunities prioritized by the South Los Angeles Promise Zone, and SLATE-Z supports the \$271.8M Budget Request to fund workforce programs like: the Youth@Work Program, which provides young people with first-time work experience and supports their development as part of our future adult workforce; the Regional Equity and Recovery Partnership (RERP) Program, which provides job training and placement opportunities targeting historically disadvantaged communities; the Re-Entry Employment, Navigation, Engagement and Well-Being (RENEW) Program, which assists system involved individuals with employment and training services; and the Prison to Employment Program, which supports the integration of formerly incarcerated and system impacted individuals.

Preparing small businesses and entrepreneurs for the economic opportunities ahead is a focus at SLATE-Z. Implementing strategies that prioritize equity in LA County contracting supports the foundational needs, economic sustainability, and growth for South Los Angeles residents. Therefore, SLATE-Z supports the additional \$3.4M in resources to develop and operationalize a centralized contracting and procurement office to enable wealth building.

#### GUARANTEED BASIC INCOME

SLATE-Z works to secure local, state, and federal funding that alleviates poverty for South Los Angeles residents. LA County's Breathe Guaranteed Income Program is an equity-driven solution that provides 1,000 eligible residents with a subsidy that helps establish financial stability. The proposed additional \$46.5M to expand the program and provide additional families and 200 former LA County Transitional Age Foster Youth with the economic opportunity will continue to help close the economic gap faced by disadvantaged communities.

#### INVESTING IN PUBLIC ASSETS & SUSTAINABILITY EFFORTS

South Los Angeles ranks in the top 10% of the poorest health and environmental index scores in California. SLATE-Z's innovative and collaborative work helps catapult South Los Angeles as a leader in climate change mitigation. Enhancing public interaction with recreational opportunities connect vulnerable residents to wellness opportunities. Investing \$214.6M in environmental stewardship programs that support water conservation projects that capture, divert, and treat polluted stormwater runoff, will establish green investments in historically disadvantaged communities like South Los Angeles.

Now, more than ever, we must intentionally invest in equity programs and sustainability efforts that close the economic gap, work towards the equitable distribution of dollars, and foster transformational impact in historically disadvantaged communities.

Thank you for your leadership and continued commitment to addressing the needs of South Los Angeles residents.

Respectfully,



Sulma Hernández  
Director of Policy & Partnerships  
SLATE-Z



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**Subject:**

Budget Hearing Comment

**From:** Oscar Carrasco <[Carrasco@salvaorganization.org](mailto:Carrasco@salvaorganization.org)>

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 11:29 AM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget Hearing Comment

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Oscar Carrasco and my ZIP code is 93536. I am sending this email today to support the work of Immigrants Are LA to make sure immigrants are included in the county's budget. I support IRLA's 2023-24 agenda, which focuses on funding housing, legal services, and Internet access for my immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this county's population.

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I believe in these priorities, and I urge my supervisor to support them. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Oscar Carrasco

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**Subject:** FW: Budget letter  
**Attachments:** FIRMAS ADULTOS MAYORES SIN E-m.pdf

**From:** Nancy Barbosa <[nancy@salvaorganization.org](mailto:nancy@salvaorganization.org)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 11:56 AM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Cc:** Felix Menendez <[Felix@salvaorganization.org](mailto:Felix@salvaorganization.org)>  
**Subject:** Budget letter

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Good Morning ,my Name is Nancy and I work for a non profit organization. I am sending you signatures that have been scanned as some if not all our members are not tech savvy. Theres is a need in our community in many different areas and in other communities. There is so much room for a better tomorrow for our communities and it's our responsibility to voice in this matter.

Respectfully,  
Nancy Barbosa



Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,

Mi nombre es Alma L. ... y mi zona postal es 90001. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

Le pido a mi supervisora que apoye la agenda de presupuesto que IRLA presentó en su carta, incluyendo:

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- Que dediquen \$2 millones para promotores digitales en otros lenguajes para que ayuden a los inmigrantes, especialmente aquellos de la tercera edad, a aprenderse el Internet.

Yo creo en estas prioridades y le pido a mi supervisora que las apoye. Gracias.

Atentamente,

Alma L. ...

Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,

Mi nombre es Graciela y mi zona postal es 93550. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

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Atentamente,

Graciela Ramirez

Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,

Mi nombre es Alicia Reyes y mi zona postal es 93550. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

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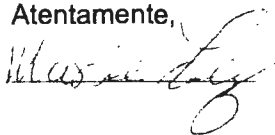
Mi nombre es YANIC CYRIL y mi zona postal es 93-550. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

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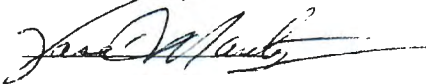
Mi nombre es JOSE y mi zona postal es 93550. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

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Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jose", with a horizontal line extending to the right.

Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,

Mi nombre es Hermelinda C y mi zona postal es 93535. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

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Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Hermelinda C.', written over a horizontal line.



Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,

Mi nombre es Lucía Muñoz y mi zona postal es 93552. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

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Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,


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- Que dediquen \$2 millones para promotores digitales en otros lenguajes para que ayuden a los inmigrantes, especialmente aquellos de la tercera edad, a aprenderse el Internet.

Yo creo en estas prioridades y le pido a mi supervisora que las apoye. Gracias.

Atentamente,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jordan Marquez", with a long horizontal line extending to the left.

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**Subject:** Los Angeles County Budget

**From:** Jackson <[motorcitymann@gmail.com](mailto:motorcitymann@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 17, 2023 4:56 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Los Angeles County Budget

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Supervisor Mitchell,

It's been shared, I believe by you and members of your staff that you intend to vote for the closing of the men's central jail.

If this is accurate, where is the Los Angeles County Sheriff planning to warehouse these parasites that are killing,stealing,raping, and a general menace to society?.

Nothing new is being constructed and the existing facilities are not able to handle the overload, so explain to me your budget for the jail project plan..

Fjackson

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**Subject:**

The budget

-----Original Message-----

From: Jocoba Esparza <esparzajocoba@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, May 17, 2023 9:59 PM

To: ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>

Subject: The budget

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This Olivia Esparza a resident from the unincorporated area of Florence-Firestone community. I am requesting for this area for more resources for the youth community as we have a rise of gangs, homelessness, drug infested cannabis shops around our schools and young drug users. Our community streets are impacted with illegal dumping, abandoned mobile homes, burned vehicles and corpses of animals. The streets were just paved but are uneven especially on Firestone and Holmes. Some residential streets have pedestrian lanes but some residents do not respect those lanes and park their vehicles. There are some residential streets where double parking is being conducted blocking or making it difficult to pass through. Some cars are even parking on the pavement making it difficult for pedestrians to walk and use the road to avoid the vehicle that is blocking their pathway. I am urging you to help us solve these problems and enforce the agencies to do their duties to keep the community safe for us residents who live in the Florence-Firestone community. Thank you for your time.

Sent from my iPhone

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**Subject:** 2023-2024 Budget Considerations

**From:** In-Between-the-Buildings <[flem2014.ef@gmail.com](mailto:flem2014.ef@gmail.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 11:47 AM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** 2023-2024 Budget Considerations

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Grand Morning & Blessings to All,

**In continuing the conversation**, I believe that we have to look at the frustrations of communities of color, not only for being left behind with no structure or voice to follow, but the continuance of such.

**As the CEO of Emergency Intervention, and the Director of Community Relations for In-Between-The-Buildings**, I speak to the hardships and barriers because I've lived it and do not wish to see history repeat itself with our babies of the future.

**#1 for consideration, would be an Equity & Wellness fund for Families and Targets of Mass Incarceration.** This idea came about when Governor Newsom approved \$13 million in funding to the Transgender Community in 2021. This funding was for Equity & Wellness. The same equity and wellness communities of color are in pursuit of. We would not have learned of said funding if not for a member of the transgender community giving us the blueprint.

**By Design' the Hispanic and Black Community have been denied proper education and Due Process of Law. So it's understandable to me, how comprehension of fundamental basic life skills can elude an entire community.**

**(b) In order for success, an "Online Registration for Families and Targets of Mass Incarceration"** would have to be created **alongside Community Boards**, consisting of real **community members**. This would be implemented in the same fashion as **Neighborhood Watch**.

## **#2 TRANSPORTATION:**

**"For Our Seniors, Disabled, & Vulnerable Population"**

**A Transportation Independent from the status Quo, A transportation implementing 'Wellness Checks' for Seniors and the Disabled.** This too, shall be by Registration for Data purposes, with Team Mitchell as the governing body.

The CBO Community, in need of collective structure and database should be looked at for oversight as well. As of now, there is no accountability to be had.

**These suggestions will also allow for employment within fractured communities, starting with reentries, in dire need of a structural purpose.**

**As a Youth Mental Health First Aid Responder, I believe that Oppression combined with depression, brings about Addictions.**

**Harm Reduction is in the form of Activities, where Transportation again will be key.**

**In closing, I would also like to Budget in, Civil and Criminal Representation, to protect the community and its Due process rights to allocated funds allocated on behalf of, said community. As of now every mechanic shop and liquor store is abusing the vulnerable population.**

**"In-between-the-buildings where Hell Dwells, not many visit, but it's a pretty place to invest in."**

Blessings,  
Eddie Fleming,  
DOCR  
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I believe that an equity and wellness fund for Families and Targets governed by the Board of Supervisors,

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**Subject:**

FW:

**From:** Financial Literacy Foundation <[info@financialliteracyfoundation.org](mailto:info@financialliteracyfoundation.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 1:02 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:**

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Financial literacy is an important life skill that can benefit young people through out their lives. Losangeles County should allocate funds for such programs in the county budget. We are a community base organization that offers financial literacy classes, for the youth,that is not being funded!

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**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

**From:** Ace Anaya <[acea@translatinacoalition.org](mailto:acea@translatinacoalition.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 1:21 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

My name is Ace Anaya and I am a constituent of Supervisorial District 2.

I am writing today on behalf of [Name of Organization], Immigrants Are LA, and the immigrant communities who live in District 2 / throughout LA County to ensure an equitable in this year's Recommended Budget.

I support IRLA's FY 2023-24 budget priorities focusing on funding housing, legal services, and internet access for our immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this county's population. I urge my supervisor to support the budget priorities that IRLA has presented in its letter, including:

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kind regards,

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**From:** Aiden Sanchez <[aidens@translatinacoalition.org](mailto:aidens@translatinacoalition.org)>  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 3:12 PM  
**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>  
**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

My name is Aiden Sanchez and I am a constituent of Supervisorial District 2.  
I am writing today on behalf of **[Name of Organization]**, Immigrants Are LA, and the immigrant communities who live in District   /throughout LA County to ensure an equitable in this year's Recommended Budget.

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**Subject:**

Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities Throughout LA County in the FY 23-24  
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**From:** Taylor Read <[taylor\\_m\\_read@icloud.com](mailto:taylor_m_read@icloud.com)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 3:41 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities Throughout LA County in the FY 23-24  
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Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

My name is Taylor Read, and I am a constituent of Supervisorial District 03.

I am writing today on behalf of **Trans Latin@ Coalition**, Immigrants Are LA, and the immigrant communities living in District 03/throughout LA County to ensure an equitable budget in this year's Recommended Budget.

I support IRLA's FY 2023-24 budget priorities focusing on funding housing, legal services, and internet access for our immigrant neighbors, who comprise more than a third of this county's population. I urge my supervisor to support the budget priorities that IRLA has presented in its letter, including:

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Thank you,  
Taylor

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**Subject:**

Budget Priorities FY 2023-24

**From:** Katherine Henao <[Khenao@homiesunidos.org](mailto:Khenao@homiesunidos.org)>**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 3:52 PM**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>**Subject:** Budget Priorities FY 2023-24**CAUTION:** External Email. Proceed Responsibly.

Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

My name is Katherine Henao and I am a constituent of Supervisorial District 3.

I am writing today on behalf of Homies Unidos, Immigrants Are LA, and the immigrant communities who live in District 3/throughout LA County to ensure an equitable in this year's Recommended Budget.

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Thank you,  
Katherine

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**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

**From:** Yahni Rose <[yahnir@translatinacoalition.org](mailto:yahnir@translatinacoalition.org)>

**Sent:** Thursday, May 18, 2023 4:53 PM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <[ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov)>

**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

My name is Yahni Rose and I am a constituent of Supervisorial District \_\_.

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**From:** Alejandro García Pérez <agarcia@peafactor.org>

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2023 11:09 AM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>

**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

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Dear Board of Supervisors and Chief Executive Office,

I am writing today on behalf of **Parent Engagement Academy (PEA) , Immigrants Are LA (IRLA)**, and the immigrant communities who live throughout LA County's to ensure an equitable in this year's Recommended Budget.

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**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities Throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget  
**Attachments:** Fiscal Year 2023-24 IRLA Budget Requests Letter.pdf

**From:** Maria Meraz <factorreg8@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Friday, May 19, 2023 11:10 AM

**To:** ExecutiveOffice <ExecutiveOffice@bos.lacounty.gov>

**Subject:** Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities Throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget

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**PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

To: [executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:executiveoffice@bos.lacounty.gov)

From: [Immigrants Are LA- Power Building Grantee or Immigrant Serving Org]

Subject: **Budget Priorities for Immigrant Communities Throughout LA County in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget**

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# IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES

April 14, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple St., Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Immigrants are Los Angeles Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Immigrants Are LA (IRLA) is a coalition of over 100 community-based organizations, faith-based groups and direct service providers convened by the California Community Foundation's Immigrant Integration Task Force. IRLA strongly believes that our county must strive to better serve immigrants who are routinely excluded from federal- and state-funded programs because of their immigration status, and ensure an equitable distribution of resources to all Los Angeles County (LA County) residents. IRLA collectively advocates for an immigrant-inclusive and -centered budget for LA County.

For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the IRLA coalition, in close consultation with coalition, advocacy and research partners, respectfully calls on the LA County Board of Supervisors and the Chief Executive Office to invest and consider policy changes in three main areas: Housing, Wraparound Legal Services and Digital & Physical Infrastructure Development.

## **HOUSING: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

Housing is a foundational need, which all other aspects of wellbeing are built upon. LA County has the largest number of unhoused persons in the state of California, accounting for nearly 50% of all unhoused Californians.<sup>1</sup> Due to the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on immigrant communities, the number of unhoused immigrant Angelenos and those at risk of becoming homeless has dramatically increased. The needs of unhoused and at-risk immigrants are unique; they tend to be multigenerational families, with limited English proficiency and often of mixed immigration status. Immigrant communities need a "housing first" approach that prioritizes their need for long-term, affordable housing solutions.

- 1. Increase investments for the protection of low-income tenants.** IRLA recommends the county adopt the Los Angeles Right to Counsel (RTCLA) Coalition's proposal, which

<sup>1</sup> Who is experiencing homelessness in California? (2023, March 22). Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/who-is-experiencing-homelessness-in-california/>

provides a multi-pronged approach to preventing displacement and would keep over 100,000 low-income residents housed.<sup>2</sup> We also recommend fully funding Stay Housed L.A., the county's eviction prevention and defense program, and earmarking an additional, one-time \$5M increase, as the end of COVID-19 protections will create a spike in eviction proceedings.<sup>3</sup>

**POLICY REQUEST:** Adopt RTCLA's proposal of a codified right to counsel for all low-income tenants facing eviction in LA County.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Continue to fully fund Stay Housed L.A. at \$22M during Fiscal Year 2023-24, and allocate an additional, one-time \$5M to cover increased staff capacity to ameliorate the adverse effects of the end of COVID-19 protections.

2. **Remove immigration status barriers from all locally-funded housing programs and projects, including those funded by Measure H.** Measure H was approved by the vast majority of LA County voters and is paid into by all Angelenos regardless of their immigration status. However, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) defaults to federal requirements for its programs, which exclude immigrants of mixed- or undocumented status.

**POLICY REQUEST:** LAHSA should stop using federal requirements that restrict undocumented and mixed-status immigrant families and instead adopt more flexible requirements to administer all locally-funded housing programs.

3. **Create a Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Subprogram specifically dedicated to undocumented immigrants.** While the FHSP is a program that serves individuals regardless of immigration status, clients with permanent resident status who have similar acute housing needs are prioritized ahead of, or the same as, undocumented clients. To address this, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) and LAHSA recommended the creation of a targeted subprogram under FHSP.<sup>4</sup> IRLA urges the county to follow this recommendation of creating and funding a subprogram within the FHSP that can target rental subsidies for undocumented individuals, until their immigration status has changed or funds are exhausted.

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<sup>2</sup> Cost-Benefit Analysis of Providing a Right to Counsel to Tenants in Eviction Proceedings. (n.d.).p63. Retrieved April 12, 2023, from [https://info.stout.com/hubfs/PDF/Eviction-Reports-Articles-Cities-States/Los%20Angeles%20Eviction%20RTC%20Report\\_12-10-19.pdf](https://info.stout.com/hubfs/PDF/Eviction-Reports-Articles-Cities-States/Los%20Angeles%20Eviction%20RTC%20Report_12-10-19.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Wagner, D. (2023, March 30). LA's Expiring COVID Protections Raise Fears Of An Eviction Crisis. For Many Renters, The Crisis Is Already Here. Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/las-expiring-covid-protections-raise-fears-of-an-eviction-crisis-for-many-renters-the-crisis-is-already-here/los-angeles-county-eviction-covid-pandemic-protections-moratorium-landlord-renter-housing-homelessness>

<sup>4</sup> Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Office of Immigrant Affairs and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority LAHSA (2021, May 3) Report Back on Item No. 8, October 19, 2021 Agenda: *Services for Undocumented Individuals and Immigrants Experiencing Homelessness*



**POLICY & BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$5M to fund rental subsidies through the FHSP that prioritize immigrants who do not qualify for federally-funded rental subsidies.

4. **Pilot an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program for low-income families.** IRLA recommends LA County collaborate with immigrant-serving community-based organizations (CBOs) to establish an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program, which would allow low-income families to borrow up to \$7,000 with reasonable and affordable repayment terms to afford them more housing options. When the loan is repaid, the funds can be disbursed again to new families.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$2M to pilot an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program with a cap of \$7,000 per loan that would benefit approximately 300-400 families (\$5,000-\$7,000 per loan).

#### **WRAPAROUND LEGAL SERVICES: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

When individuals face deportation, adequate representation and legal services are essential in keeping families and communities together. According to 2020 data from proceedings at the Los Angeles immigration court over the previous 15 years, 63 percent of immigrants with representation have received outcomes allowing them to remain in the United States. In contrast, among those *without* legal representation, only 16 percent of people had a successful outcome.<sup>5</sup> Given this reality and the difficulties that immigrant communities face in navigating resources including language access, digital competence, misinformation and lack of capacity among legal service providers, it is crucial that the county invest in capacity building for immigration legal services that includes removal defense and wraparound legal services.

5. **Increase investment in the Represent LA immigrant legal services program.** IRLA supports Represent LA's recommendation of \$48M in city and county funding for Represent LA over a 4-year period, as outlined in the 2020 Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) legal defense program proposal.<sup>6</sup> In addition, we make the following recommendations regarding the implementation of the Represent LA program:
  - **Include a robust county allocation for removal defense**, given that deportation defense is not part of the city's Represent LA funding. The overall combined city and county funding should not lead to removal defense having a smaller portion.
  - **Streamline data collection for the program**, so as not to burden already-overtaxed legal service providers and allow them to focus their time on service provision.

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<sup>5</sup> Vera Institute of Justice, "Los Angeles Justice Fund: Year Two Evaluation," Jul. 7, 2020, <https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/los-angeles-justice-fund-evaluation.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Proposal for a Los Angeles Immigrant Community Legal Defense Program. (n.d.). Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://caimmigrant.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GCIR-Proposal-for-a-Los-Angeles-Immigrant-Community-Defense-Program.pdf>

- **Allocate funding for interpretation in indigenous languages** as well as other languages for which organizations do not have in-house capacity.
- **Include social services with removal defense cases**, as community members facing deportation face stress and trauma. Currently, only immigrants experiencing homelessness or who are applying for asylum affirmatively have case management services.<sup>7</sup>
- **Allocate funding for capacity building among legal service providers**, including language acquisition programs and recruitment efforts, among other things.

**BUDGET REQUEST: Allocate \$48M over 4 years to fund the existing four prongs of the Represent LA program (Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$12M from the city and county).**

6. **Establish a community Immigrant Navigator legal services model.** Building off of evidence-based kinship navigator models commonly implemented by child welfare agencies and successful promotora models in the public health context,<sup>8</sup> Immigrant Navigators are trained immigrant community leaders housed at trusted community organizations, who will assist migrants and their families in navigating a range of issues. This includes assistance with the complex immigration process and housing issues, as well as accessing vital services and county programs.

**BUDGET REQUEST: Allocate \$2M to fund lead staff and overhead and travel costs for the two anchor organizations; 30 hours/week salary for 50 Immigrant Navigators; and the salaries for 2 full-time case managers.<sup>9</sup>**

7. **Develop a Legal Fellowship Program for immigration legal services and removal defense**, similar to the state-funded California Immigration Legal Fellowship,<sup>10</sup> to fund 5 law students or recent law graduate fellows for two years. These fellows would receive training and mentoring from established organizations while serving communities in under-resourced areas of the county, where the need for immigration legal services is not being met.

<sup>7</sup> Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, “2022 Update, Immigration Legal Services in California: A Time for Bold Action,” April 2022, p. 12 (“The current policy climate has intensified the need for psychosocial supports and case management for clients receiving legal services. Heightened immigration enforcement, detention, family separation, and the threat of deportation have compounded the stress and trauma experienced by immigrants and asylum-seekers. As a result, there is an increased need for social services, housing, and mental health services to support clients’ financial and emotional wellbeing.”)

<sup>8</sup> See Capacity Building Center for States, “Supporting Caregivers Through Kinship Navigator Programs,” Children’s Bureau Express, Sept. 2021, [https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/article/2021/september/supporting-caregivers-through-kinship-navigator-programs/da3844031b92c150517620efe54bcb5?utm\\_content+=widget](https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/article/2021/september/supporting-caregivers-through-kinship-navigator-programs/da3844031b92c150517620efe54bcb5?utm_content+=widget), and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, “LA County to Expand Promotores Program to Reach More Diverse Communities,” May 26, 2020, <https://hildalsolis.org/la-county-to-expand-promotores-program-to-reach-more-diverse-communities/>

<sup>9</sup> A more detailed budget breakdown is laid out in the addendum.

<sup>10</sup> The California Immigration Legal Fellowship: A Pathway to Justice and Family Unity. 2022. <https://imadvocates.org/portfolio-item/immigrant-justice-fellowship/>

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$2.5M for 5 Immigration Legal Services Fellows, to be housed at 5 organizations throughout the county, and 1 organization to provide training, mentoring, and technical assistance.

## **DIGITAL & PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

Low-income households, people of color and immigrant communities have less access to fast, reliable broadband that is also cost-effective.<sup>11</sup> According to the 2022 State of Immigrant Affairs in Los Angeles report, half of all undocumented immigrants in LA County lacked high-speed Internet or a computer at home in 2019.<sup>12</sup> Technology equity for immigrant communities goes hand in hand with physical infrastructure revitalization. Immigrants are doubly impacted by the county's lack of infrastructure investment because it limits their access to the Internet and to the in-person assistance provided by immigrant-serving CBOs. These CBOs struggle to meet the demand for their services because of limited opportunities for physical expansion in the county. Investing in the physical infrastructure of CBOs will strengthen digital accessibility for immigrant communities and access to county resources as a whole.

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## **HOUSING: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

Housing is a foundational need, which all other aspects of wellbeing are built upon. LA County has the largest number of unhoused persons in the state of California, accounting for nearly 50% of all unhoused Californians.<sup>1</sup> Due to the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on immigrant communities, the number of unhoused immigrant Angelenos and those at risk of becoming homeless has dramatically increased. The needs of unhoused and at-risk immigrants are unique; they tend to be multigenerational families, with limited English proficiency and often of mixed immigration status. Immigrant communities need a "housing first" approach that prioritizes their need for long-term, affordable housing solutions.

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provides a multi-pronged approach to preventing displacement and would keep over 100,000 low-income residents housed.<sup>2</sup> We also recommend fully funding Stay Housed L.A., the county's eviction prevention and defense program, and earmarking an additional, one-time \$5M increase, as the end of COVID-19 protections will create a spike in eviction proceedings.<sup>3</sup>

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# IMMIGRANTS ARE LOS ANGELES



April 14, 2023

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 W. Temple St., Room 383  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Immigrants are Los Angeles Budget Requests for Fiscal Year 2023-24

Dear Board of Supervisors,

Immigrants Are LA (IRLA) is a coalition of over 100 community-based organizations, faith-based groups and direct service providers convened by the California Community Foundation's Immigrant Integration Task Force. IRLA strongly believes that our county must strive to better serve immigrants who are routinely excluded from federal- and state-funded programs because of their immigration status, and ensure an equitable distribution of resources to all Los Angeles County (LA County) residents. IRLA collectively advocates for an immigrant-inclusive and -centered budget for LA County.

For Fiscal Year 2023-24, the IRLA coalition, in close consultation with coalition, advocacy and research partners, respectfully calls on the LA County Board of Supervisors and the Chief Executive Office to invest and consider policy changes in three main areas: Housing, Wraparound Legal Services and Digital & Physical Infrastructure Development.

## **HOUSING: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

Housing is a foundational need, which all other aspects of wellbeing are built upon. LA County has the largest number of unhoused persons in the state of California, accounting for nearly 50% of all unhoused Californians.<sup>1</sup> Due to the disproportionate impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on immigrant communities, the number of unhoused immigrant Angelenos and those at risk of becoming homeless has dramatically increased. The needs of unhoused and at-risk immigrants are unique; they tend to be multigenerational families, with limited English proficiency and often of mixed immigration status. Immigrant communities need a "housing first" approach that prioritizes their need for long-term, affordable housing solutions.

- 1. Increase investments for the protection of low-income tenants.** IRLA recommends the county adopt the Los Angeles Right to Counsel (RTCLA) Coalition's proposal, which

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<sup>1</sup> Who is experiencing homelessness in California? (2023, March 22). Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://calbudgetcenter.org/resources/who-is-experiencing-homelessness-in-california/>

provides a multi-pronged approach to preventing displacement and would keep over 100,000 low-income residents housed.<sup>2</sup> We also recommend fully funding Stay Housed L.A., the county's eviction prevention and defense program, and earmarking an additional, one-time \$5M increase, as the end of COVID-19 protections will create a spike in eviction proceedings.<sup>3</sup>

**POLICY REQUEST:** Adopt RTCLA's proposal of a codified right to counsel for all low-income tenants facing eviction in LA County.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Continue to fully fund Stay Housed L.A. at \$22M during Fiscal Year 2023-24, and allocate an additional, one-time \$5M to cover increased staff capacity to ameliorate the adverse effects of the end of COVID-19 protections.

2. **Remove immigration status barriers from all locally-funded housing programs and projects, including those funded by Measure H.** Measure H was approved by the vast majority of LA County voters and is paid into by all Angelenos regardless of their immigration status. However, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) defaults to federal requirements for its programs, which exclude immigrants of mixed- or undocumented status.

**POLICY REQUEST:** LAHSA should stop using federal requirements that restrict undocumented and mixed-status immigrant families and instead adopt more flexible requirements to administer all locally-funded housing programs.

3. **Create a Flexible Housing Subsidy Pool (FHSP) Subprogram specifically dedicated to undocumented immigrants.** While the FHSP is a program that serves individuals regardless of immigration status, clients with permanent resident status who have similar acute housing needs are prioritized ahead of, or the same as, undocumented clients. To address this, the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs' (DCBA) Office of Immigrant Affairs (OIA) and LAHSA recommended the creation of a targeted subprogram under FHSP.<sup>4</sup> IRLA urges the county to follow this recommendation of creating and funding a subprogram within the FHSP that can target rental subsidies for undocumented individuals, until their immigration status has changed or funds are exhausted.

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<sup>2</sup> Cost-Benefit Analysis of Providing a Right to Counsel to Tenants in Eviction Proceedings. (n.d.).p63. Retrieved April 12, 2023, from [https://info.stout.com/hubfs/PDF/Eviction-Reports-Articles-Cities-States/Los%20Angeles%20Eviction%20RTC%20Report\\_12-10-19.pdf](https://info.stout.com/hubfs/PDF/Eviction-Reports-Articles-Cities-States/Los%20Angeles%20Eviction%20RTC%20Report_12-10-19.pdf)

<sup>3</sup> Wagner, D. (2023, March 30). LA's Expiring COVID Protections Raise Fears Of An Eviction Crisis. For Many Renters, The Crisis Is Already Here. Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://laist.com/news/housing-homelessness/las-expiring-covid-protections-raise-fears-of-an-eviction-crisis-for-many-renters-the-crisis-is-already-here/los-angeles-county-eviction-covid-pandemic-protections-moratorium-landlord-renter-housing-homelessness>

<sup>4</sup> Department of Consumer and Business Affairs, Office of Immigrant Affairs and Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority LAHSA (2021, May 3) Report Back on Item No. 8, October 19, 2021 Agenda: *Services for Undocumented Individuals and Immigrants Experiencing Homelessness*

**POLICY & BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$5M to fund rental subsidies through the FHSP that prioritize immigrants who do not qualify for federally-funded rental subsidies.

4. **Pilot an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program for low-income families.** IRLA recommends LA County collaborate with immigrant-serving community-based organizations (CBOs) to establish an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program, which would allow low-income families to borrow up to \$7,000 with reasonable and affordable repayment terms to afford them more housing options. When the loan is repaid, the funds can be disbursed again to new families.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$2M to pilot an Interest-Free Rental Deposit Loan Program with a cap of \$7,000 per loan that would benefit approximately 300-400 families (\$5,000-\$7,000 per loan).

#### **WRAPAROUND LEGAL SERVICES: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

When individuals face deportation, adequate representation and legal services are essential in keeping families and communities together. According to 2020 data from proceedings at the Los Angeles immigration court over the previous 15 years, 63 percent of immigrants with representation have received outcomes allowing them to remain in the United States. In contrast, among those *without* legal representation, only 16 percent of people had a successful outcome.<sup>5</sup> Given this reality and the difficulties that immigrant communities face in navigating resources including language access, digital competence, misinformation and lack of capacity among legal service providers, it is crucial that the county invest in capacity building for immigration legal services that includes removal defense and wraparound legal services.

5. **Increase investment in the Represent LA immigrant legal services program.** IRLA supports Represent LA's recommendation of \$48M in city and county funding for Represent LA over a 4-year period, as outlined in the 2020 Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees (GCIR) legal defense program proposal.<sup>6</sup> In addition, we make the following recommendations regarding the implementation of the Represent LA program:
  - **Include a robust county allocation for removal defense**, given that deportation defense is not part of the city's Represent LA funding. The overall combined city and county funding should not lead to removal defense having a smaller portion.
  - **Streamline data collection for the program**, so as not to burden already-overtaxed legal service providers and allow them to focus their time on service provision.

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<sup>5</sup> Vera Institute of Justice, "Los Angeles Justice Fund: Year Two Evaluation," Jul. 7, 2020, <https://www.vera.org/downloads/publications/los-angeles-justice-fund-evaluation.pdf>

<sup>6</sup> Proposal for a Los Angeles Immigrant Community Legal Defense Program. (n.d.). Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://caimmigrant.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/12/GCIR-Proposal-for-a-Los-Angeles-Immigrant-Community-Defense-Program.pdf>

- **Allocate funding for interpretation in indigenous languages** as well as other languages for which organizations do not have in-house capacity.
- **Include social services with removal defense cases**, as community members facing deportation face stress and trauma. Currently, only immigrants experiencing homelessness or who are applying for asylum affirmatively have case management services.<sup>7</sup>
- **Allocate funding for capacity building among legal service providers**, including language acquisition programs and recruitment efforts, among other things.

**BUDGET REQUEST: Allocate \$48M over 4 years to fund the existing four prongs of the Represent LA program (Fiscal Year 2023-24: \$12M from the city and county).**

6. **Establish a community Immigrant Navigator legal services model.** Building off of evidence-based kinship navigator models commonly implemented by child welfare agencies and successful promotora models in the public health context,<sup>8</sup> Immigrant Navigators are trained immigrant community leaders housed at trusted community organizations, who will assist migrants and their families in navigating a range of issues. This includes assistance with the complex immigration process and housing issues, as well as accessing vital services and county programs.

**BUDGET REQUEST: Allocate \$2M to fund lead staff and overhead and travel costs for the two anchor organizations; 30 hours/week salary for 50 Immigrant Navigators; and the salaries for 2 full-time case managers.<sup>9</sup>**

7. **Develop a Legal Fellowship Program for immigration legal services and removal defense**, similar to the state-funded California Immigration Legal Fellowship,<sup>10</sup> to fund 5 law students or recent law graduate fellows for two years. These fellows would receive training and mentoring from established organizations while serving communities in under-resourced areas of the county, where the need for immigration legal services is not being met.

<sup>7</sup> Grantmakers Concerned with Immigrants and Refugees, “2022 Update, Immigration Legal Services in California: A Time for Bold Action,” April 2022, p. 12 (“The current policy climate has intensified the need for psychosocial supports and case management for clients receiving legal services. Heightened immigration enforcement, detention, family separation, and the threat of deportation have compounded the stress and trauma experienced by immigrants and asylum-seekers. As a result, there is an increased need for social services, housing, and mental health services to support clients’ financial and emotional wellbeing.”)

<sup>8</sup> See Capacity Building Center for States, “Supporting Caregivers Through Kinship Navigator Programs,” Children’s Bureau Express, Sept. 2021, [https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/article/2021/september/supporting-caregivers-through-kinship-navigator-programs/da3844031b92c150517620efe54bcb5?utm\\_content+=widget](https://cbexpress.acf.hhs.gov/article/2021/september/supporting-caregivers-through-kinship-navigator-programs/da3844031b92c150517620efe54bcb5?utm_content+=widget), and Los Angeles County Supervisor Hilda L. Solis, “LA County to Expand Promotores Program to Reach More Diverse Communities,” May 26, 2020, <https://hildalsolis.org/la-county-to-expand-promotores-program-to-reach-more-diverse-communities/>

<sup>9</sup> A more detailed budget breakdown is laid out in the addendum.

<sup>10</sup> The California Immigration Legal Fellowship: A Pathway to Justice and Family Unity. 2022. <https://imadvocates.org/portfolio-item/immigrant-justice-fellowship/>



**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$2.5M for 5 Immigration Legal Services Fellows, to be housed at 5 organizations throughout the county, and 1 organization to provide training, mentoring, and technical assistance.

## **DIGITAL & PHYSICAL INFRASTRUCTURE: POLICY & BUDGET REQUESTS**

Low-income households, people of color and immigrant communities have less access to fast, reliable broadband that is also cost-effective.<sup>11</sup> According to the 2022 State of Immigrant Affairs in Los Angeles report, half of all undocumented immigrants in LA County lacked high-speed Internet or a computer at home in 2019.<sup>12</sup> Technology equity for immigrant communities goes hand in hand with physical infrastructure revitalization. Immigrants are doubly impacted by the county's lack of infrastructure investment because it limits their access to the Internet and to the in-person assistance provided by immigrant-serving CBOs. These CBOs struggle to meet the demand for their services because of limited opportunities for physical expansion in the county. Investing in the physical infrastructure of CBOs will strengthen digital accessibility for immigrant communities and access to county resources as a whole.

- 8. Enhance community wireless network projects by adding 2 pilot programs in communities with large populations of immigrants.** IRLA supports a countywide municipal broadband network and recommends additional funding for pilot programs to gain a better understanding of how these community wireless network projects will work in different communities. Additionally, we advocate for Supervisorial Districts 1, 2 and 3 (where the Internet pilot projects will take place) to work closely with local community-based organizations to help spread the word about the efforts to the community.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$400,000 to deploy 2 additional community wireless network pilot projects, one pilot project in Supervisorial District 4 and one pilot project in Supervisorial District 5.

- 9. Develop a Digital Navigator Program that is inclusive of all linguistic and digital literacy backgrounds among senior populations, particularly immigrant seniors.** Digital Navigators will provide immigrant residents with outreach about the network's availability; assistance in establishing eligibility for free service; "level one," technical support and other essential services to address the digital divide. It is crucial to the success of this program to include immigrant-serving organizations.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$2M to ensure the county fully invests in an equitable system that includes the immigrant population.

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<sup>11</sup> Slower and More Expensive - Sounding the Alarm: Disparities in Advertised Pricing for Fast, Reliable Broadband. (n.d.). Retrieved April 12, 2023, from <https://www.calfund.org/wp-content/uploads/Pricing-Disparities-Report.pdf>

<sup>12</sup> State of Immigrants in Los Angeles 2022. (n.d.). Retrieved April 12, 2023, from [https://dornsife.usc.edu/assets/sites/1411/docs/SOILA\\_2022\\_Full\\_v21.pdf](https://dornsife.usc.edu/assets/sites/1411/docs/SOILA_2022_Full_v21.pdf)

**10. Identify and evaluate physical spaces for immigrant-serving CBOs to increase the effectiveness of their services.** LA County owns a significant number of properties throughout the county, many of which are vacant or underutilized. Meanwhile, CBOs serving immigrant communities struggle to find adequate spaces in which to operate, provide services or host events for their clients. Reputable CBOs that serve underrepresented communities need and deserve adequate facilities. The county must conduct an assessment of county-owned vacant properties, and identify proximity to larger immigrant populations and areas of low bandwidth. This assessment must be made public and allow for an open discussion with IRLA, DCBA and other relevant departments on how CBOs can use these properties to uplift immigrant communities.

**POLICY REQUEST:** Conduct an assessment of vacant county-owned properties, and identify those properties in areas with high immigrant populations and low bandwidth. Make the findings public, and commit to engaging immigrant community representatives' and CBOs' input on next steps.

**11. Hire an Immigrant Liaison within the Internal Services Department (ISD)** to better collaborate with the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative; OIA; all other relevant county departments and immigrant-serving organizations. The Immigrant Liaison will work closely with county departments, community-based organizations and Digital Navigators to ensure that residents have detailed information about broadband access programs and services including eligibility requirements and accessibility needs.

**BUDGET REQUEST:** Allocate \$100,000 to hire a new ISD employee who will serve as a liaison for immigrants and immigrant-serving organizations.

The IRLA coalition looks forward to the board of supervisors' continuing its commitment to immigrant communities by addressing the needs of immigrant Angelenos through the Fiscal Year 2023-24 Los Angeles County budget.

Respectfully,

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### Addendum: Immigrant Navigator Model

Below is a budget breakdown of the Community Navigator Model described in the Wraparound Legal Services section.<sup>13</sup> A \$2 million allocation would cover:

- 2 anchor organizations
- 50 Trained Immigrant Navigators
- 2 Case Managers
- Funding for interpretation and translation services and evaluation

Budget Line Item	Amount	Description
Anchor Community Organizations	\$300,000	The two organizations will house, train, and oversee their Immigrant Navigator cohorts of approximately 25 navigators each. At \$150,000 each, the amount covers lead staff, overhead and administrative costs, meeting and travel costs.
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Training Support and Technical Assistance	\$60,000	This organization will provide Immigrant Navigator support, curriculum development, and program design input. They will develop a program evaluation and write a final report sharing results/impact.
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<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	

<sup>13</sup> Please note that this budget projection was based on numbers provided by National Partnership for New Americans (NPNA), an expert in the launching, training, and evaluation of navigator programs nationwide.

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Estimada Junta de Supervisoras,

Mi nombre es Saul y mi zona postal es 91344. Estoy enviando este correo hoy para apoyar el trabajo de Immigrants Are LA para asegurar que los inmigrantes se integren al presupuesto del condado. Apoyo la agenda de IRLA para 2023-24, que destaca fondos para la vivienda, los servicios legales, y el acceso al Internet para mis vecinos inmigrantes, que son más de un tercio de los habitantes de este condado.

Le pido a mi supervisora que apoye la agenda de presupuesto que IRLA presentó en su carta, incluyendo:

- Que acaben con reglas de estatus legal para aplicar a programas de vivienda del condado, especialmente los financiados por la Medida H.
- Que dediquen \$12 millones en 2023 para Represent LA, el programa que da servicios legales a mis vecinos inmigrantes que enfrentan la deportación. Así, lo financian adecuadamente.
- Que dediquen \$2 millones para promotores digitales en otros lenguajes para que ayuden a los inmigrantes, especialmente aquellos de la tercera edad, a aprenderse el Internet.

Yo creo en estas prioridades y le pido a mi supervisora que las apoye. Gracias.

Atentamente,

Saul R.

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**Subject:**

Public input on the 2023-2024 LA County Budget Item: Measure A Homeless

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Dear LA County Representative,

Please accept my comments and input on the budget for 2023-2024.

For the last 4-8 years, within LA County either in the city or in the county election, there has been a measure or an initiative on the ballot to tax residents for homeless issues. Each time the voters have approved them. LA County Supervisors are now trying to implement Measure H, the most recent to receive monies for homeless. I, too, support this measure, but past politicians have given me pause to have doubts.

There are many uncertainties regarding the legitimacy of how support for the homeless will be carried out:

- Where are the funds from the past 4-8 years?
- Will the previous collected monies be combined with Measure H funds?
- What checks and balances are in place for the security of the funds beings used for its allocated purpose?
- How much of the monies received will go to salaries/payroll?
- What visible signs will voters see to know that the needs of the homeless are being met?
- How will the county and the city collaborate in this venture? Who will oversee the program?
- What experts in the field of successful care of the homeless and mental ill be implemented (Missions, established homeless supporters, specialist, non-partisan, etc)?

My hope is, knowing that there is an epidemic with the homeless and mental ill, that decisions will not be made too hastily making them inefficient. Such as where some counties are paying rents to house homeless to the tune of \$3,000 per month. That is ill responsible. We the voters are believing that we have responsible supervisors.

Thank you,  
Lydia Scott

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**Subject:** SUPPORT IRLA's 2023-24 Agenda

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Shekinah - I am the lead organizer at Pilipino Workers Center and Lincoln Heights resident (90031). I am sending this email to support the work of Immigrants are LA to make sure immigrants are included in the county's budget. **I support IRLA's 2023-24 agenda, which focuses on funding housing, legal services, and internet access for my immigrant family and neighbors who make up more than 1/3 of this county's population.**

I urge my supervisor to support the budget priorities that IRLA has presented in its letter, including:

- End rules in housing programs that exclude residents due to their immigration status, especially those funded by measure H
- Allocate \$12 million in 2023 for Represent LA, the program to provide legal services for county residents facing deportation, to fund it properly
- Dedicates \$2 million for digital navigators in other languages to help immigrants, especially older residents, learn how to use the internet

I believe in these priorities and I urge Supervisor Solis to support them. Thank you.

Sincerely,



[Protest CA domestic workers - PASS SB 686](#)

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# CARE FIRST BUDGET REPORT

LA County Budget 2023-2024 Analysis



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Over the past decade, Angelenos across the County have worked to implement a Care First vision for Los Angeles centered on decarceration, jail closure, upending jail expansion, and shifting resources to support the needs of Black, Brown and Indigenous communities through alternatives to incarceration.

As a result of this advocacy, in 2019, the Board of Supervisors (BOS) committed to prioritizing a Care First vision in LAC and created the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) workgroup. The resulting ATI Work Group developed and approved 114 recommendations through an intensive consensus-building process involving more than 1,000 government and community stakeholders over the course of ten months. Since then, the LAC BOS has fallen short on its promise to fully invest in community-based programs and alternatives to incarceration despite having clear recommendations and next steps.

Further advocacy resulted in LA County residents overwhelmingly passing Measure J<sup>1</sup>, now known as Care First Community Investment (CFCI), in 2020. CFCI, an initiative seeking to correct the historical wrongdoings and move away from a carceral infrastructure, was a momentous step towards realizing a Care First vision for all of Los Angeles. Measure J aimed to change the county charter and require a minimum of 10% set-aside for locally generated unrestricted revenues from the general fund to address the negative impacts of historical racial injustices attributed in part to LAC's overpopulated and dehumanizing criminal legal system.

The ten percent set-aside has a three year ramp

up and prohibits the county from using funds for carceral and law enforcement agencies - including Sheriff's and Probation Departments and the District Attorney's Office. Although community members continue to advocate for full funding of CFCI, only \$88 million in additional funding has been slated in the FY 23-24 Recommended Budget, an amount woefully insufficient in light of the great need in communities across LAC.

The Care First Budget Report outlines the level of investment required to support ATI strategies needed to reimagine Los Angeles and the recommendations elevated by the Reimagine LA Coalition throughout all three years of Measure J and CFCI implementation, and provides an analysis of the full County budget process for fiscal year 2023-2024. The recommended Care First Budget investment of at least \$2.017 billion is simply an installment of resources that Los Angeles communities need to repair the harms done by the carceral system, address the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, and begin the process of racial equity and healing that Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities deserve.

Incarceration doesn't provide any safety or security for people with mental health needs, and in fact, makes any challenges people are facing far worse. When incarcerated, people can lose employment, housing, custody of children, and income from daily work. Additionally, those that are experiencing homelessness can lose all of their belongings to law enforcement sweeps before or during incarceration. All people, when incarcerated, are exposed to Sheriff's violence, including sexual violence<sup>2</sup>, Deputy Gangs who cause harm inside

<sup>1</sup> (n.d.). Measure J Background. Chief Executive Office. Retrieved May 4, 2023, from <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/measure-j-background/>

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the County jails<sup>3</sup>, and re-traumatization because of confined conditions, lack of access to appropriate mental and physical health care<sup>4</sup>, and removal from their loved ones and support networks. These conditions, far from being conducive to treat or mitigate mental health crises, instead intensify ongoing or acute mental health needs.

The County, in addition to investing in jail-based diversion, must also invest in alternative crisis response to stop the inflow of people into ensnarement in criminalization. When the only number to call during an emergency is 911, far

to many people are exposed to law enforcement violence at the point crisis response; if people are not exposed to acute law enforcement violence in that moment, they are often criminalized with citations, fines, fees, and pretrial incarceration, rather than provided with care, de-escalation, treatment, and resources. Further, we are faced with an ongoing human rights crisis<sup>5</sup> at the Inmate Reception Center in downtown Los Angeles. The American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California shared photos that exposed disturbing abuses<sup>6</sup> including overcrowding, lack of sanitation, and human beings being forced to sleep on floors and be chained to chairs in this demeaning and dangerous facility.



<sup>3</sup> Castle, C. (n.d.). A Tradition of Violence The History of Deputy Gangs in the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department. Knock La. Retrieved May 6, 2023, from <https://knock-la.com/tradition-of-violence-lasd-gang-history/>

<sup>4</sup> Cosgrove, J. (2022, January 15). After more than six years of federal oversight, dangerous problems persist in L.A. County jails. Retrieved May 6, 2023, from <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2022-09-08/barbaric-l-a-county-jail-conditions-alleged-as-ac-lu-seeks-federal-intervention>

<sup>5</sup> JusticeLA. (posted 2022, November 14 from live event on 2023, November 7) Mobile device recording. Retrieved May 9, 2023 from <https://www.instagram.com/tv/Ck9tX7YIjaG/>

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# PROPOSALS

**THE RE-IMAGINE LA COALITION ASSERTS THE FOLLOWING CARE FIRST BUDGET PROPOSALS FOLLOWED BY SPECIFIC COALITION DEMANDS NEEDED TO CENTER CARE FIRST IN LA COUNTY:**

## **PROPOSAL 1:**

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## **PROPOSAL 2:**

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## **PROPOSAL 3:**

**LA COUNTY MUST SCALE UP FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION FOR PEOPLE WITH UNMET MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.**

## **PROPOSAL 4:**

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## **PROPOSAL 5:**

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## **PROPOSAL 6:**

**LA COUNTY MUST HEED CALLS FOR GENDER JUSTICE AND IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.**

## **PROPOSAL 7:**

**LA COUNTY MUST COMMIT TO IMPLEMENTING THE COUNTY'S CARE FIRST VISION THROUGH AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, POWER SHARING, AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING TO ENSURE CONSISTENT EQUITABLE INVESTMENT.**





# DEMANDS

**THE RE-IMAGINE LA COALITION DEMANDS THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS BE TAKEN WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY:**

## **DEMAND 1:**

**CLOSE MEN'S CENTRAL JAIL BY SETTING A CONCRETE TIMELINE THAT LEADS TO CLOSURE AND REDUCING THE JAIL POPULATION TO LESS THAN 8,500 PEOPLE, ALLOCATING \$275 MILLION FOR MENTAL-HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS, AND FULLY FUNDING AN INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY.**

## **DEMAND 2:**

**FULLY FUND CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT BY ALLOCATING AT LEAST \$900 MILLION ANNUALLY IN DOLLARS FROM THE COUNTY BUDGET.**

## **DEMAND 3:**

**FUND THE CARE FIRST BUDGET BY LEVERAGING DOLLARS FROM CFCI AND OTHER LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL RESOURCES.**

## **DEMAND 4:**

**FUND YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED BY SHIFTING A MINIMUM OF \$75 MILLION OUT OF PROBATION AS PART OF THE CARE FIRST BUDGET.**

# BUDGET OVERVIEW

Los Angeles County has committed to reimagining the County through a care first, jails last vision. The Los Angeles Board of Supervisors, with the help of community residents and advocates, worked steadily to reimagine a new Los Angeles County that move away from the carceral system and prioritize vital care based community services over criminalization. While the county has made significant strides towards creating this vision, its FY 2022-2023 Adopted Budget continues to prioritize public safety departments over care-based services that can transform communities for the better. The County continues to recommend and approve budgets that follow historic trends of allocating its most flexible dollars to public safety departments that are not moving away from the status quo of using criminalization as solutions to social issues.

Los Angeles County in FY 2022-2023 brought in roughly \$44.6 billion in total budget for a population of over 10 million people. Additionally, the number of total budgeted full time positions were an estimated 113,592. In locally generated revenues or net county costs (NCC)s—which are the County’s discretionary dollars that come primarily from property taxes—the County brought in \$11.3 billion for FY 2022-2023 (close to a quarter of the County’s entire budget).

Net County Costs are the County’s most flexible dollars which can be spent in various ways, and the County has almost unlimited discretion on how these funds can be allocated. In the perspective of dollars spent per resident, the County’s NCC funds for FY 2022-2023 represent approximately \$1,150 per resident. Of these flexible dollars (NCC)s, the County distributes to the Sheriff’s department the largest share compared to other departments within the County. And this has been a historic trend both County and nationwide. In FY 2022-2023 “public protection” received around 38% of NCCs funds,

with the general government receiving 25%, public assistance receiving 16%, health and sanitation receiving 15%, and recreation and culture receiving less than 4%. Not only are discretionary funds favoring public safety departments like Los Angeles Sheriff’s department (LASD), public safety positions make up a significant portion of the County’s workforce. Of the over 100,000 people working for the county, about one of every six County employees works for LASD.

## DEPARTMENTAL BUDGETS:

The next sections take a deeper dive into some departmental budgets within Los Angeles County. This gives us insight on how bloated law enforcement and public safety budgets are, and the need to shift money away from these systems and into services and departments that better help our communities versus punish them.

### A. OVERVIEW OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF’S DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2022-2023

Los Angeles Sheriff’s Departmental budget for FY 2022-2023 is estimated at \$3.37 billion with around \$3.17 billion (90%) going towards the department’s spending on salaries and benefits for their staff. Understanding that salaries and benefits represent 90% of LASD’s budget is imperative when discussing the diversion of funds out of LASD. It is important for community advocates, county department heads, and elected officials to think through alternatives to incarceration and a just transition when considering how to move money out of LASD’s budget and into community health



and systems that allow for job placement and security as part of a just transition.

## LASD RECEIVES AROUND **\$1.53 BILLION** IN NCCS FOR FY '22-'23

About half of LASD's budget comes from locally generated revenues. This is important because locally generated funds come from taxpayer dollars, which makes clear that residents need to have more say in how the dollars are spent. When community is calling for more dollars to be spent on areas such as food security, temporary and long term affordable housing, and youth development, the Board of Supervisors should listen to community demands and allocate funds based on need instead of following historic racist traditions that have not helped in bettering community health and wellness.

Over the past three budget cycles, from FY 2020-2021 to FY 2022-2023, LASD's budget has been relatively steady – even during the height of the

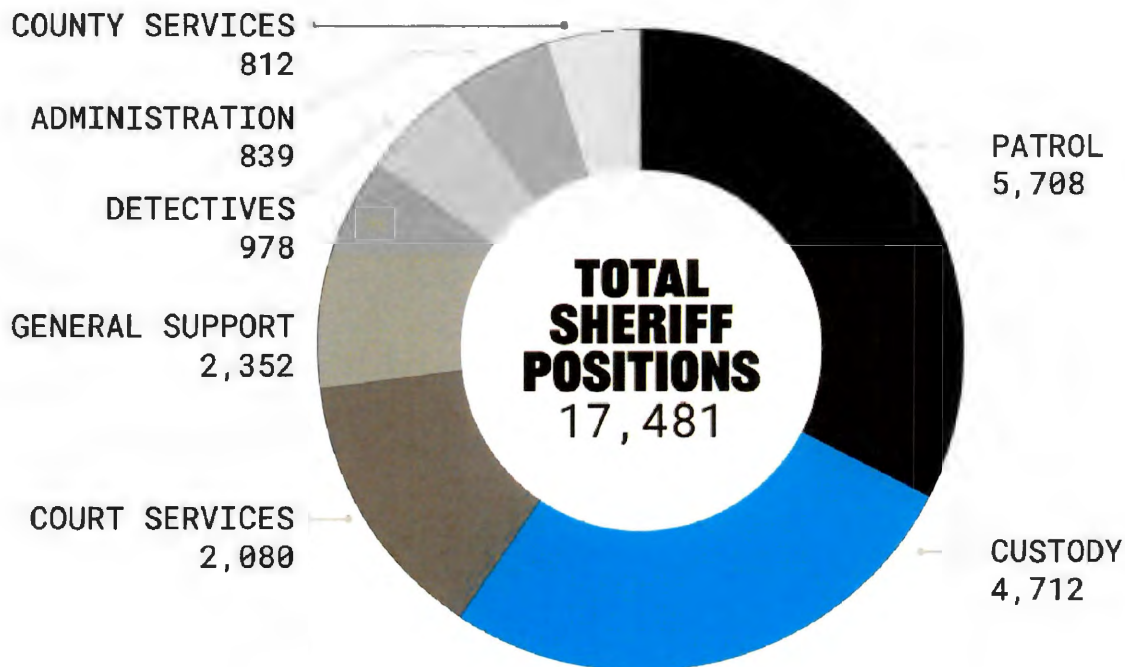
pandemic when there were significant calls for defunding public safety departments. This shows that even in emergency times LASD's budget remains untouched, while we saw decreases to other departmental budgets throughout the County. The historical data make clear that “defunding” law enforcement has not been a reality despite the clear calls coming from thousands of Angelenos.

In fact, the Department's budget allocations from all sources have increased every year other than in FY 2017-18 and FY 2020-21. In FY 2020-21, 8% curtailments were made across all County Departments funded by the General Fund to account for a severe economic downturn related to the public health pandemic. The totals for the last four fiscal years reflect \$143.7 million in funds set aside to encourage the Department to make a concerted effort to cut unnecessary overtime and other costs. This money is part of the department's ongoing operating budget and has been set aside and then released later in each budget cycle since October 2019.



# BUDGET OVERVIEW

In addition, over the last three budget cycles, LASD has received over \$4.8 billion dollars of the County's most flexible funds. In FY 2022-2023 the CEO recommended increasing LASD's budget in several ways including \$12.3 million for Academy training for a "new generation of deputies," while also setting aside \$143.7 million of the departments ongoing appropriation until the department stabilizes its budget and implements a sound budget deficit mitigation plan. Thus, FY 2022-2023 continues to prioritize public safety spending and neglects the communities continuous calls for better reinvestment allocations to achieve a more care first, jails last vision for Los Angeles County.



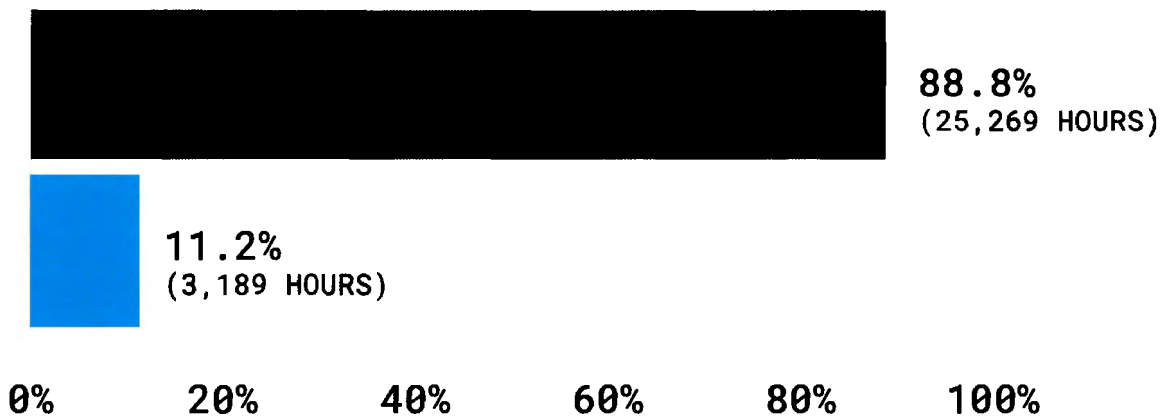
Data Source: LA County CEO 2023-2024 Recommended Budget Part I, section 60.1, page 477

The Los Angeles Sheriff's Department has 17,481 budgeted positions, which is an increase of 350+ positions since last year. The average cost of one position within LASD is \$194,000. The department is organized into seven divisions that include: patrol, custody, general support services, court services, detective services, administrative services, and County services. Patrol is the largest division, and has the most sizable budget within the department. LASD's patrol division has a budget of \$1.3 billion and has over 5,690 positions.



# LA COUNTY BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23

## PERCENT OF TIME SPENT ON OFFICER-INITIATED STOPS VS. CALLS FOR SERVICE



Data Source: Catalyst California's calculations based on AB 935 data requested by ACLU of Southern California (2019)

## **RESEARCH SHOWS TRAFFIC STOPS DO NOT EFFECTIVELY DETER UNSAFE DRIVING OR INCREASE STREET SAFETY.**

Patrol spends over 89% of its time on deputy-initiated stops with only 11% of its time on calls for service. The majority of those deputy-initiated stops are not for violent crimes but for traffic violations – accounting for 84% of deputy-initiated stops. Research shows traffic stops do not effectively deter unsafe driving or increase street safety.<sup>7</sup> And over a third of LASD traffic stops are for equipment and non-moving violations<sup>8</sup>. LASD's own command staff has admitted that patrol deputies do not focus on these traffic stops as a way to address unsafe traffic behavior, but as a means to uncover evidence of other crime when there is not any factual basis to believe crime has occurred – in other words, to carry out dragnet pretextual enforcement. This costly strategy is also ineffective, with fewer than a half of 1% of stops<sup>9</sup> leading to discovery of any kind of weapon. Therefore, LASD has created this large patrol infrastructure accompanied by a massive budget to function as a pretextual traffic stop operation totally ineffective at enhancing public safety.

<sup>7</sup> Livable Streets. (2022, April) Dismantling Law Enforcement's Role in Traffic Safety: A Roadmap for Massachusetts. Massachusetts Zero Vision Coalition. Accessed May 11, 2023 at [https://assets.nationbuilder.com/livablestreetsalliance/pages/7390/attachments/original/1649863050/Dismantling\\_Law\\_Enforcements\\_Role\\_in\\_Traffic\\_Safety\\_report.pdf?1649863050](https://assets.nationbuilder.com/livablestreetsalliance/pages/7390/attachments/original/1649863050/Dismantling_Law_Enforcements_Role_in_Traffic_Safety_report.pdf?1649863050)

<sup>8</sup> Catalyst California and ACLU of Southern California. Reimagining Community Safety in California (see page 15). Accessed May 11, 2023 at [https://catalyst-ca.cdn.prismic.io/catalyst-ca/126c30a8-852c-416a-b8a7-55a90c77a04e\\_APCA+ACLU+REIMAGINING+COMMUNITY+SAFETY+2022\\_5.pdf](https://catalyst-ca.cdn.prismic.io/catalyst-ca/126c30a8-852c-416a-b8a7-55a90c77a04e_APCA+ACLU+REIMAGINING+COMMUNITY+SAFETY+2022_5.pdf)

<sup>9</sup> Catalyst California. Reimagining Community Safety in California (see page 15 of report linked on this webpage and in citation 10. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://www.catalystcalifornia.org/campaign-tools/publications/reimagining-community-safety-in-california>

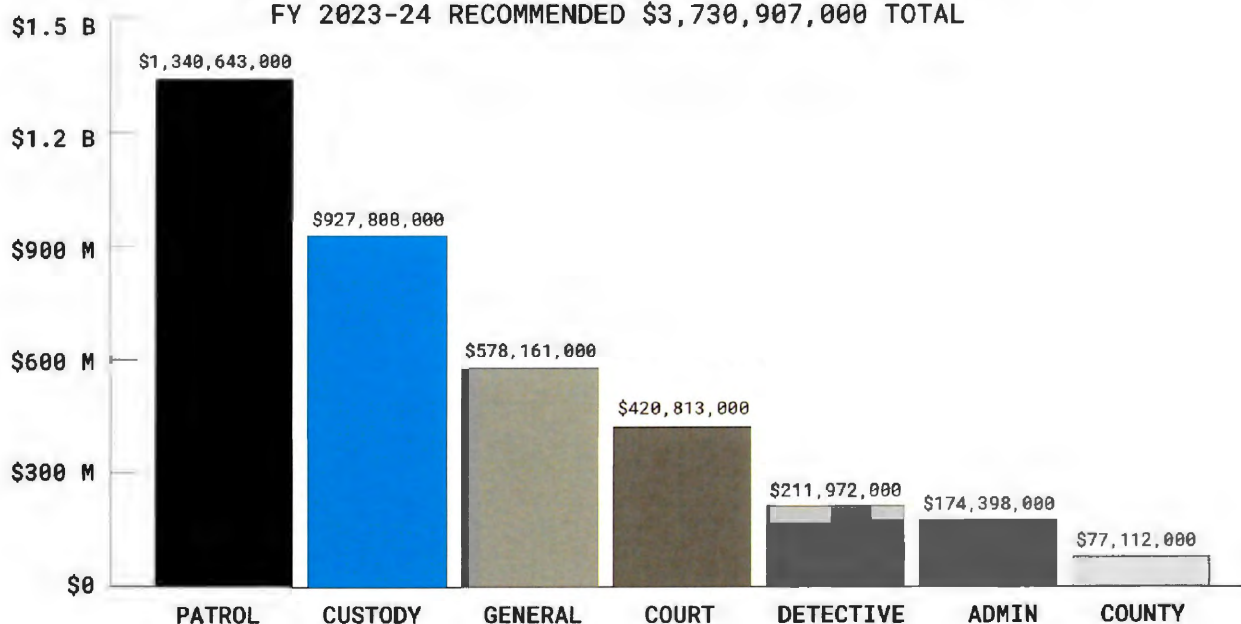
Custody is the second largest division, with a budget of \$897 million and over 4,700 positions. In comparison to other positions the custody division has seen a decrease in budgeted funds over the last few years but has not seen a decrease in positions. Although the Custody division's budget was \$897 million for FY 2022-23, it is expected to exceed that amount by \$224 million. Expected division expenditures for the year are actually over a billion dollars at \$1.12 billion. This mirrors the division's approach the prior year too: in FY 2021-22 its budget was \$843 million but it actually spent \$1.01 billion.

This furthers the argument that to see real change in public safety infrastructure there needs to be a decrease in positions, not just a decrease in divisional budgets. During the pandemic there were several protocols put in place to decrease the jail population within Los Angeles County. Though the County saw decreases in the jail population those policy implements were not long-lasting. We see this in the FY 2022-2023 budget – revealing that FY 2022-2023 numbers are the same as FY 2018-2019 – getting back to pre-Covid levels. We also know the number of people dying in the County jail system, such as in Men's Central Jail, has increased on an annual basis.

For FY 2022-23, the sheriff's General Fund *budget* was \$3.6 billion but the sheriff's *estimated expenditures* – that is, how much the sheriff actually spent – exceeded that by \$402 million. In other words, the county spent \$41 more per resident on the sheriff's office than they budgeted. Estimated expenditures were 11% higher than the county budgeted, with the county spending an estimated \$4 billion on the sheriff's office.

## SHERIFF BUDGET BY DEPARTMENT

FY 2023-24 RECOMMENDED \$3,730,907,000 TOTAL



Data Source: LA County CEO 2023-2024 Recommended Budget Part I, section 60.1, page 477

The LASD's Homeless Outreach Service Team (HOST) budget for FY 2022–2023 was \$3.753 million, which diverted funding that could be spent on addressing the root causes of houselessness, and instead increased LASD's already excessive budget. HOST's spending includes costs such as deputy overtime, weapons, and policing equipment - all of which are counterproductive responses to houselessness. Although HOST markets itself as a "humanitarian" arm of the department, the team does more harm than good and routinely displaces unhoused people from their encampments.<sup>10</sup>

Deploying police to unhoused encampments is harmful and dangerous, even when they receive specialized training.<sup>11</sup> HOST deputies receive only 40-80 hours of specialized training and do not have the skills or expertise to interact with unhoused individuals in a humane way and connect them to services they need. Studies show that exposure of unhoused people to law enforcement increases the likelihood of their criminalization.<sup>12</sup> Further, studies confirm that encampment displacements, which are often carried out by law enforcement, harm the health of encampment residents.<sup>13</sup> The CDC advises municipalities not to move people from encampments unless individual housing units are available.<sup>14</sup>

HOST does not provide any services to unhoused people, nor does the team track outcomes related to housing or services. Rather, they rely on local organizations to connect unhoused people to services. HOST is a multi-million-dollar law enforcement middle-man that effectuates encampment displacements and relies on nonprofits to provide outreach to the people they displace. Investing in police as responders to the crisis of houselessness is the wrong approach. Funding spent on the HOST program should be reallocated to Housing First programs and voluntary outreach and support services.

10 For example, in 2021 the HOST team dismantled encampments all along the Venice Boardwalk and displaced as many as 300 people without connecting them to housing. See Matthew Hall, Sheriff Returns to Venice to Halk Homelessness, Santa Monica Daily Press (Sept. 8, 2022), <https://smdp.com/2022/09/08/sheriff-returns-to-venice-to-talk-homelessness/>

11 For example, in Orange County two deputies in the Sheriff's "Homeless Outreach Team" instigated and recklessly escalated an encounter with an unarmed individual over alleged jaywalking, and ultimately shot and killed him. Both deputies had completed 40 hours of crisis intervention training as well as training on "[homeless] outreach, de-escalation tactics, crisis avoidance and how to interact with people who have mental health and addiction issues."

Kim Bellware, A deputy fatally shot a Black homeless man during a jaywalking stop. He won't face charges (Feb. 12, 2022), <https://www.washingtonpost.com/nation/2022/02/12/kurt-reinhold-orange-county-homeless/>.

See also, letter from Office of the District Attorney of Orange County Todd Spitzer (Feb. 7, 2022), <https://orangecountyda.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/Reinhold-Final-Signed-Feb-8-2022.pdf>

12 See Samantha Batko, et al., Alternatives to Arrests and Police Responses to Homelessness, Urban Institute (Oct. 2020), at p.5, <https://www.urban.org/sites/default/files/publication/103158/alternatives-to-arrests-and-police-responses-to-homelessness.pdf>

13 See Joshua A. Barocas et al., Population-Level Health Effects of Involuntary Displacement of People Experiencing Unsheltered Homelessness who Inject Drugs in US Cities, JAMA. Published online April 10, 2023. doi:10.1001/jama.2023.4800; Jamie Suki Change et al., Harms of Encampment Abateements on the Health of Unhoused People, SSM- Qualitative Research in Health, 2 (December 2022); Diane Qi Ba et al., Health Impact of Street Sweeps from the Perspective of Healthcare Providers, Journal of General Internal Medicine, 37 (March 2022). Retrieved from <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2803839> May 9, 2023.

14 Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Guidance on Management of COVID-19 in Homeless Services Sites and in Correctional and Detention Facilities (updated November 29, 2022). [https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-correctional-settings.html?CDC\\_AA\\_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fhomeless-shelters%2Funsheltered-homelessness.html](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/homeless-correctional-settings.html?CDC_AA_refVal=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.cdc.gov%2Fcoronavirus%2F2019-ncov%2Fcommunity%2Fhomeless-shelters%2Funsheltered-homelessness.html)

The county should divest the nearly 4 million dollars of Los Angeles County budget spent on HOST from LASD's budget. The money being spent on LASD's HOST program "outreach" should be spent on community-based outreach. Civilian nonprofit teams are experts in trauma-informed outreach and are best positioned to support unhoused community members, without the potential for harmful, armed escalation that can result from a law enforcement response. Effective outreach requires development of rapport and trust, as well as a trauma-informed approach.<sup>15</sup> Evidence shows that community-based service providers are the best people to connect houseless people to services, not law enforcement. County funds intended to provide outreach services should be spent on community-based outreach efforts, not law enforcement.

## **B. OVERVIEW OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET FY 22-23**

The Los Angeles Probation Department (PD) Budget is approximately \$1.3 billion for FY 2022-2023. Within this departmental budget around 80% –over \$1 billion – comes out of the General Fund. This is the fund that contains the County's most flexible dollars. Los Angeles County has increased its spending on this department for the last few years. For FY 2022-2023 the County plans to spend around \$130 million more from the General Fund. This is a 14% increase from how much the County spent on the Probation department two years ago.

The majority of PD's budget is spent on paying out salaries and benefits. Similar to LASD's budget expenditures a bulk of the spending goes towards staffing. The County is spending over \$800 million on salaries and benefits for employees. The PD has over 5,520 budgeted positions with the average cost of one position in this department being around \$147 thousand. Further, the department is broken up into six areas including: juvenile institutions services, field services, support services, special services, community-based contracts, and care of juvenile court wards.

The largest division is juvenile institutions services, with 2,127 positions and a budget of \$423 million. The second largest division within this department is field services with 1,904 positions and a budget of \$345 million. This data shows us that over half of the department's budget is dedicated to paying staff that institutionalize youth. The department spends 45 times more on juvenile institutions than on community-care based contracts to prevent violence and serve youth.

In addition, in FY 2022-23, community-based contracts had a budget of \$9.5 million, but is estimated to have only spent \$2.6 million. Perhaps as a result, this year, its recommended budget is only \$2.9 million. Like care of juvenile court wards, community-based contracts have no staff budgeted. Ultimately, this departmental budget displays the same themes as LASD and the County prioritizing punitive solutions versus alternatives that help support communities.

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<sup>15</sup> United States Interagency Council on Homelessness, 7 Principles for Addressing Encampments (June 15, 2022), <https://www.usich.gov/tools-for-action/7-principles-for-addressing-encampments/>



## C. DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH

Los Angeles Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Department of Public Health (DPH) are both departments within the County that have seen more investment during pandemic years. For FY 2022-2023 DMH estimated a budget of \$3.1 billion –which equates to \$315 per resident. In the same fiscal year DPH has a budget of \$1.9 billion; roughly \$193 per resident. However, both departments see very few dollars coming in from the County. Most of these department funds come from state or federal sources. For DMH the NCCs only allocates \$78 million (\$8 dollars per resident) and DPH receives \$259 million (\$26 dollars per resident) for FY 2022-2023. Therefore, of the NCC's representing around \$1,250 per resident, the County is only spending \$8 per resident on mental health services. The County is making significantly less investments into these departments than it is into LASD and probation.

The rationale behind this disparity in funding is that other departments are able to acquire more funds from other sources outside of locally generated revenues, where LASD and probation are not able to do so. This, however, is out of alignment with the County's Care First priorities.

## OVERVIEW OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET FY 2023-24

The FY 2023-24 Recommended Budget totals \$43 billion. That's about \$4,300 per resident.

It includes 114,106 budgeted positions and is said to “accelerate” the emergency response to homelessness through services launched during the pandemic.

1. \$692 million to mobilize the emergency response to the humanitarian crisis of homelessness with extensive investments in mental health outreach, supportive services, and a wide range of housing programs to increase the supply of affordable housing and move people off the streets and into safe living conditions in collaboration with our city governments.<sup>16</sup>
2. \$88.3 million, for a total ongoing investment of \$288.3 million, for Care First and Community Investment (CFCI, formerly known as Measure J) projects and programs to address racial disparities in the justice system.<sup>17</sup> This amount however, does not fulfill the County's commitment to allocate a full 10% of its locally generated unrestricted revenues by June 2024 to direct community investments and alternatives to incarceration. In fact, this amount is woefully inadequate to address the needs of Angelenos.
3. Nearly \$50 million to “improve” conditions in the jails.
4. A whopping \$6.6 million allocated towards law enforcement to “address” deputy gangs, and for the Sheriff to establish the Office of Constitutional Policing that will monitor consent decrees.<sup>18</sup>

<sup>16</sup> Los Angeles County (2023, April 23). 2023-24 Recommended County Budget Transmittal Letter. CEO Los Angeles County. Retrieved May 6, 2023, from <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/04/2023-24-Recommended-Budget-Transmittal-Letter.pdf>

<sup>17</sup> id.

<sup>18</sup> id.

# **LA COUNTY BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23**

While LA County faces uncertainty about the impacts of the State budget deficit, a substantial halt in local real estate transactions that adversely affect property taxes, and an economic downturn, the LA County CEO's office has recommended the county invest in empty promises for law enforcement "reform". A few critical issues facing the county include an estimated 3,000-plus potential claims alleging childhood assault<sup>19</sup> at county facilities and other locations and an estimated \$84 million in LA County Sheriff's Department litigation that is expected to grow to \$164 million over the next five years.

Right now, the county is estimated to have more than \$1.9 billion in unmet needs requests from county departments. Of those, some \$813.2 million are deferred to future budget phases, which leaves about \$1.1 billion in unmet needs remaining.

The largest portion of the county budget, about 33%, or \$14.1 billion, goes toward health and public works sanitation. Another 26%, or \$11.1 billion, goes toward public assistance, with \$10.5 billion for public protection, and \$5 billion for general government.

**RENOVATED CAGES AND  
JAILS DO NOT ADDRESS  
THE SYSTEMIC RACISM  
AND VIOLENCE THAT  
THE CARCERAL SYSTEM  
PERPETUATES.**

The most effective way to address overcrowding and inhumane conditions in the jail system, is to simply decrease the number of people going in and driving releases for the people who are held inside by investing in real community driven solutions, reducing the number of Sheriff's deputies patrolling criminalizing community members, and aggressively investing in mental health treatment beds.

<sup>19</sup> Ellis, R. (2023, May 1). Decades of Failures Leave L.A. County Facing Up to \$3 Billion in Sex Abuse Claims. Retrieved May 10, 2023, from <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-01/la-county-prepares-for-litigation-sexual-abuse-lawsuits>



# **LA COUNTY BUDGET ANALYSIS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022-23**

## **PROPOSAL 1: LA COUNTY MUST REDUCE INVESTMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SCALE UP INVESTMENT IN NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO CRISES AND COMMUNITY NEEDS.**

For the upcoming FY 2023-24, the county is budgeting \$3.7 billion from the General Fund for LASD, an increase of 4%, or \$136 million, compared to last year's budget.

This doesn't even include funds for the Sheriff's office that are outside its main departmental budget. For example, the Capital Projects/Refurbishments budget unit includes \$135 million for capital projects/refurbishments in the Sheriff's department (\$130 million NCC). It doesn't include all funds for the sheriff's office that are currently held in the Provisional Financing Uses (PFU) budget unit, which "serves as a temporary budget for program funding that has yet to be allocated to a specific budget unit." The PFU budget unit currently includes \$229 million for the Sheriff's department. This is almost four times more than the PFU has reserved for any other department.

It also doesn't include \$226 million in Special Revenue Funds for the sheriff's office, the largest of which are the Automated Fingerprint Identification System Fund (\$60 million), Inmate Welfare Fund (\$49 million), and Sheriff Automation Fund (\$32 million)

Last year the county's budgeted NCC for the sheriff's office was \$1.69 billion, but the estimated NCC is \$2.07 billion. The prior year (FY 2021-22), the NCC budgeted for the sheriff's office was \$1.6 billion but the actual NCC was \$1.75 billion. Thus, year after year, the sheriff's office is exceeding its budget by hundreds of millions of dollars. In fact, last year, the amount that the sheriff's office exceeded its budget by – its excess spending – was more than the total amount actually spent by the CFCI budget unit. This drives home the gap between Care First rhetoric and Care First spending, and compels the county to bridge the difference between the two.

The County must divert excess spending of NCC out of LASD and into the proposals outlined in this report.

## **PROPOSAL 2: LA COUNTY MUST MAKE THE PROMISE OF YOUTH JUSTICE REIMAGINED REAL, AND STOP INVESTING IN FAILED YOUTH DETENTION AND SUPERVISION.**

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed the motion titled "Youth Justice Reimagined: A New Model for Youth Justice in Los Angeles County" on November 24, 2020. This motion

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represented a commitment by the County to transform the youth justice system to prioritize youth development, care, and racial equity over the current systems of surveillance and punishment. In 2021, the CEO stated that funding YJR was “premature,”<sup>20</sup> but after months of tireless advocacy, YJR was allotted \$17.3 million to expand the Youth Development Department (YDD) and granted \$27.9 million for the Youth Justice Reimagined Development Fund. On March 1, 2022, the Board passed a motion titled “Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System,” affirming the launch of a new Department of Youth Development (DYD) by July 1, 2022.<sup>21</sup>

These initial investments, along with the creation of the Department of Youth Development (DYD), marked crucial advancements in Youth Justice Reimagined. On May 9, 2022<sup>22</sup>, youth advocates and allies sent a letter to the Board of Supervisors detailing a need for \$152.5 million in ongoing funding to successfully stand up DYD and fund *urgently* needed youth services. Yet, the CEO only allocated the Department of Youth Development a budget of \$53.2 million for FY 22-23, and a recommended \$50.5 million for FY 23-24.

In comparison, the CEO has once again invested over \$400 million into caging youth, specifically recommending \$416 million for the Probation Department’s juvenile institutions services budget in FY 23-24.<sup>23</sup> This consistent, inordinate funding dedicated to the incarceration of our young people does not represent a commitment to advancing Youth Justice Reimagined, nor does it contribute to the dismantling of an institution the Board of Supervisors has acknowledged is fundamentally flawed.<sup>24</sup> The cost of Probation extends well beyond this juvenile carceral line item of \$416 million, as the County will set aside up to \$3 billion for thousands of claims alleging child sexual abuse at County facilities.<sup>25</sup> This investment has proven to yield nothing but harm.

To effectively build a foundation for youth justice and healing in LA County that does not rely on the current carceral response, dollars *must* be divested from Probation, starting with cutting 296 excess positions identified by the CEO’s staffing analysis of Probation’s juvenile halls, camps and field operations.<sup>26</sup> A Care First budget cannot include funding locking up youth, but must instead prioritize robust funding for the Department of Youth Development and community-based youth services.

20 Jaclyn Cosgrove, “As L.A. County reopens, officials plan for COVID-19 economic recovery,” Los Angeles Times, April 19, 2021. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-19/l-a-county-budget-story-no-layoffs-no-furloughs>

21 Supervisor Sheila Kuehl, Revised Motion, “Care First, Jails Last: Establishing a Justice, Care and Opportunities Department to Promote Collaboration and Transparency in a Person-Centered Justice System,” (March 1, 2022), <http://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/166845.pdf>.

22 LA Youth Uprising Coalition. (2022, May 9) Letter to the Board of Supervisors. LAYUP Coalition. Accessed May 12, 2023 at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y\\_WC5AeM3mqr7jmk5dg\\_M7O0kG7nCGCKGqvWZCZeIso/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1y_WC5AeM3mqr7jmk5dg_M7O0kG7nCGCKGqvWZCZeIso/edit)

23 LA County Office of the CEO. (2023, April) County of Los Angeles 2023-24 Recommended Budget, Volume One. Fesia Davenport, Arlene Barrera. DYD reference located on page 525. Probation Department reference located on page 397. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/179334.pdf>

24 Supervisors Lindsey P. Horvath and Holly J. Mitchell, Revised Motion, “Care First, Jails Last: Holding the Probation Department Accountable and Advancing Youth Justice Reimagined,” (March 21, 2023), <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/178970.pdf>.

25 Ellis, R. (2023, May 1). Decades of failures leave L.A. County facing up to \$3 billion in sex abuse claims. Los Angeles Times. <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-05-01/la-county-prepares-for-litigation-sexual-abuse-lawsuits#:~:text=County%20officials%20predicted%20that%20they,halls%20dating%20to%20the%201950s>.

26 LA County Office of the CEO. (2023, April) Youth Justice Reimagined: A New Model For Youth Justice in Los Angeles County (Item No. 19, Agenda of November 24, 2020); Fulfilling Los Angeles County’s Commitment to a New Youth Justice Model (Item No. 33, Agenda of July 13, 2021); And Care First, Jails Last: Holding The Probation Department Accountable and Advancing Youth Justice Reimagined (Item No. 6, Agenda of March 21, 2023). Fesia Davenport. Staffing analysis on page 46. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/179128.pdf>



PROPOSAL 3: LA COUNTY MUST SCALE UP FUNDING FOR  
COMMUNITY-BASED DIVERSION FOR PEOPLE WITH UNMET  
MENTAL HEALTH NEEDS.

Men's Central Jail is also now currently 70 beds over capacity<sup>27</sup>; LA County is going in the wrong direction. We must safely divert people, rather than continue the bloated pipeline to carceral harm. On any given day, approximately 40% of the people currently being incarcerated in LA County jails have a mental illness. These approximately 6,000 people could and should be diverted to permanent supportive housing, mental health diversion programs, and other treatment programs that have proven models of success, like the Office of Diversion and Reentry. The Office of Diversion and Re-Entry has been in operation for over six years, and offers a powerful alternative to the harms of incarceration.

The Office of Diversion and Reentry has several successful programs in place. Through their jail-based diversion and community-based diversion/ harm reduction programs<sup>28</sup>, they have demonstrated an ability to divert people out of Los Angeles County jails, and provide services, rather than incarceration, to vulnerable community members like people who use drugs, people who engage in sex work, and the unhoused community.

As of February 2022, ODR had released a total of 7,414 people out of jail and into the community (ODR PSRT Presentation, Slide 4). Of this 7,414 people, 3,723 people were released from incarceration via access to ODR Housing, 2,138 were released through Misdemeanor Incompetent to Stand Trial Community-Based Restoration, 983 were released through the Felony Incompetent to Stand Trial Community-Based Restoration, 208 pregnant people were diverted from custody as a results of pregnancy diversion, and 362 were diverted from DSH Diversion (or Medicaid Disproportionate Share Hospital Diversion), (ODR PSRT Presentation, Slide 4). In sum, all of these various jail-based diversion successes show proof points for the expansion of ODR.

Further, ODR has also demonstrated an effective ability to divert people before incarceration and save lives via their community-based harm reduction programs. Specifically, ODR operates the LA County Department of Health Services Overdose Education & Naloxone Distribution (OEND) Program, a harm reduction opioid response for people with justice system involvement. Within the scope of this program, AB 109 dollars have funded the following (ODR PSRT Presentation, slide 26):

27 The Appeal. (2023, March 2) LA Is Locking Up More Mentally Ill People, Despite Diversion Efforts. Meg O'Connor. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://theappeal.org/los-angeles-county-locking-up-more-mentally-ill-people/>

28 LA County Office of Diversion and Reentry. (2022, April 21). Office of Diversion and Reentry. Public Safety Realignment Team. ODR. Accessed May 12, 2023 at <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/518bc62e-fec0-470f-899d-13b8d65701ac/ODR%20PSRT%20Presentation%20April%2021%202022.pdf>

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- “Harm Reduction Program Expansion (HARP): Capacity building, training and technical assistance for providers to expand harm reduction knowledge and improve engagement with people who use drugs and people who engage in sex work. HARP maintains a clearinghouse of supplies to reduce the spread of HIV and HCV and promote and support wound care and overdose prevention
- Harm Reduction Community Engagement Facilitator: Facilitator approved by community partners for Harm Reduction Stakeholder Committee. Committee is jointly coordinated with DPH + DHS.
- Naloxone direct purchase: Medication purchase for community distribution.
- PWUD Community Engagement: Opportunity to support People Who Use Drugs participating in stakeholder processes and other programming meant to engage and support them
- Harm Reduction Workforce Development: County wide needs assessment, development and implementation of a certified harm reduction community health worker training program for people with lived experience and others moving into this growing field.
- Reentry Mentorship/ Leadership Academy: Adding cohort in existing reentry leadership academy for PWUD and People engaged in Sex Work.”

This breadth of programs is pivotal to address the rising opioid and fentanyl overdose crisis, especially for those either living in unhoused communities and/or re-entering our community after being incarcerated (ODR PSRT Presentation, [see slides 18-21](#)). An expansion of this program through ongoing, stable funding will ensure that the vital needs of vulnerable community members are met, and lives are saved.

## PROPOSAL 4: LA COUNTY MUST MAKE USE OF THE JUSTICE, CARE, AND OPPORTUNITIES DEPARTMENT TO CONTINUE TO FUND PRETRIAL SERVICES THAT ARE COMMUNITY-BASED AND NON-CARCERAL, AND MOVE US SWIFTLY TOWARDS PERMANENT JAIL CLOSURE.

Over 3 years ago, the Board vowed to close the decrepit and lethal Men’s Central Jail without replacing it with a new jail. Two years ago, the MCJ Closure Workgroup detailed in a [148-page report](#)<sup>29</sup> how to close MCJ by, among other strategies, reducing the jail population by at least 4,500 and investing “significantly” in beds and services within the community. The closure plan outlined how to close MCJ within 18-24 months.

Since then, the county has reduced the jail population by only about 800 people. And people incarcerated in MCJ are still suffering and dying. Yet the Board has taken little additional action and provided no timeline.

<sup>29</sup> WitnessLA. (2021, April 5) The Complicated Path To Men’s Central Jail Closure Outlined In Workgroup’s New Report. Taylor Walker. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://witnessla.com/path-to-mens-central-jail-closure-outlined-in-workgroups-new-report/>



**WE URGE THE BOARD TO TAKE THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS IMMEDIATELY:**

**COMMIT TO CLOSING MCJ WITHOUT A REPLACEMENT BY MARCH 2025**

**REDUCE THE JAIL POPULATION BY AT LEAST 8,500 PEOPLE**

**ALLOCATE \$275 MILLION FOR MENTAL-HEALTH TREATMENT BEDS AND FULLY FUND AN INDEPENDENT PRETRIAL SERVICES AGENCY.**

**REDUCE INVESTMENT IN LAW ENFORCEMENT, AND SCALE UP INVESTMENT IN NON-LAW ENFORCEMENT RESPONSES TO CRISES AND COMMUNITY NEEDS**

The roadmap is complete. The County must do something immediately to address the crisis inside of jails, release people into supportive community-based structures, and capture savings to reinvest in maintaining the Care First vision.

As stated above, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (BOS) committed to a “care first, jails last” approach and have begun to implement the recommendations of the Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) workgroup<sup>30</sup> developed in 2019. Through this consensus driven process, community advocates laid out a vision for delivering meaningful pretrial and diversion services that prioritized treatment instead of jail time. In 2020, community leaders proposed a community care and support agency (“CASA”) model<sup>31</sup>, a need-based pretrial release system<sup>32</sup> that provides supportive resources such as court reminders and connections to supportive resources based on a needs and strength assessment that informs the creation of an individualized plan for intervention.

The County had made limited progress in actualizing the ATI recommendations. Based on the recommendation to create an independent pretrial services entity, the BOS created the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) on November 1, 2022. JCOD’s mission is to reduce the “County’s over-reliance on

incarceration of our justice-impacted populations and centralize the County’s efforts to enable a cohesive service delivery model, from prevention to reentry – working between the justice system and other intersecting systems (behavioral health, supportive housing, social services, and workforce development).” Although the department recommended budgeting \$58 million for FY 2023-24 for JCOD, this allocation is insufficient based on the department’s mandate and scope. Without proper funding of at least \$20 million from the net County costs (NCC), AB109<sup>33</sup> Criminal Justice Alignment<sup>34</sup> and other funding streams, the county efforts will fail to make the impact necessary on the jail population to fulfill its obligation under the consent decree<sup>35</sup>.

In comparison, the Sheriff’s department budget is more than \$3.8 billion, with more than 17,481 budgeted positions, more than 200 times the 76 positions within JCOD. Most of the resources allocated for JCOD are already spoken for. More than three-quarters of those JCOD resources are earmarked for “services and supplies,” including \$39 million for Contracted Program Services. The budget does not specify what specific contracts or services these are, and the community has limited visibility into the terms and deliverables of these agreements. JCOD has 5 positions dedicated to Contracts and Grants.<sup>36</sup> Since the department is

30 LA County Office of the CEO. (2020, October) Care First, Jails Last. Health and Racial Justice Strategies for Safer Communities. Retrieved May 9, 2023 from [https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/1077045\\_AlternativestoIncarcerationWorkGroupFinalReport.pdf](https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/1077045_AlternativestoIncarcerationWorkGroupFinalReport.pdf)

31 UCLA School of Law, Criminal Justice Program. (2020) Creating a Needs Based Pretrial Release System: The False Dichotomy of Money Bail versus Risk Assessment Tools. Alicia Virani, Rodrigo Padilla-Hernandez, Tali Gires, Rachel Pendelton, Ethan Van Buren, Máximo Langer. Retrieved from <https://law.ucla.edu/sites/default/files/PDFs/Academics/CJP%20Pretrial%20Proposal%20-%202020.pdf> May 9, 2023.

32 LA County Office of the CEO. (2020) Presentation: Pretrial Detention is Harmful. Retrieved from <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/AV-UCLA-school-of-law-Pretrial-presentation-Diversion-Subcommittee-meeting-02.23.21-Meeting-3-.pdf> May 9, 2023.

33 Los Angeles County Probation Department (n.d.). What is AB109? Retrieved May 9, 2023, from <https://probation.lacounty.gov/ab-109/>

34 California Legislative Information. (2011, April 4) Bill Text: AB-109 criminal justice realignment. Retrieved May 9, 2023 from [https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill\\_id=201120120AB109](https://leginfo.ca.gov/faces/billTextClient.xhtml?bill_id=201120120AB109)

35 ACLU Southern California. (2014, December 16) Aclu Achieves Consent Decree That Addresses Rampant Violence In L.A. County Jails. ACLU SoCal. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://www.aclusocal.org/en/press-releases/aclu-achieves-consent-decree-addresses-rampant-violence-la-county-jails>

36 According to org chart on p. 38.5



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responsible for \$39 million in contracted program services, this indicates each position would be responsible for overseeing almost \$8 million in contracting each year. Contrast this with Animal Care and Control, which has 4 positions dedicated to Contracts and Grants but only \$505,000 in contracted program services.



The staffing within JCOD has experienced important structural changes. Last year (FY 2022-23), the department had 31 budgeted positions that were transferred from the CEO's - Alternatives to Incarceration (ATI) and Jail Closure Implementation Team (JCIT). This year, JCOD is projected to add 45 positions, 16 of which will be transferred from the Re-entry Division of the Department of Health Services. Community members do not have insight on how many of JCOD's positions are currently filled, but it is notable that one of the department's current "top priorities" is to "fill critical vacancies"<sup>37</sup> (p. 329 of budget).

## PRETRIAL JUSTICE VISION:

On an average day in 2022, 69% of the people held in LA County jail<sup>38</sup> were held pretrial, meaning that they were legally innocent and had been detained before their trial had taken place. Being jailed for even a day can have detrimental impacts on a person's housing, employment, child custody, health and safety. While there are limitations placed by the state and the courts on what LA County can do to implement a different pretrial system, countywide investment in services is a critical and actionable step the county can take to reduce its pretrial population.

We are encouraged by the success rate of community held diversion programs like the Bail Project's<sup>39</sup> national model, which pays for a person's bail, provides them with a case worker, and connects them to vital pretrial services in the community, rather than in a carceral setting. This model has helped free 17,500 people with a

37 LA County Office of the CEO. (2023, April) County of Los Angeles 2023-24 Recommended Budget, Volume One. Fesia Davenport, Arlene Barrera. JCOD reference located on page 329. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/179334.pdf>

38 Vera Institute of Justice. (n.d) California: The State of Incarceration, Los Angeles County. Web page showing current incarceration numbers. Vera. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.vera.org/california-state-of-incarceration/county/Los%20Angeles>

39 The Bail Project. (n.d.) <http://bailproject.org/> Website. The Bail Project.

96% return-to-court rate<sup>40</sup> in 2021 alone. Despite the efficacy of community-based pretrial services models, the county has been slow to adopt and adequately fund services outside of the current probation-led model. Further, even though the LA County Public Safety Realignment Team's recommendation that \$20 million of AB109 funding be used for community based pretrial services in 2021, those funds were not allocated to the recommended purpose by the county CEO. This lack of investment has propelled the increase of the pretrial population since its dramatic decline during the pandemic, and exacerbated the inhumane conditions inside the LA County jail system.

It is wasteful, unnecessary and deadly to incarcerate people pre-trial when there are voluntary and cost-effective strategies for providing pretrial services that are proven to facilitate court appearances. For example, text message reminders<sup>41</sup> for people to report to court have resulted in dramatic reductions in failure-to-appear rates in jurisdictions like Washington, D.C. and New York. In neighboring Orange County, childcare is provided to support people attending their court date. Transportation to court continues to be a barrier for many justice involved individuals in the pretrial phase, but also upon release. The urgency to address rapidly declining conditions in the jail must also include these tangible strategies that help reduce the flow of people into the jails.

## ACCESS TO COUNSEL: PUBLIC DEFENDER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER

Los Angeles County fails to prioritize the investments that are necessary to enable the Board of Supervisors to close Men's Central Jail (MCJ), as promised. Access to Counsel is a constitutional right, yet the Offices of the Public Defender and Alternate Public Defender are woefully underfunded when compared with the budget of the District Attorney's office. The District Attorney is projected to have more than half a billion dollars (\$517,239,000) for a staff of 2,161, whereas the Alternate Public Defender are projected to receive \$101,283,000 for 361 positions and the Public Defender is projected to receive \$304,916,000 for \$1,194 budgeted positions. LA County currently provides 20% more funding and 25% more staffed positions for prosecution than for access to counsel and community resourcing. Those resources would be better spent funding must fund public defense and expand resourcing for clinical social workers, paralegals and early representation.

<sup>40</sup> The Bail Project. (2021, November) The Bail Project 2021 Annual Report. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from [https://bailproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/the\\_bail\\_project\\_annual\\_report\\_2021\\_web.pdf](https://bailproject.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/the_bail_project_annual_report_2021_web.pdf)

<sup>41</sup> Fund For Guaranteed Income. (n.d.) Court Date Reminders is a free service that sends reminders to defendants ahead of their court dates. This web page explains the problems and data around missed court dates, including Failure To Appear charges, extra fines, increased jail time, and other punitive responses to missed or late court appearances, and how Court Date Reminders can help mitigate these issues.

## PROPOSAL 5: LA COUNTY MUST INVEST FUNDING OF CARE FIRST FUNDING STREAMS SUCH AS AB109 AND CFCI INTO NON-CARCERAL SERVICES BASED ON COMMUNITY-LED RECOMMENDATIONS

### CFCI: MAKING THE PROMISE OF CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT REAL

#### I. WHAT IS CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT?

Three years ago, in 2020, 2.1 million voters used their vote to say ‘Yes on J,’ demanding that the Board of Supervisors use Los Angeles County funds to divest from systems of harm and invest in systems of care and opportunity. In 2021, when law enforcement special interest groups challenged the legacy of Measure J in court, the Board made clear their priority to preserve the intent and spirit of Measure J by transitioning the Measure J/ Reimagine LA Advisory Committee into the Care First and Community Investment Advisory Committee. With this shift, the Board solidified their commitment to center Los Angeles community members impacted by state violence and incarceration in a community-driven process that supports equitable distribution of set-aside funding.

#### II. HISTORICAL AND CURRENT CFCI FUNDING ALLOCATIONS FROM THE BOARD AND CEO

After the first year of the Measure J Advisory Body process, the Board also passed a \$187.7 million dollar Care First Community Investment Spending Plan, setting a precedent for ample CFCI funding

throughout Measure J’s implementation. In year two (FY 2022), the Board approved an additional \$200 million in CFCI dollars to be spent in ways guided by the community.

In recent weeks, we learned that the CEO has proposed cutting CFCI funding this year, and recommended allocating only \$88,304,000 new dollars towards Care First Community Investment for 2023 - a meager amount compared to the needs presented by a violent and generations-old carceral crisis in Los Angeles County. \$88 million for CFCI amounts to roughly only \$8 per LA County resident, and based on the pressing issues of joblessness, food insecurity, educational inequity, housing insecurity, wage disparities and law enforcement violence, \$8 per County resident is far from the investment that our communities need to thrive.

#### III. ANNIVERSARY OF THE ALTERNATIVES TO INCARCERATION WORKGROUP REPORT:

Further, despite March 10th, 2023 marking the three-year anniversary of the LA County Alternatives to Incarceration Report<sup>42</sup>, the County has failed to act with sufficient urgency. There is more urgency around jail closure now than ever before, with over 55 deaths within the jails in 2021 alone, and eleven in-custody deaths reported by the Sheriff’s Department<sup>43</sup> in the first two quarters of 2023. We cannot stand by while LA County’s deadly carceral facilities continue receiving ample

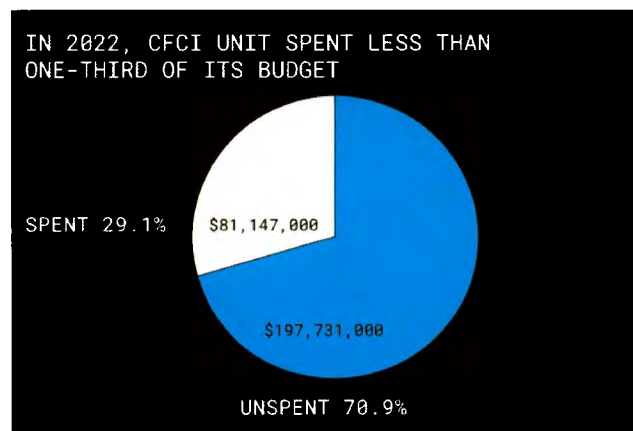
<sup>42</sup> The Appeal. (2023, March 12) Meg O’Connor. Here’s What LA County is Doing – and Not Doing – to Move People with Mental Illness Out of Jail. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://theappeal.org/los-angeles-county-jails-mental-illness-lasd-odr-jcod/>

<sup>43</sup> Los Angeles Sheriff’s Department. (2023) LASD INMATE IN-CUSTODY DEATHS. LASD. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://lasd.org/transparency/icd/>

funding, and our communities are short changed. We must begin to divert people out of pretrial incarceration, incarceration for unmet mental health needs, and criminalization, immediately.

#### IV. EXAMINING PREVIOUS FISCAL YEARS' CFCI SPENDING MORE CLOSELY

In FY 2022-23, CFCI had a budget of \$279 million. However, its estimated expenses were only \$81 million. This indicates CFCI spent less than one-third of its budget, money that should have been used to invest in communities.

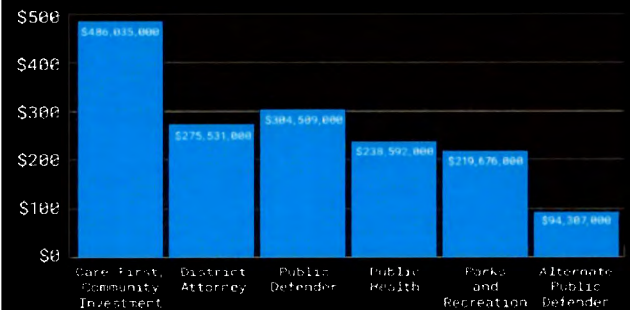


This year, the recommended CFCI budget is \$486 million. However, over 40% of these funds are carried over from last year – that is, they are not new money, but money that should have been spent on programming last year and the year before.

In a FY 2023-3024 budget presentation, the county CEO compared the net county cost (NCC) of CFCI to other departments, showing that the CFCI's net county cost is hypothetically higher than the DA, Public Defender, Public Health, Parks and Recreation, and Alternate Public Defender. However, the CFCI is not actually successfully

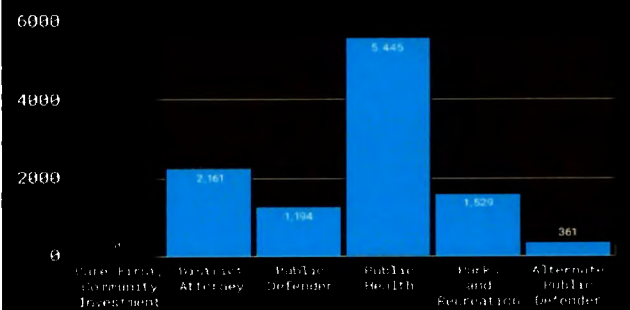
spending as much in NCC as these departments. Last year it only spent \$87 million.

THE CEO REPORTS THAT, IF CFCI WERE A COUNTY DEPARTMENT, IT WOULD ACCOUNT FOR MORE NET COUNTY COST (NCC) THAN MOST DEPARTMENTS.



The CFCI is not spending its full budget partly due to the lack of a dedicated staff that can steward funds and delays in contracting a third-party administrator (TPA) to distribute Year One and Two funding. Other County departments that the CEO compared the CFCI to have a minimum of 350 staff; many of them have more than 1,000 staff compared to 0 staff dedicated solely to CFCI.

BUT THE CFCI BUDGET UNIT HAS NO STAFF WHILE DEPARTMENTS WITH SIMILAR BUDGETS HAVE 2,000+ POSITIONS.

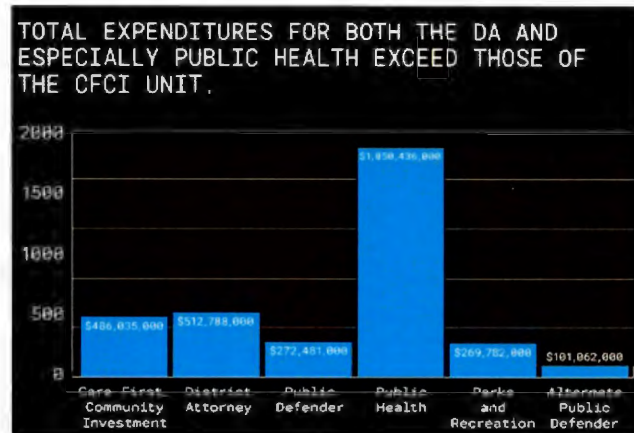


What's more, when looking at total expenditures rather than just net county cost, several departments the CEO compared CFCI to have



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much higher budgets than the CFCI does.



The same issues from last year are likely to continue this year: over one-third of the CFCI budget (\$169 million) is not yet allocated. This suggests the county will struggle to actually disburse this money for community-driven programming.

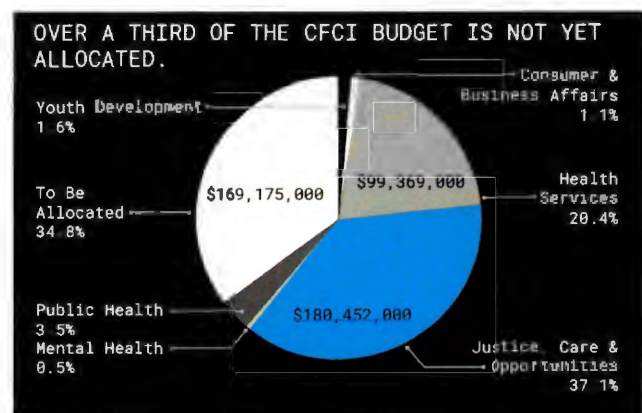
Moreover, the TPA was responsible for disbursing nearly \$55 million from the Year One spending plan to community-based organizations. However, after releasing a solicitation twice and without any community input, the county did not select a TPA until early 2022 - well into the *Year Two* process. Amity Foundation was ultimately selected as the TPA and closed the grant application for Year One ARPA funding set aside for Program Area 8 (Community-based Restorative Justice Programs) in April 2023.

According to one applicant who sought TPA funding:

*"I can share from experience that many of us leaders in the communities with grassroots organizations face challenges due to lack of funding support for capacity-building. As of today, after applying for*

*grants..., we have had no luck with getting help granted. I have wondered if they are only focused on [funding already] fully-funded organizations [with] multimillion budgets? [Where does this leave those of us that are] small organizations working twice as hard?... We continue to provide services at a high-demand rate in the county of Los Angeles, even if [this work is funded through] in-kind donations...*

*People ask, 'Why do you care so much?' My answer is very simple! I care because I have experienced the impact of underserved communities. My children are experiencing the impact of marginalized communities with very few youth services. This is why I founded [the organization I lead] - so that [the next] generations have a chance at a better future. We hope that [the] TPA begins to focus on small organizations' growth, and provide [the] help needed for capacity-building. On behalf of members [and] leaders in the community facing the same challenges as [our organization], we hope to see [the] TPA bring help to CBO's currently residing in [high-needs] areas..."*



## THE NEED TO DISBURSE FUNDING:

After years of the community fighting to implement Measure J, the County has adopted a

CFCI budget of \$279 million for FY 2023. Notably, this funding is only 7% of the sheriff's budget. (In other words, the sheriff's budget is 13 times larger than the CFCI budget.).

This funding will be used to fund the following:

1. \$95 million for Health Services,
2. \$87 million for Justice, Care and Opportunities,
3. \$20 million for Public Health,
4. A relatively small amount for Consumer and Business Affairs (\$4 million), Mental Health (\$2.5 million),
5. and Economic Opportunity (\$2 million)

In addition to allocating funding for these pressing concerns, over \$60 million remains to be allocated. It also remains to be seen how much of the planned appropriations (monies that are set aside) are actually spent.

In FY 21-22, the unit only spent about 20% of its budget, \$21 million. This figure is troubling, given that the Care First Community Investment Advisory Body has provided detailed recommendations in Years One<sup>44</sup> and Two<sup>45</sup> of CFCI Implementation, and has a third year spending plan currently being finalized through the Advisory Body meeting and ad hoc deliberation process.

## V. AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUNDING AND CFCI:

On September 13, 2022, the Board adopted Phase Two spending plan for the County's American Rescue Plan funding. The cumulative \$1.9 billion in American Rescue Plan funding allocated to LA County has provided a significant opportunity to help fund a Care First vision while Los Angeles works towards recovering from the devastating impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, especially on Black and Latine communities.

## ARP PHASE ONE:

In Phase One, advocates appreciated that the county allocated \$87.7 million to CFCI, but were deeply discouraged to discover that the County quietly funneled hundreds of millions of dollars—roughly half of its first round of ARP funding—to the LAPD while so many Angelenos suffered and while the County continued to underfund CFCI.<sup>46</sup> We still do not see the LAPD funding reflected in the data dashboard created to show how ARP funds are distributed to more than 20 city agencies and how that money is being spent.<sup>47</sup>

## ARP PHASE TWO:

For Phase Two, the County has allocated \$19.6 million to CFCI, again despite consistently

44 LA County Office of the CEO. (2022, January) Measure J Re-Imagine LA Advisory Committee Spending Plan Recommendations For Year One (FY 2021 - 2022). Reimagine LA Advisory Committee. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Measure-J-Re-Imagine-LA-Advisory-Committee-Year-1-Spending-Plan.pdf>

45 Los Angeles County. (2022, August 18) Los Angeles County Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee - Spending Plan Recommendations for Year 2 (FY 2021-2022). CFCI Advisory Committee. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ati/1129050\\_FinalCFCIYear2Report08.18.22.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ati/1129050_FinalCFCIYear2Report08.18.22.pdf)

46 City of Los Angeles. (2022) The City of Los Angeles Annual Recovery Plan 2022. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from [https://cao.lacity.org/The%20City%20of%20Los%20Angeles\\_%20Annual%20Recovery%20Plan\\_2022\\_FINAL.pdf](https://cao.lacity.org/The%20City%20of%20Los%20Angeles_%20Annual%20Recovery%20Plan_2022_FINAL.pdf)

47 County of Los Angeles. (n.d.) ARP Project Dashboard, from ARP Public Portal (web page and tool). Retrieved May 10 2023 from <https://arptracking.ceo.lacounty.gov/public>.



underfunding its “Care First” priorities. Advocates hope that if the County is again planning to allocate ARP funds to already-bloated law enforcement budgets in a way not laid out in the current plan, they instead dedicate that funding to CFCI. The County has an important opportunity to transparently allocate remaining ARP funds in a way that will wholly and affirmatively serve Angelenos, rather than maintain the status quo of overfunding law enforcement.

## VI. MEASURE J/ CFCI ADVISORY BODY PROCESS

After the Board created the CFCI Advisory Body in 2021 as an adaptation from the 2020 Measure J advisory body, the process had already been honed once and was refined in *Year Two*. On page 9 of the *Year 1* Advisory Body report, find a diagram that details how the Measure J / CFCI Advisory process looked in *Year 1*, as noted in the *Year One Measure J Advisory Body Report and Spending Plan*<sup>48</sup>. The flow chart provides a helpful visual representation of how the advisory body collates recommendations from a wide variety of spending areas to provide synthesized recommendations to the CEO and the Board to guide final budget allocations.

## VII. SELECTED STRATEGIES FROM THE CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT ADVISORY BODY PROCESS, YEARS ONE AND TWO:

Throughout the Advisory Body process, members of the Body deliberate on strategies for funding Care First across policy areas and areas of community needs. As part of the yearly

process, the Body solicits community input and funding proposals, and then spends several weeks during budget season creating a recommended spending plan based on the amount of money that the Board and CEO are projecting to allocate for the following fiscal year. In Year One of implementation, FY 2021-2022, the Measure J Advisory Body created a spending plan that divided recommendations into tiers, with Tier 1 Recommendations totaling \$170,905,690, Tier 2 Recommendations totalling \$351,968,776.33, and Tier 3 recommendations totalling \$54,416,530. (See pages 46-62 of the report, attachments A & B). The total of all three of these recommendation tiers yielded a funding gap of \$406,385,306.33 dollars between what the Advisory Body recommended spending, and what the CEO and Board allocated. The intent behind crafting the Advisory Body recommendations in this way was to show the Board what could be funded in the community with the additional dollars that a true 10% of Net County Costs allocated to CFCI would allow; place this in juxtaposition with the CEO’s interpretation of 10% of Net County Costs, and the gaps are stark and punishing.

In *Year 2* of CFCI Implementation, the Advisory Body created a spending plan totalling exactly \$100, 000,000, or the total amount of new dollars that the Care First Community Investment Budget Stream would receive in Year 2.

The Advisory Body’s work during Years Two and Three of Implementation are guided by the following diagram, as found in the *CFCI Advisory Body Year Two Report*<sup>49</sup>:

<sup>48</sup> LA County Office of the CEO. (2022, January) Measure J Re-Imagine LA Advisory Committee Spending Plan Recommendations For Year One (FY 2021 - 2022). Reimagine LA Advisory Committee. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/Measure-J-Re-Imagine-LA-Advisory-Committee-Year-1-Spending-Plan.pdf>

<sup>49</sup> Los Angeles County. (2022, August 18) Los Angeles County Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee - Spending Plan Recommendations for Year 2 (FY 2021-2022). CFCI Advisory Committee. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ati/1129050\\_FinalCFCIYear2Report08.18.22.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ati/1129050_FinalCFCIYear2Report08.18.22.pdf)

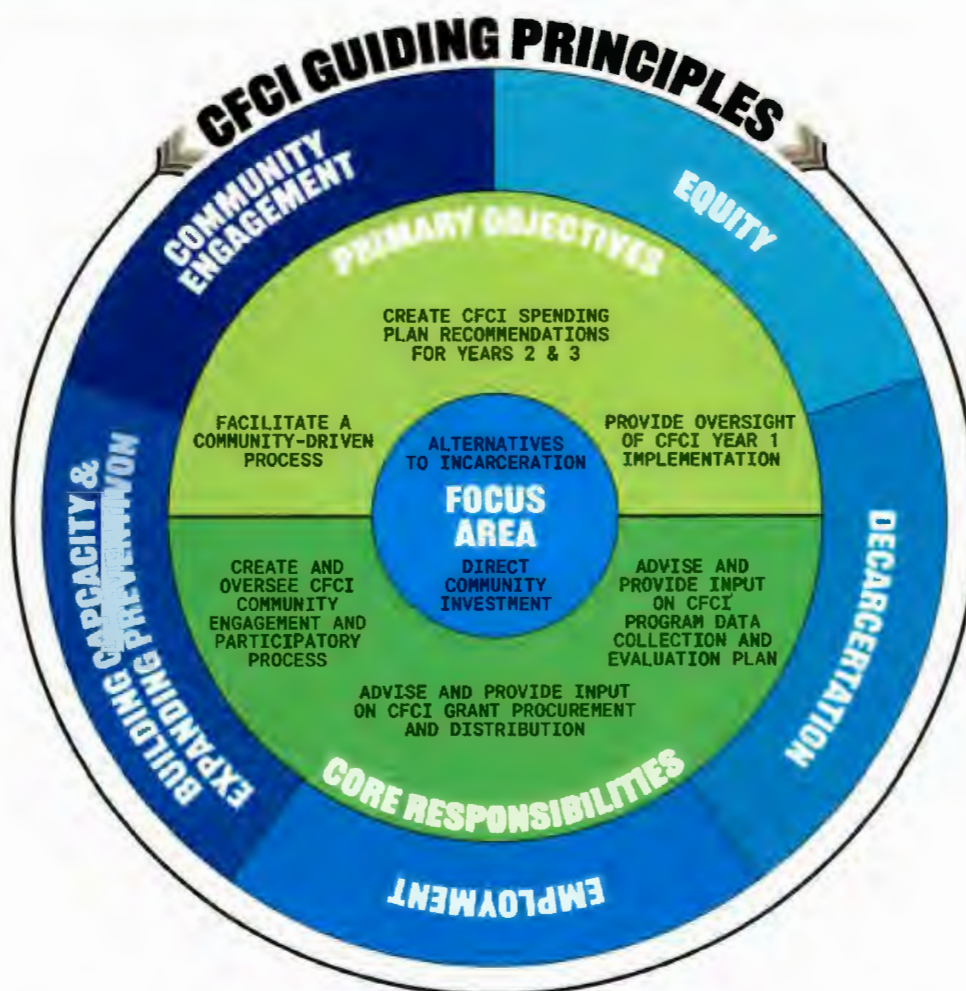


Diagram II: CFCI Advisory Body Objectives and Responsibilities for *Years Two and Three*

Year 3's spending plan will likely total the projected \$88,304,000. In March of 2023, the Advisory Body was informed by the County CEO that this is the amount they will have to make budget recommendations.

Below is a select list of recommendations put forth by the Advisory Bodies in *Years One and Two* that show a sampling of Care First strategies recommended for funding by the Measure J (*Year 1*) / CFCI (*Year 2*) Advisory Body processes.

Because not all of CFCI's dollars have been spent, not all of these recommendations have been funded yet; despite this, Advisory Body members and community members remain engaged in the process to guide the spending of CFCI funds in *Year Three* and beyond.

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## SAMPLING OF OVERARCHING CFCI FUNDING PRINCIPLES:

In *Year One*, the Measure J Advisory Body made overarching recommendations about who Measure J dollars should go to, and how these dollars should be spent. Below, please find a sampling of these overarching recommendations, from the Year One Measure J Report and Spending Plan.

### PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES TO BE PRIORITIZED FOR MEASURE J FUNDING:

- Measure J funding should prioritize communities and programs focused on people who are impacted by systemic and mass incarceration from the following groups:
  - Black, Indigenous, People of Color, Black women, Reentry community, Two-spirit, Trans, Gender non-binary, Queer, people with disabilities, young people, immigrants, people living in areas in the County that have been underserved or neglected.
  - Black communities, Black-led organizations and Black- owned businesses are the highest priority in Measure J.
  - People who are gang related or impacted Transition-age youth
  - Areas of highest need according to the Justice Equity Needs Index (JENI) and Justice Equity Supply Index (JESI)
  - Older adults who are formerly incarcerated
  - Gabrieleño-Tongva, Fernandeno Tataviam, Chumash and Acjachemen tribal communities
  - Immigrant and refugee communities (including Asian and Black immigrants)
  - People with disabilities and non-apparent disabilities
  - People living with mental health conditions

### ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAM TYPES TO BE PRIORITIZED FOR MEASURE J FUNDING:

- Programs and organizations funded by Measure J should be led by, staffed by and serve people who are most impacted by systemic racism:
  - Including individuals connected to or impacted by gangs.
  - Measure J funding should provide both immediate and long-term support that facilitates community reentry, integration, prevention, and an individual's ability to thrive
  - The Advisory Committee recommends that the following people, agencies and programs be prioritized for Measure J funding:
    - Funded organizations should share Measure J and ATI values and employ formerly incarcerated people.
    - Programs and services should meet the multiple and co-occurring needs of community members who are experiencing systemic racism, incarceration, and reentry. This includes wraparound services, coordination of services, support with service navigation, and working in collaboration with other entities and partners.
    - Programs and services should have an approach that is trauma-informed, culturally rooted and healing centered, and that incorporates harm reduction approaches.
    - Funded programs should demonstrate the ability to achieve outcomes, have a track record of success, and have systems and practices to evaluate outcomes.
    - Measure J funds should not support any organization or County program that works directly or closely with law enforcement, probation, and or parole



The Advisory Body noted that prioritization may be accomplished, for example, through targeted funding initiatives that focus on specific communities, zip codes that consist of economically disadvantaged neighborhoods, and or the assignment of bonus points in scoring for competitive funding proposals processes.

Further, the *Year One* Measure J Advisory Body also crafted guidelines for how these funds should be utilized and administered in *Year One*, and these principles – including the use of a Third Party Administrator – have carried on into *Years Two* and *Three*. Below, see guidelines about how to distribute funding from the *Year One* [Measure J Advisory Body Report](#).<sup>50</sup>

## GRANT/ FUNDING METHODS AND PRACTICES TO DISTRIBUTE MEASURE J FUNDS:

### RECOMMENDED GRANT ADMINISTRATOR

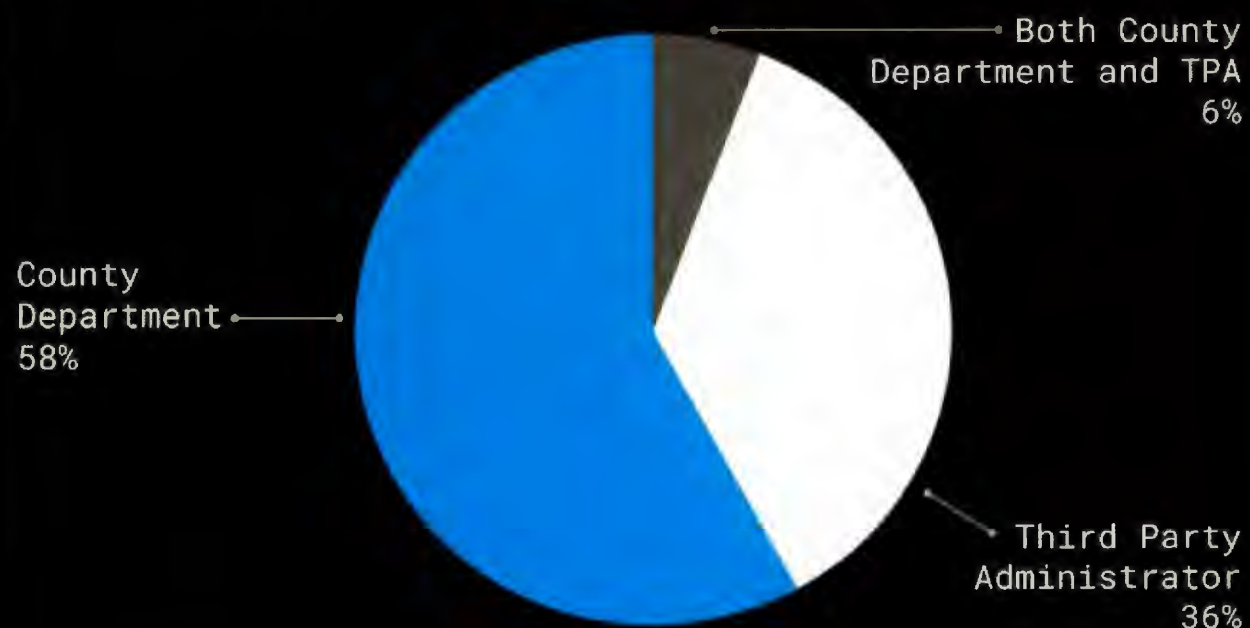


Diagram III: Recommended Grant Administrator for *Year Two* CFCI Funds as recommended by the CFCI Advisory Body

The recommendations [from the *Year One* Report] were developed and approved by the community-driven Subcommittees and provide a clear pathway to equitably distribute County funds by building the capacity of existing providers through meaningful technical assistance and support, reducing and or

<sup>50</sup> Los Angeles County. (2022, August 18) Los Angeles County Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee - Spending Plan Recommendations for Year 2 (FY 2021-2022). CFCI Advisory Committee. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from [https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ati/1129050\\_FinalCFCIYear2Report08.18.22.pdf](https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/ceo/ati/1129050_FinalCFCIYear2Report08.18.22.pdf)

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eliminating barriers to access grant dollars, and re-imagining contracting processes and requirements for service providers. This broad recommendation included the following stipulations:

- Infrastructure for Third Party Administrator(s) should be developed for Measure J funding. The establishment of an alternative funding mechanism will provide opportunities for community-based organizations and tribal communities to access funding and remove barriers connected to directly contracting with the County - in particular, for agencies with an annual budget of less than \$1.5 million.
- Programs funded through Measure J should distribute no less than 85% of the allocated dollars directly to community-based organizations.
- Contracting requirements for LA County Departments involved with implementation of Measure J funds should be reviewed and modified to remove unnecessary administrative burdens and compliance requirements.
- Providers who are unable to meet LA County's cost prohibitive insurance requirements should be provided with subsidies to offset the cost of doing business with the County.
- A Stakeholder Advisory Board, like the RHAC, should be identified to be a decision-maker and advisor in the granting, distribution, and accountability of Measure J funds.

## SAMPLING OF POLICY-AREA CFCI FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS:

As elucidated on [page 9 of the Year 1 Advisory Body Report](#), funding recommendations were made in five subcommittee areas that were priorities for CFCI implementation. These areas of focus were: A) Housing, B) Economic Development, C) Re-Entry, D) Health/ Behavioral Health, and E) Youth Development. Sample recommendations from each of these policy areas are highlighted below to show the breadth and depth of CFCI spending plan recommendations.

### A. HOUSING

Example 1. Sample *Housing* Recommendation from *Year 1*.

Youth-Specific Housing Interventions: Tier One included a proposal to invest \$5 million for new housing programs and interventions tailored for at-risk youth and system-impacted youth. The proposal noted that these programs should be informed by individuals with lived experience with the foster care and/or juvenile justice systems and implemented by providers with lived experience. Funding should not fund interventions that expand the surveillance of families, and supportive services should be provided but not required in order to access youth housing programs.

*Grant Administrator*: DHS/ODR YDD and/or Third-Party Administrator



# CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT

Example 2. Sample *Housing Recommendation* from *Year 2*.

ODR Diversion Permanent Supportive Housing: Year Two set aside \$29.8 million for the Office of Diversion and Reentry's housing programs ODR housing and LEAD to reduce the number of people incarcerated in LA County with serious mental illness or other complex health needs.

*Grant Administrator*: County Department

## B. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Example 1 . Sample *Economic Development Recommendation* from *Year 1*.

Black Homeownership and Wealth Preservation: Included in Tier Two, this recommendation requested a \$2 million investment for homeownership education and credit counseling, down payment assistance, and targeted outreach and marketing to support potential Black homeowners.

*Grant Administrator*: DCBA and Third-Party Administrator

Example 2. Sample *Economic Development Recommendation* from *Year 2*.

From Treatment, Diversion or Jail, to Work!: Year Two's spending plan set aside \$313,510 to expand job training programs that equitably reduce justice involvement for those who have been in the criminal justice system and prevent or reduce justice involvement for those with substance use disorder and/or experiencing housing stability.

*Grant Administrator*: Third-Party Administrator

## C. RE-ENTRY

Example 1. Sample *Community Re-Entry Recommendation* from *Year 1*.

Support Services for Returning Transgender Identified and LGBTQI+ Members: Tier One allocated \$993,600 to expand and create new programs, services and drop-in centers specifically for transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex folks and LGBTQI+ members, including reentry services, violence prevention/domestic violence, workforce development, legal services, transitional housing, food distribution, gender affirming clothing, immigration services, and mental health services.

*Grant Administrator*: Third-Party Administrator and/or DHS-ODR

Example 2. Sample *Community Re-Entry Recommendation* from *Year 2*.

POWR (Providing Opportunities for Women in Reentry): In *Year Two*, \$3,048,625 was allocated to POWR, a county program that aims to empower and serve systems-impacted women by promoting healthy connections with their children, family, and significant others; increasing economic well-being through education, employment and housing support; and improving health outcomes through addressing substance use and mental illness.

## D. HEALTH/ BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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Example 1. Sample *Behavioral Health* Recommendations from Year 1.

Close Men's Central Jail & Divert People with MH/SUD into Treatment: \$52 million was set aside in Year One to fund and expand community-based pretrial services, through a pretrial pilot in the communities most severely impacted by incarceration in LA County, which accounted for nearly 30% of the overall Year One funding allocation. Community-based service providers would conduct a strengths-and-needs-based assessment of all individuals in custody to determine a plan of support to get each individual released pre-trial, send court date reminders, provide peer navigation support, and coordinate linkages to supportive services.

*Grant Administrator*: Various LA County Departments and/or Third-Party Administrator

Example 2. Sample *Behavioral Health* Recommendations from Year 2.

Harm Reduction Drop-In Centers: A recommended proposal in the Year 2 spending plan allocated \$900,000 for drop-in centers across all eight Service Planning Areas that provide essentials, such as food, water, tents, blankets, undergarments, hygiene support, phone chargers, harm reduction supplies. By referral or on-site need, staff at these centers would also provide medical, mental health, and other supportive services to decrease racial health disparities; and incidence of food insecurity, STIs, viral hepatitis, COVID-19 infections, soft-tissue infections, and overdose fatalities among people experiencing homelessness, people engaged in sex work, people who use drugs, and people recently released from incarceration.

*Grant Administrator*: County Department

## E. YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

Example 1. Sample *Youth Development* Recommendation from Year 1.

Community based Intervention Services & Prevention Programs for Youth: \$3.5 million was set aside in Year Two that would expand existing intervention services and programs for young people to prevent their involvement in the carceral system. Additional services include: transformative justice and community conflict resolution training, case management, academic and vocational training and support, arts and culture programming that affirms their culture, life skills training, violence interruption, services for survivors of human trafficking, and interventions that dismantle the School-to-Prison pipeline.

*Grant Administrator*: Third-Party Administrator and/or DHS-ODR

Example 2. Sample *Youth Development* Recommendation from Year 2.

Community Owned and Operated Youth Centers: Included in Year Two, a \$13,795,000 proposal was approved that would support community-based organizations in reclaiming existing, vacant spaces in LA County. CBOs along with local youth and residents will shape the process of transforming these spaces into youth and community resource hubs to provide system-impacted and marginalized Black and Brown communities with youth development services, educational access and job readiness training.

*Grant Administrator*: Third-Party Administrator

**VIII. FY 2023-2024 CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT FUNDING AND BEYOND:**

As the CFCI Advisory Body prepares to finalize their recommendations for *Year Three* and beyond, it is also important to note that the CFCI Advisory Body has both recommended to the Board that they allocated at least \$100 million in CFCI spending this year<sup>51</sup>, topping up the meager \$88 million currently projected. Further, it is important to note that the Advisory Body and members are engaged in advocacy with the Board to ensure that the Advisory Body process remains codified to perpetuity and includes ongoing increases in funding, rather than being curtailed or maintained at the current funding level after *Year Three*.



51 Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee. (2023, March 20) Letter to the Board of Supervisors. Derek Steele, Chair of CFCI Advisory Committee. Accessed May 11, 2023 at [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZN5t9R\\_WcHfXBZcCYLkAxI\\_iwamfcoijIP-quhOljmdA/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1ZN5t9R_WcHfXBZcCYLkAxI_iwamfcoijIP-quhOljmdA/edit)

## I. WHAT IS ASSEMBLY BILL 109?

Assembly Bill 109 (AB109) aimed to reduce state prison overcrowding and potentially reduce state incarceration costs by shifting responsibility for people who are charged and convicted for non-serious, non-violent, and non-sexual convictions to counties rather than to state prisons. Signed into law in 2011, AB109 expanded county probation departments' "post release community supervision" responsibilities, increased the length of sentences possible in county jails, and "required" counties to make educational, rehabilitative, and restorative justice programs available.

AB 109 was and is intended to help counties develop and implement alternatives to incarceration, like innovations in re-entry, community-based services and affordable housing. The intent of AB 109—expressed by both the statutory language and the preliminary finding calculations provided by the California Department of Finance—was for counties to focus on non-incarceration alternatives that have a proven track-record of reducing recidivism. The state government officially recognized that we cannot incarcerate our way out of crime and granted Counties the discretion on how to best allocate AB 109 funds within their jurisdictions. So far, AB 109 has not been able to fulfill its purpose of reducing jail populations because the funding has not yet reached community organizations with the deepest impact on reentry needs.

*Funding Stream Source:* AB 109 funds come from state sales tax and vehicle license fees. The state provides counties an annual guaranteed amount and an additional amount that varies annually depending on funding availability. LA county

52 Vera Institute of Justice. (n.d.) Care First L.A.: Tracking Jail Decarceration. Vera. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.vera.org/care-first-la-tracking-jail-decarceration>

receives \$2.8 billion from the 2011 State Public Safety Realignment (which it classifies as AB118). AB 109 is considered a permanent funding stream, which means it can and should be used to stand up programming that can serve populations vulnerable to incarceration over multiple years.

## II. HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE IN LA COUNTY JAILS AS A RESULT OF AB 109? WHO IS THE FUNDING SERVING?

According to the [Vera Institute's Care First LA dashboard](#)<sup>52</sup>, the number of AB109 sentenced people in LA County jail was over 2,500 before the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic. As of this writing (April 2023), 1,743 people are now in LA County jails as a result of AB109.

Of these 1,743 people, 1,107 have been sentenced by the County as AB-109. Unfortunately, 397 people have had their Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS) revoked, and are being held in LA County jail as a result. Equally troubling, 174 people are currently held in LA County jail as a result of a parole revocation. 62 people are partially sentenced under AB 109, and 3 people are being held under flash incarceration, meaning that a community member is held in jail for 1-10 days at the discretion of a probation officer, and without a formal hearing.

This VERA data shows us that the over 230 people who are being incarcerated under AB 109 for a PRCS or probation revocation could benefit from a broader network of community-based supports, rather than punitive re-incarceration approaches. Further, the Department of Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (SAPC) has reported



staggering data on homelessness among the AB 109 population. Their [data](#)<sup>53</sup> shows that the overwhelming majority of the AB109 individuals the Department supports are without housing – upwards of 75%. This points to the necessity to start redirecting AB109 funds to meet the needs of this population, who need housing and supportive services, rather than incarceration and supervision. Further, the data show that 50% of the people that SAPC treats are between the ages of 18-34, indicating that AB 109 dollars should also be expanded in the areas of youth development, employment, housing and re-entry services.

What's more, the [data](#)<sup>54</sup> about who is supervised under AB 109 shows an upward trend of people with higher needs (see slide six in the linked presentation). This further indicates that a care first approach is required to serve this group, many of whom demonstrate both complex mental health needs and/or co-occurring substance use. Given that the complexity of the needs of the AB 109 population has trended upwards since 2012, it is important that we consider this urgent crisis as it pertains to funding recommendations.

Finally, 2022 [data](#)<sup>55</sup> from the LA County Probation Department indicates that Los Angeles County Districts 2 and 1 – regions where economic and historical disenfranchisement are at some of the highest rates in the County – are most impacted by AB109. The data show that the AB 109 population

is 58% Latine, and 29% Black. This leaves Black community members grossly overrepresented from their [9%](#)<sup>56</sup> Census Bureau share of the LA County population, and Latine community members also troublingly over-represented, represented nearly 10% higher than their [49.4%](#) population share in LA County (according to the United States Census Bureau). This disturbing data indicates that AB 109's racial disparities leave Black and Latine community members with mental health concerns and problematic substance use incarcerated, whereas in other, more well-resourced/ wealthier districts, mental health and substance use needs are met by resources, treatment, and services.

### III. POLICY CONTEXT OVERVIEW:

Given the decrease in incarceration rates of the AB109 population since COVID-19, the Board has the opportunity to shift AB109 funding from jail custody into community resources that keep people home. Putting AB109 funding into the community will help continue to decrease the jail population even further, and will support the county's efforts to close Men's Central Jail and capture cost savings for community based services.

The county has successfully decreased the AB109 population and sustained the reduction over the course of the pandemic. This step in the right direction demonstrates that people incarcerated

53 Los Angeles County Department of Public Health. (2023, March 16) DPH. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH - SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION AND CONTROL (SAPC) PUBLIC SAFETY REALIGNMENT TEAM - ASSEMBLY BILL 109. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/023-4f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/653df51c-9271-4e1c-99be-0d2c9bac2d2c/DPH%20SAPC%20information.pdf>

54 LA County Office of the CEO. (2022, December 15) . AB 109 Evaluation Update. LA County Chief Executive Office. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/023-4f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/a6809a9a-ab4a-43f0-8879-e9720f507712/AB%20109%20Evaluation%20Update%20-%20Presentation%20Slides.pdf>

55 Los Angeles County Probation Department. (2022, January 20) Online Presentation: AB 109 OVERVIEW JANUARY 2022. Howard Wong. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/023-4f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/764be868-8118-486d-90ee-e03dd3e481e2/AB%20109%20Overview%20-%20Probation%20Department.pdf>

56 United States Census Bureau. Quick Facts Los Angeles County. Web tool. Data retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.census.gov/quickfacts/fact/table/losangelescountycalifornia#>

because of AB109 are highly eligible for diversion. To keep the jail population down and close MCJ, the county should expand AB109 funding in the areas of youth development, health infrastructure, and re-entry services, including housing, job training, and placement.

This will require an assessment of LA County's AB 109 base funding to ensure that funds spent on detention and supervision adequately reflect the decreases in the AB 109 population and align with the County's Care First approach.

#### **IV. BOARD DIRECTIVES GUIDING THE AB 109 PLANNING, IMPLEMENTATION, AND EVALUATION PROCESS:**

The LA County Board has put forward several important motions guiding the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT), the county commission tasked with developing recommendations that inform AB109 implementation and spending. In a December, 8th, 2020 motion<sup>57</sup>, the Board reconfigured the PSRT to expand community representation on the body and provided guidance on their priorities regarding aligning the PSRT with the alternatives to incarceration vision. Notably, the motion asks that the PSRT "[r]evise the AB 109 Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) implementation plan to reflect the Board's priorities on alternatives to incarceration, including, but not limited to, diversion programs, substance abuse programs, mental health treatment, housing, restorative justice programs, and community-based services."

This directive from the Board shifts the PSRT into a Care First body that is tasked with making budget recommendations commensurate with alternatives to incarceration principles and priorities.

It is important that LA County interpret AB 109 more broadly than as a bill to fund local law enforcement. We must mirror other Counties, such as Alameda County and Contra Costa County. In Alameda County, the Board of Supervisors voted to allocate 50% of its AB 109 funding to community-based services. Contra Costa County adopted a series of decarceration policies and, therein dedicated 60% of their AB 109 funding to reentry programs and services. This led to an astonishing 21% drop in Contra Costa County's recidivism rate. Los Angeles County can and must look to these Counties as examples, and build upon the strategies they've modeled.

A second pivotal January 2022 AB109 motion from the Board<sup>58</sup> calls for the PSRT to evaluate all County and community programs funded by AB109. While the December 2020 motion called on the PSRT to align funding recommendations with the ATI vision, the January 2022 motion calls for PSRT to do a full evaluation of spending and programming within the budget stream. The motion stated, "... the Board of Supervisors direct the Public Safety Realignment Team (PSRT), in coordination with the Countywide Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CCJCC), Chief Information Officer (CIO), and Chief Executive Office (CEO), to develop a plan to evaluate all County and community programs that receive AB 109 funding in 75 days.

The plan should include:

<sup>57</sup> LA County Board of Supervisors. (2020, December 8) Restructuring the Public Safety Realignment Team. Motion by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/15113+.pdf>.

<sup>58</sup> LA County Board of Supervisors. (2022, January 25) AB 109 Program Evaluation. Motion by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Hilda Solis. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from: <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/165599.pdf>

1. Criteria and outcome measures to be evaluated;
2. A timeline; and
3. A plan for stakeholder engagement and community input to help inform the evaluation criteria and process.”

Despite this explicitly clear directive by the Board, currently, there is only a narrow evaluation underway by the County. The County’s plan and timeline for the current evaluation details a timeline for the evaluation between 2022 - 2025.<sup>59</sup>

The more narrow County evaluation that is underway is outlined in this March 2022 presentation given to the PSRT<sup>60</sup> by the County. Page nine in the evaluation plan presentation outlines which programs will be evaluated during the process, excluding “mandated activities and base funding.”

The PSRT Ad Hoc Committee charged with guiding the evaluation process urged the County to expand on this narrow scope to include all AB 109 funding, not just a limited number of programs. According to the CIO’s reporting out of the Committee’s recommendations:

*“The committee recommends that the County prioritize their evaluation through other means. These programs should develop evaluation plans to be implemented separately from this evaluation,” (Page 13 of the presentation).*

<sup>59</sup> LA County Board of Supervisors. (2021, April) AB 109 Evaluation Plan. Board of Supervisors. Accessed May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/200320ce-5b7a-4cd7-bb35-63237aa23c36/AB%20109%20Evaluation%20Plan%20-%20Administrative%20Timeline%20Presentation%20April%2021%202022.pdf>

<sup>60</sup> LA County Board of Supervisors (2022, March 17). AB 109 Evaluation Plan. Online PowerPoint presentation for the Public Safety Realignment Team. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/f5fb984f-c501-444c-a1ff-4fffc8a44c9c/AdHoc%20AB%20109%20Evaluation%20Workgroup%20Presentation%20FINAL.pdf>

<sup>61</sup> Auditor of the State of California. (2021, March) Public Safety Realignment - Weak State and County Oversight Does Not Ensure That Funds Are Spent Effectively. Report #2020-102. Accessed May 10, 2023 from <https://www.auditor.ca.gov/pdfs/reports/2020-102.pdf>

The CIO’s current interpretation of the Board’s directives continues to be limited.

## V. AUDITOR OF STATE THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA: AB 109 AUDIT:

In addition to the County’s evaluation of the PSRT activities, the state conducted its own audit of the AB 109 activities of Los Angeles County.<sup>61</sup> As detailed in Chapter Two of the State Auditor report, the state shares the perspective of the PSRT that the interpretation of AB109 by LA County is too narrow. The County is conceding autonomy and under-leveraging a permanent funding stream by adopting a narrow definition of AB 109 dollars. Instead, the County should be interpreting the uses for this funding stream expansively, allowing for bold and innovative solutions.

The State Audit report also included the following recommendations to Counties, all of which Los Angeles County is working to comply with:

*“Unless the Legislature clarifies its intent otherwise, to ensure that the counties prudently and appropriately spend realignment funds, the Partnership Committees at Alameda, Fresno, and Los Angeles should, starting with their next annual budgets, review and make budget recommendations to their boards of supervisors for all realignment accounts, including the accounts that*



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*fund non-law enforcement departments and community-based organizations.*

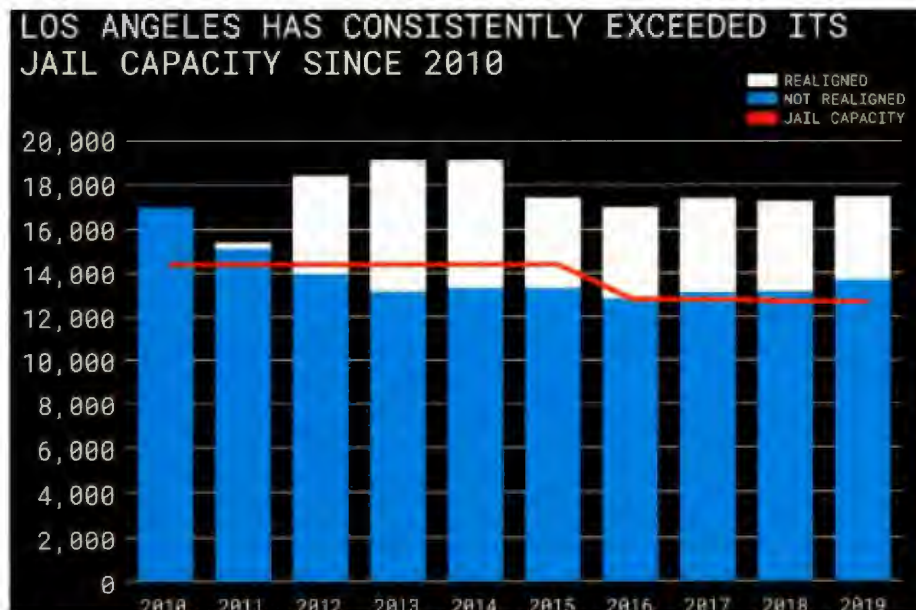
- *Further, the counties should ensure that they budget all realignment funds to eliminate excessive surpluses in realignment accounts and prevent future surpluses beyond a reasonable reserve.*
- *To ensure that the programs and services funded by public safety realignment funds are effective, beginning immediately, Alameda, Fresno, and Los Angeles should conduct evaluations of the effectiveness of their programs and services at least every three years.*
- *To ensure that the counties report accurate and consistent information to the Corrections Board, beginning with their next annual reports, Alameda, Fresno, and Los Angeles should consistently report all law enforcement and*

*non-law enforcement expenditures funded through the accounts that constitute public safety realignment.”*

Further, the State Auditor’s report evidences that re-alignment has led to continual over-capacity occupation of LA County jails, well beyond how many people the jails have been deemed safe to house by the State Board of Corrections. This is further evidence that the population currently incarcerated because of AB 109 (realignment) would be better served in the community, receiving services via non-carceral providers.

Below, see a graph from the State Audit report showing how people incarcerated because of AB 109 have continually pushed LA County jails beyond their capacity:

The State audit reveals troubling human rights violations in the LA County jails.



Data Source: Auditor of the State of California

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*“Los Angeles County.. indicated that, as of July 2020, it housed nearly 550 realigned inmates who are serving sentences greater than three years, including 25 inmates serving sentences of 10 years or longer. With limited outdoor exercise areas and resources to provide certain educational or vocational training, inmates in county jails may suffer negative physical and mental health consequences or may not be adequately equipped to reenter the community successfully upon their release from jail... [Further] Los Angeles county jails do not get paid wages for participating in work programs, so restitution is limited to a portion of the funds deposited in inmates’ trust accounts, if any.”*

This reporting aligns with the findings of the Court-ordered monitor of the LA County jails, the ACLU, who detail similar human rights violations in their current lawsuits filing to hold the County in contempt for their lack of implementation of safety measures to protect human rights in LA County jails. From LA Times reporter Keri Blakinger about the case ([reported April 20th, 2023](#)<sup>62</sup>):

*The case that led to Wednesday [April 19th, 2023]’s plans for a contempt hearing was originally filed in 1975. It alleged that conditions in the county’s jails violated the 8th Amendment’s ban on cruel and unusual punishment. The case went to trial, and eventually a federal judge ordered a series of improvements, which the county has yet to fully carry out.*

To their credit, the Board of Supervisors has continued to reject jail expansion as an adequate

solution for jail overcrowding. However, the County has repeatedly failed to adequately fund the services that will prevent law enforcement contact and incarceration, and support release and transition of those currently incarcerated. Expanding AB 109 funding into mental health diversion, pretrial services, and re-entry services will support the County in meeting its legal obligations to address the many human rights crises in the jail system.

## VI. LOOK TO THE EXAMPLE OF PROGRESSIVE COUNTIES:

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<sup>62</sup> LA Times. (2023, April 20). Federal judge orders contempt hearing over L.A. County’s failure to clean up its jails. Kerri Blakinger. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2023-04-20/la-me-judge-contempt-county-jails>.

**PSRT RECOMMENDATIONS V.  
BOARD IMPLEMENTATION:**

After the Board's reconfiguration of the PSRT in 2021, the body developed the following recommendations for AB 109 spending<sup>63</sup> These recommendations were submitted to the LAC CEO for FY 2021-2022. Additionally, the ATI Subcommittee of the PSRT created a series of ATI-informed recommendations<sup>64</sup> for the PSRT's spending as informed by diversion principles. The recommendations are spaced out on an intercept model from Intercept 00 (*Healthy Community Supports and Infrastructure*) to Intercept 5 (*Supervision in the Community after Incarceration*). Through this intercept model, the PSRT created recommendations for diversion and ATI at each stage of the phases of the current model of incarceration. There are substantive recommendations in the document about harm reduction, transportation, and pre-filing diversion, mental evaluation teams, and numerous other policy strategies to move AB 109 spending to care first, jails last.

**RECOMMENDATION 1: FUNDING  
PRETRIAL SERVICES:**

Among the recommendations submitted by PSRT in FY 2021-2022, the body included a \$25 million allocation for community based pretrial services. Notably, 20 people on the PSRT voted to support this recommendation, including the Chief of Probation, yielding a vote of high support<sup>65</sup> for pretrial services as an alternative to incarceration. This recommendation was not adopted by the CEO or presented to the Board for approval.

AB 109 offers a permanent funding stream to establish and fully implement an independent pretrial services agency – a foundational recommendation of the ATI workgroup<sup>66</sup> – that is community-based and non-carceral. As outlined in the pretrial services section of this report, despite the fact that community-based pretrial services like the Bail Project's<sup>67</sup> are highly effective, the County has yet to fully fund and implement innovative models like these. As a result, LA County has now exceeded its pre-covid pretrial incarceration numbers and is now over the 50% threshold. This trend can be reversed by investing in community-based pretrial services, while the county contends with the current limitations placed by state and judicial policy.

63 La County Public Safety Realignment Team. (n.d.) Summary of Scores -- AB 109 Budget Requests Submitted to the Chief Executive Office. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/1e7d3f16-981b-44ce-bcb6-050f61dc5ea5/Summary%20of%20Scores.pdf>

64 LA County Public Safety Realignment Team. (2021, May 21) Diversion / Alternatives to Incarceration Intercept Model. Alternatives to Incarceration Subcommittee. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/ff22281a-192b-4a7e-a2cd-3223538392e2/Diversion%20-%20Alternatives%20to%20Incarceration%20Documents%205.21.21.pdf>

65 LA County Public Safety Realignment Team. (n.d.) Summary of Scores -- AB 109 Budget Requests Submitted to the Chief Executive Office. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/1e7d3f16-981b-44ce-bcb6-050f61dc5ea5/Summary%20of%20Scores.pdf>

66 LA County. (2019, October 10) LA County Alternatives to Incarceration Workgroup Final Report: Care First, Jails Last. Health and Racial Justice Strategies for Safer Communities. Accessed May 10, 2023 at [https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/1077045\\_AlternativestoIncarcerationWorkGroupFinalReport.pdf](https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/10/1077045_AlternativestoIncarcerationWorkGroupFinalReport.pdf)

67 The Bail Project. (n.d.) <http://bailproject.org/> Website. The Bail Project.

## RECOMMENDATION 2: PERMANENT EXPANSION OF COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES

The PSRT approved a [recommendation for a Community Set Aside in FY 2021-2022](#). The language of the recommendation reads:

*“In order to align the AB109 spending plan with the Board’s directives and the PSRT’s approved implementation plan, funding for community based services should account for at least 30% of the AB109 budget, or a minimum of \$150 million, whichever is greater.”*

While this 30% amount is lower than the community set asides of progressive counties like Alameda and Contra Costa, the recommendation put forth by [Judge Songhai Armstead](#)<sup>68</sup>, Interim Director of the [Justice, Cares and Opportunities Department](#)<sup>69</sup>, still included a plan in phases to move PSRT spending in the direction of community-based services. The [recommendation](#)<sup>70</sup> further reads:

*“These funds will be distributed through County department contracted third party administrators who will fund community based organizations. The County departments will leverage external revenue opportunities toward the Community Services funded programs. The cumulative funds shall be used for harm reduction, non-law enforcement, supports and services*

*in alignment with the County’s Care First, Jails Last Report, the ATI Initiative and recommendations from the Measure J Advisory Board not already funded through Measure J funding. Funds shall be prioritized for service gaps that are not addressed by current funding allocations and programming and for the priority populations outlined in the PSRT Realignment Implementation Plan.”*

Despite being overwhelmingly supported by the PSRT, this recommendation was not placed before the Board.

## RECOMMENDATION 3: CAPTURE UNSPENT FUNDING TO EXPAND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICE INFRASTRUCTURE

In FY 2021-2022, the PSRT submitted the following recommendations for spending through the [Local Innovation Subaccount](#)<sup>71</sup>:

*“Beginning in FY 2021-2022, the Board shall direct all unused AB 109 funding at the end of each fiscal year into the AB 109 Local Innovations Subaccount. Funds shall be used for the following:*

- *expanding harm reduction, non-law enforcement, community-based services in regions with the highest need, as indicated through the Justice Equity Needs Index (JENI) and the Justice Equity Supply Index (JESI),*

68 LA County Justice, Care, and Opportunities. (n.d.) Website About Us page featuring profile of Judge Songhai. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://jcod.lacounty.gov/about-us/>

69 LA County Justice, Care, and Opportunities (JCOD) (n.d.) Website address: <https://jcod.lacounty.gov/>

70 LA County. (n.d.) PSRT – Recommendation: Community Set Aside. Songhai Armstead. Accessed May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/a39cbc5c-d908-4ddc-a8eb-1034a23eb2ed/Recommendation%20-%20Community%20Set%20Aside.pdf>

71 Public Safety Realignment Team. (n.d.) PSRT – Recommendation: Innovations Fund. Ivette Alé. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/25f556e0-ab8a-4661-9320-2f9a19b62a10/Recommendation%20-%20Innovations%20Fund.pdf>



- *services focused on the most vulnerable communities, as outlined in the PSRT Realignment Implementation Plan;*
- *CBO capacity building support to facilitate future applications for AB 109 funding;*
- *development and infrastructure needs for CBO partners;*
- *establish a process for the community to collaborate with the County in redesigning the RFP for AB 109 funds.*

This recommendation was aimed at addressing the need to build community-based service infrastructure, while also addressing the under-utilization of AB109 dollars in county departments. By capturing unspent dollars and placing them in the innovations fund for service development, the county would:

- incentivize departments to better manage their spending,
- expand the pool of one-time funding available to support care first infrastructure,
- support the highest need regions of LA County, and
- organically redistribute AB109 funding based on actual department needs.

This recommendation was not adopted by the CEO or presented to the Board.

## RECOMMENDATION 4: FUNDING THE BREAKING BARRIERS PROGRAM:

In the Fall of 2022, the PSRT was informed that an additional \$43 million of one-time community corrections sub account funding was set aside for the PSRT to provide recommendations. Among its recommendations, the PSRT recommended that \$1.5 million be allocated to the Breaking Barriers Program<sup>72</sup>, a program that primarily serves people who are on probation after having been charged with a felony. The program initially served over 200 people, but is now only able to serve 150 people due to budget reductions. The program has been uplifted by the PSRT for funding over multiple budget cycles and has yet to be funded by AB109 dollars. The CEO presented the PSRT with their deliberation on the PSRT's recommendations during the April 2023 PSRT meeting<sup>73</sup>. A representative from the CEO's office informed the body that the office rejected the funding recommendation for the Breaking Barriers Program, citing that the program was already funded through other means. It was revealed during that meeting that, in fact, the program was *not* being funded through other means. As of May 2023, the CEO has yet to identify additional funding to correct this error.

72 The Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP). (2021, June) Presentation: BREAKING BARRIERS - An Innovative Cross-Sector Solution. Collaboratively developed by LARRP with Brilliant Corners, Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles County Department of Health Services (DHS), Corporation for Supportive Housing (CSH), Chrysalis, and the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.lareentry.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/Breaking-Barriers-Outreach-Flyer-2021.pdf>

73 Public Safety Realignment Team. (2023, April 20). Fiscal Year 2022-23 Mid-Year Funding Recommendations. Brian Hoffman. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/32ed0440-daf0-4011-82a4-ca049ffa4703/CEO%20PSRT%204-20-23%20Final%20%28002%29.pdf>

## VII. COMMUNITY RECOMMENDATIONS FOR AB109 SPENDING

In accordance with the Board’s commitment to jail closure and court-mandated population reductions, AB 109 should be leveraged to both reduce the flow into the jails and increase the flow out of LA County Jails. The following recommendations build on the PSRT’s recommendations and are informed by community demands:

### RECOMMENDATION 1: RIGHT-SIZING CUSTODY & SUPERVISION SPENDING:

AB 109 dollars are currently paying for 3,000 jail beds; however, only 1,743 beds are actually occupied by the AB109 population. The county can begin diverting funding allocated for the remaining 1,257 beds unoccupied by the AB109 population while still meeting its legal mandate. This can be accomplished by first leveraging state Medicaid funding to expand ODR mental housing to divert at least 1,257 people from jail, and then capturing the AB109 funding currently spent on 1,257 jail beds for community-based reentry and pretrial services. Based on the estimated cost of \$89,580 to incarcerate one person in LA County for one year<sup>74</sup>, a reduction of 1,257 beds amounts to \$112,602,060 in annual AB 109 savings.

Additionally, the County should implement a commensurate reduction in supervision spending

to mirror the year to year reductions in the AB109 population. Based on reporting from the Probation Department, in December of 2021, the department was actively supervising 8,338 from the AB109 population.<sup>75</sup> Subsequent reporting on changes in the supervised AB109 population, including year to year trends are not readily available and have not been reported to PSRT. However, given the year to year reductions in the incarcerated AB109 population, it is reasonable to conclude that the downward trend of AB109 sentences should translate to a reduction of people receiving state-mandated supervision, and the AB109 funding should be reflecting that shift.

### RECOMMENDATION 2: CONDUCT A FULL ANALYSIS OF AB109

In order to accurately right-size AB109 spending across all county departments and community programs, it is imperative that the Board of Supervisors provides the directive for a full-scale evaluation of all AB 109 funding, including mandated activities and base funding. As stated above, the state’s audit concluded that the county “*should consistently report all law enforcement and non-law enforcement expenditures funded through the accounts that constitute public safety realignment.*” The county’s current audit does not include law enforcement expenditures and fails to cover the full scope of other county department expenditures, including the Department of Mental Health and The Department of Children and Family Services. Allowing the PSRT to examine what the county is currently spending in “base funding” and make recommended adjustments

<sup>74</sup> Vera Institute of Justice. (n.d. - 2021) What Jails Cost. Cities: Los Angeles. Vera. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://www.vera.org/publications/what-jails-cost-cities/los-angeles-ca>

<sup>75</sup> Los Angeles County Probation Department. (2022, January 20) Online Presentation: AB 109 OVERVIEW JANUARY 2022. Howard Wong. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/764be868-8118-486d-90ee-e03dd3e481e2/AB%20109%20Overview%20-%20Probation%20Department.pdf>



according to current population changes and needs, will provide the CEO and the Board with a roadmap to better leverage this permanent, and substantial, funding stream.

### RECOMMENDATION 3: USE AB109 FUNDING TO EXPAND CFCI

Few permanent funding streams are as large and flexible as AB109. This is why realignment funding is a prime candidate to expand – but not supplant – the funding available for LA County Care First Community Investment<sup>76</sup>. As the CFCI section of this report notes, the County has currently allocated \$100 million of new dollars each year to the initiative (with a decrease for FY 2023-2024 to \$88MM in new CFCI dollars). Although substantial in comparison to prior year investments, this amount grossly under-estimates what is needed to safely and efficiently reduce the incarcerated population. The CFCI process is unique in that recommendations are driven by community feedback, which most accurately reflects the real-time needs of the community compared to other county funding processes. Diverting a designated pool of AB109 dollars from the innovation fund into CFCI can support the expansion of community-based service infrastructure.

### RECOMMENDATION 4: ADDRESS LABOR ISSUES WITH A JUST TRANSITION

While the recommendations of the PSRT are clear, the LA County CEO has raised concerns in response. In a [2021-2022 memo about AB 109 funding](#)<sup>77</sup>, the CEO stated, “It is important to note that a substantial amount of AB 109 funding — \$352.7 million as of FY 21-22 Final Changes Budget — is required to support AB 109 legally-mandated operations. Immediate implementation of some PRST recommendations would require diverting funding from ongoing operations and result in curtailments of County staff, which can only occur after an extensive planning process, including consideration of legal responsibilities/mandates and labor issues.”

Heeding the CEO’s concern, the County must begin to plan for a just transition to secure stable employment for the hundreds of thousands of County employees currently employed in the law enforcement field.

The CEO’s claim that we need to address labor issues that present themselves when we shift the budget highlights an important priority for equity in the labor community: a just transition.

As the just transition is a framework developed to aid in the economic shift away from extractive economies & oppressive systems, such as the oil and gas industry, prisons, policing, and surveillance, towards more sustainable regenerative economies & systems of care, such as green jobs, behavioral health crisis responses, and community based solutions to mass incarceration. A just transition builds economic and political power to support marginalized communities such as: formerly

<sup>76</sup> LA County Department of Justice, Care, and Opportunities. (n.d.) From Measure J to Care First and Community Investment: A Continuing Commitment. JCOD web page. Accessed May 11, 2023 at <https://www.google.com/url?q=https://jcod.lacounty.gov/cf-ci/&sa=D&source=docs&ust=1683848317924044&usg=AOvVaw21tHoNg8QqdjjoLfXbtgg1>

<sup>77</sup> LA County Office of the Chief Executive Officer. (n.d.) AB 109 FUNDING ALLOCATIONS AND ANALYSIS. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://assets-us-01.kc-usercontent.com/0234f496-d2b7-00b6-17a4-b43e949b70a2/46463345-7d22-492e-81dc-579c36e66d07/AB%20109%20Funding%20Allocations%20and%20Analysis%20Final%209-10-21.pdf>

incarcerated, Immigrant, Black, Indigenous, rural, communities of color and areas of high need. The just transition framework seeks to provide solutions that includes but is not limited to labor, jobs, land use, sustainability and economic stability.

The county has repeatedly heard testimony about the dire labor conditions for law enforcement both working in the Sheriff's Department and Probation. Nationally, law enforcement officers have some of the highest levels of intimate partner violence<sup>78</sup>, death by suicide<sup>79</sup>, and problematic substance use<sup>80</sup> – of any profession. Given the traying and harmful working conditions of jail overcrowding, facing the daily complex trauma of incarcerated people, and a historical context of violence and command and control in carceral facilities, community members who work in LA County adult and youth jails and supervision - like probation and sheriff patrol officers – are exposed to continual unaddressed retraumatization in their work environment. It is imperative that the county explore the following just transition strategies:

- Identify both lateral transition and upward transition opportunities for specific job classifications currently held within the Sheriff and Probation Departments.
- Leverage the current workforce development infrastructure in the county to retrain and place Sheriff and Probation staff into non-law enforcement positions.
- Incentive early retirement for those close to retirement age.
- Impose hiring freezes to the respective departments.
- Increase funding for “Care First” jobs that are comparable to the salaries and benefits of law enforcement to incentivize career shifts.
- Invest cost savings from reductions in both youth and adult incarcerated populations into the “Care First Economy”
- Implement hiring bonuses for staff leaving the law enforcement profession for other professions.

In order to address the concerns of the CEO, community and labor, the County must begin to explore a just transition for workers in the law enforcement field, as they also build up the decentralized system of care vision so clearly articulated in the ATI Report, the GRAC Report, the Men's Central Jail Report, and the Care First Budget Reports. Only when workforce concerns have been addressed can the County turn the corner towards a true integration of Care First principles.

78 The Atlantic. (2014, September 19) Police Have a Much Bigger Domestic-Abuse Problem Than the NFL Does. Conor Friedersdorf. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.theatlantic.com/national/archive/2014/09/police-officers-who-hit-their-wives-or-girl-friends/380329/>

79 USA Today. (2022, June 10) Police, firefighters die by suicide more often than in line of duty. Why rates remain high. Cady Stanton. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2022/06/10/high-suicide-rate-police-firefighters-mental-health/7470846001/>

80 Psychology Today. (2018, March 30) Police and Addiction - Officers are nearly three times as likely to suffer from addiction as others. Indra Cidambi, M.D. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.psychologytoday.com/us/blog/sure-recovery/201803/police-and-addiction>

# PROPOSAL 6: GENDER JUSTICE

## PROPOSAL 6: LA COUNTY MUST HEED CALLS FOR GENDER JUSTICE AND FULLY IMPLEMENT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT.

### INTERSECTIONS: CARE FIRST, GENDER JUSTICE, AND DECARCERATION:

### INEQUITY IN THE INCARCERATION OF GENDER-MARGINALIZED PEOPLE:

Although only 54% of women in LA County are Black & Latine, they make up 75.5% of women in jail (as of March, 2023, according to the [VERA Care First LA Jail Decarceration Data Tracking Project](#)); Disturbingly, Black women are the most over-represented in jail relative to their population in the community. The K6G Unit – a separate unit that incarcerates TGI+ and LGB+ people in MCJ – has the highest overrepresentation of Black people of any carceral setting in the County, making the need to decarcerate this unit all the more pressing.

According to research done by [Million Dollar Hoods](#)<sup>81</sup> on LAPD arrest data, the top five charges for women in jail in LA County between 2010 and 2016 were:

1. Possession of a controlled substance (14%)
2. Driving on a suspended license/ no license (8%).
3. Theft/ shoplifting (7%)
4. Failure to appear in court (6%)
5. DUI (6%)

This disturbing data indicates that the majority of people being caged in CRDF are there for survival acts related to addiction, poverty, and lack of transportation. Criminalizing these behaviors is criminalizing the economic disenfranchisement of cis women and TGI+ and LGB+ people of color.

LA County must evolve beyond this archaic way of handling inequity, especially for gender-marginalized people; instead, the County must invest in a decentralized system of community-based care that meets the needs of TGI+ and LGB+ people in non-carceral ways.

<sup>81</sup> Million Dollar Hoods. (2018, January 4) Women in the Los Angeles County Jail, an Analysis of LASD data 2010-2016. Danielle Dupuy MPH, Sofia Espinoza MPP, Joanna Itzel Navarro, Kelly Lytle Hernandez PhD, the Million Dollar Hoods Team. Accessed May 12, 2023 at <https://ucla.app.box.com/s/z1t1u860urnqsrswcghf1o1oftctigk8o>

## HISTORY OF THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Gender and racial justice are at the center of LA County’s Care First vision. To actualize a gender justice frame for the Care First vision in LA County’s jails that incarcerate TGI+ people, LGB+ people, and cis women, the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee<sup>82</sup> was formed in 2019:

*On February 12, 2019, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors passed a motion, ‘Building a Gender-Responsive Criminal Justice System,’ to help initiate, extend, and maintain efforts to address the needs of justice-involved women. Among its mandates, the motion called to reconstitute the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (GRAC) with representatives from each supervisorial district as well as the District Attorney’s Office, Public Defender, Department of Health Services, Department of Mental Health, Department of Public Health, and Sheriff’s Department. On July 21st, 2020, the Board revised the February 2019 motion to expand the focus on women as well as transgender, gender non-conforming and/or intersex individuals; any facility these populations may reside; and special recognition of alternatives to incarceration and reentry. GRAC members have worked for the past year to develop recommendations to improve the gender responsiveness of the County justice system and to uplift the Board’s Care First vision. Besides a system wide emphasis, five ad hoc committees were created to concentrate attention on: Alternatives to Incarceration, LGBTQ+, Data, Health, and Reentry.*

In October of 2021, the body released the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee Report<sup>83</sup>, which detailed recommendations for how gender marginalized people can safely and cost-effectively be diverted out of CRDF.

The Report (page 31) shows the disproportionate amount of time that Black women are detained. It states:

*Based on a snapshot of people incarcerated in August 2020, the median days in custody for people held in CRDF was 107 and in K6G was 102. A study of people released during the pandemic found that Black women spent more days incarcerated than almost every other group and that Black people with mental health needs were released at lower rates than white counterparts.*

82 LA County. (n.d.) Gender Responsive Advisory Committee. Webpage. <https://grac.lacounty.gov/>

83 Los Angeles County Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (2021, October 13) Los Angeles County Gender Responsive Advisory Committee 2021 Recommendations. Retrieved May 9, 2023 from <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/162782.pdf>

## BUDGET IMPLICATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

### DECARCERATE CRDF AND K6G:

In keeping with the care first priorities mentioned earlier in this report, it is critical that we release people from the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF, or “Lynwood”) in order to close down MCJ. The County must heed the story of Destiny Ortega, who died inside of CRDF in December of 2022 after she was reincarcerated before trial on the suspicion that she had violated her parole. Destiny should still be with us. As the community honors her life, the need to decarcerate people from CRDF and MCJ and invest in support for parents could not be clearer.

The GRAC Report highlights this need, saying:

*Decreasing the population of CRDF through more efficient diversion off-ramps would bolster MCJ Closure efforts and are in line with the goals of the GRAC.*

The GRAC Report includes recommendations around harm reduction to support people who use drugs and people who engage in sex work, as well as diversion recommendations to mitigate the criminalization of poverty, especially for gender-marginalized people of color.

### IMPLEMENTING RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE GRAC REPORT:

The GRAC Report included recommendations across five ad hoc areas:

1. *LGBTQ+ Ad Hoc Recommendations*, including recommendations guiding harm prevention, court support and diversion and re-entry for LGB+ and TGI+ people,
2. *Health Ad Hoc Recommendations*, including recommendations guiding diversion from jail, court and probation recommendations, case management, continuation of care, mental health and substance use recommendations, medical recommendations, and more.
3. *Re-entry Ad Hoc Recommendations*, including family reunification,
4. *Data Ad Hoc Recommendations*, and
5. *ATI Ad Hoc Recommendations*.

Across all of these recommendation areas, there is alignment between the ATI Report and the GRAC Report, with the GRAC Report using ATI principles to guide the decarceration of K6G and CRDF.





# GENDER RESPONSIVE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In FY 2023-2024, the GRAC has the goal of tracking the implementation of GRAC Report recommendations, to ensure the vision and roadmap laid out by the GRAC Body reaches full implementation. The County must continue to support the leadership of the GRAC to fully implement gender justice and decarceration.

## THE NEED FOR MORE COMPLETE DATA HIGHLIGHTING THE LIVED EXPERIENCES OF PEOPLE OF TRANS, GENDER NON-CONFORMING AND INTERSEX EXPERIENCE:

A key recommendation uplifted from the GRAC Data Ad Hoc Committee was to provide better visibility for TGI+ and LGB+ people that experience incarceration, so that accurate numbers can paint a picture of the extent of the harms of incarceration on TGI+ and LGB+ people.

Specifically, the GRAC Report notes that the Board must do more to report data to VERA and other parties doing data analysis to better track who is in K6G and how long they are being incarcerated there for. It reads:

*Issue: The data published by LASD includes the number of people incarcerated at CRDF and breaks down key data points by 'males/females.' However, it does not include the K6G units.*

*Recommendation: The Board should direct LASD to publish daily information of the number of people in the K6G units. In the longer term, the Board should encourage LASD to provide more cross-cutting daily data in line with the ATI recommendations and the Board's January 26, 2021 motion<sup>84</sup> on expanding and standardizing sexual orientation and gender identity (SOGI) data collection. These efforts would allow the county, GRAC, and public to track decarceration progress.*

The report further reads that:

*Regular information and data sharing can help system actors divert women and LGBTQ+ people faster and more effectively; it also can allow the county to resource efforts to drive down racial disparities.*

This call could not be more clear; gender justice advocates have named the imperative for accurate gender justice data at the County level and the state level, so as to provide appropriate gender justice services at both levels. In the words of gender justice advocates from TransLatin@ Coalition, "TGI+ people require investment; NOT making that investment makes paying for appropriate resources for TGI+ communities MORE costly in the long-run." In other words, accurate numbers must be captured for how many TGI+

84 LA County Board of Supervisors. (2021, January 21). Supervisors Sheila Kuehl and Holly J Mitchell. Expansion and Standardization of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Data Collection in Los Angeles County. Motion. <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/153208.pdf>



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people are incarcerated, so that other budget investment asks can be met.

The California TGI Policy alliance has made budget requests at the State level. LA County must ensure that sufficient resources for TGI+ people are provided in our County, and can do so by advocating for these budget requests at the State and matching these budget requests in lieu of adequate State funding. Below are the State level asks:

## A. FUNDING RE-ENTRY AND GENDER JUSTICE

In addition to the depopulation and decarceration policies, it is imperative for the County to fund community-based and TGI led reentry programs and services for TGI populations, who aside from being overrepresented in County jails and cages, find themselves double system-impacted as Black and communities of color who make up the majority of the TGI population behind bars. TGI people are criminalized for who they are and put in jail, prison or immigration detention. 21% of transgender women (one in five) have spent time in prison or jail, compared to only 5% of all U.S.<sup>85</sup> When released from these facilities, TGI individuals face high levels of discrimination while trying to access the supportive services that will help us reintegrate ourselves into society.

This recidivism process is generated because of the societal conditions experienced, putting TGI folks at risk for economic insecurity, homelessness and reliance on continuous survival in underground economies, further adding to the criminalization and incarceration of TGI people across California. These issues, primarily impact transgender women of color (TWOC) who make the vast population of incarcerated TGI people in California, that is why it is imperative to address these issues by allocating the necessary funds to support the lives of TGI people in California who have experienced any type of incarceration and as they are trying to reintegrate themselves into our society. The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR), reported that 1,129 of incarcerated people, or just over 1% of the state's prison population have identified themselves as trans, intersex, or nonbinary.<sup>86</sup> We anticipate that at least 60% of these individuals will be released in the next three years and we want to ensure that they receive the support and services that they deserve. Below is a justification and budget allocation per year of the services needed by TGI people released from incarceration.

## A. HOUSING PROGRAMS

Budget Request: \$8,000,000: Housing is one of the primary needs of any person being released from any type of incarceration since formerly incarcerated people are almost 10 times more likely to be homeless than the general public.<sup>87</sup> We recommend eight million dollars to be allocated

<sup>85</sup> Movement Advancement Project and Center for American Progress. May 2016. Unjust: How the Broken Criminal Justice System Fails Transgender People. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.lgbtmap.org/policy-and-issue-analysis/criminal-justice-trans>.<https://www.lgbtmap.org/policy-and-issue-analysis/criminal-justice-trans>

<sup>86</sup> LA Times. (2021, April 5) California prisons grapple with hundreds of transgender inmates requesting new housing. Leila Miller. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-04-05/california-prisons-consider-gender-identity-housing-requests>

<sup>87</sup> Prison Policy Initiative. (2018, August). Nowhere to Go: Homelessness among formerly incarcerated people. Lucius Couloute. Retrieved May 10, 2023 from <https://www.prisonpolicy.org/reports/housing.html>

across the state to fund housing programs that are specifically designed to support housing opportunities for TGI people. Programs should include: emergency and transitional housing with a path to permanent housing. The recommended programs must be directly targeted to support TGI reentry populations given priority to CBOs who's populations they serve are at least 65% TGI identified people<sup>88</sup>.

### C. **WORKFORCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

Budget Request: \$7,000,000: TGI people face continuous discrimination when trying to access employment and are often harassed and denied opportunities while employed even after the passing of SB 396, due to the lack of access, discrimination, and implementation. The 2015 United States Transgender Survey states that 27% of trans people who held or applied for a job during that year—19% of all respondents—reported being fired, denied a promotion, or not being hired for a job they applied for because of their gender identity or expression.<sup>89</sup> For individuals being released from incarceration the discrimination is compounded. That is why it is important to design workforce development programs and economic opportunities for ex-incarcerated TGI people. The recommended programs must be directly targeted to support TGI reentry populations given priority to CBOs who's populations they serve are at least 65% TGI identified people<sup>90</sup>.

### D. **HEALTH, SOCIAL HEALTH, AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Budget Request: \$10,000,000: TGI people continue to lack access to social, health and human services. For TGI people who are leaving incarceration and trying to reintegrate into society this is much more difficult as sexual assault is 13 times more prevalent among transgender inmates, with 59% reporting being sexually assaulted while in a California correctional facility adding to ongoing mental and physical trauma<sup>91</sup>. Supported services that include health, mental, spiritual, the arts and social services are critical to support the reintegration of TGI people who have been incarcerated. That is why we recommend a comprehensive approach to better support the livelihood of TGI people and address the health, social and human services needs of TGI people.

## GENDER JUSTICE INVESTMENTS INTO THE FUTURE

It is imperative that LA County Invest in the decarceration of CRDF and K6G with a lens for how to help Black, Latine and Indigenous TGI+ and LGB+ communities thrive *this budget cycle*. Further, it is critical that LA County advocate to the state to fully invest in TGI+ communities.

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**PROPOSAL 7: COMMIT TO BUILDING THE CARE FIRST VISION THROUGH AUTHENTIC  
COMMUNITY COLLABORATION, POWER SHARING AND PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING TO  
ENSURE CONSISTENT EQUITABLE INVESTMENT.****WHAT IS THE CARE FIRST BUDGET SURVEY?:**

Over the past several years, Angelenos have consistently called for investments in systems of care rather than systems of harm and punishment. Whether at the ballot box with a resounding win for Measure J, in packed zoom rooms for meetings of the Board of Supervisors, or in active participation in Care First Community Investment Town Halls and listening sessions, the people of LA County have made it clear that they want to see the Care First Vision realized. However, the County's willingness to fund a budget consistent with its stated values in support of its existing plans and reports—and responsive to the desires of its constituents— remains less clear.

The RELA Coalition remains committed to amplifying those calls and conducted a survey to identify community concerns and priorities. The results of the survey are reflected in the demands and recommendations included in this report.

**SURVEY RESPONDENT DATA:**

A total of 936 respondents completed the survey in calendar year quarter one of 2023. In addition to contextual variables including demographics, housing, and lived experience with the criminal legal system, survey respondents were asked to rank budget priorities as well as make investment recommendations for community resources and government agencies.

Survey respondents ranked nine budget priorities, and these rankings were averaged with lower scores indicating higher preference. Overall, housing security was ranked the highest priority (score=1.6), followed by food security (score=3.1), and public health and healthcare (score=3.4).

Survey respondents also made investment recommendations for nineteen community resources and government agencies on a 5-item scale including maximum investment, moderate investment, minimum investment, no investment and divestment. Responses were scored (maximum investment=1 and divestment=5), averaged, and ranked. When necessary, tied scores were broken by a statistical measure of agreement among survey respondents (i.e. standard deviation). Mental health and wellness was ranked the highest investment priority (score=1.22, 83% recommend maximum investment), followed by affordable housing (score=1.29, 78% recommend maximum investment) and community care workers (score=1.41, 68% recommend maximum investment). In contrast, the lowest investment priority was the Sheriff's Department (score=4.35, 70% recommend divest), after incarceration (score=4.19, 65% recommend divest) and the probation department (score=3.87, 46% recommend divest).

This data clearly reflects that Angelenos want to invest in a care first vision, and do not want to invest in law enforcement.

## OTHER BUDGET COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT DEMANDS

In addition to the survey data, the community has collated other demands that will improve the budgeting process so that it is more equitable, transparent, and accessible for community input.

Specifically, to ensure Los Angeles County is able to realize the dream of a care first, jails last vision, the County needs to prioritize and give power to community needs and voices. Communities experiencing high disparities and negatively impacted by the carceral infrastructure must be prioritized for input. Not only should the needs and voices of BIPOC, low-income, immigrant, unhoused, and other marginalized be heard, but funding also needs to follow the needs and concerns of these communities. In order to do that, the budget process must be improved to allow for accessibility and community input.

### **A. RESTRUCTURING THE BUDGET PROCESS:**

As it stands, the budget process allows for little community engagement or accessibility. Communities have few avenues for influencing the budget or getting their demands heard in a way that impacts the final budget outcome. In mid-April the Recommended Budget is released and presented to the Board of Supervisors by the Chief Executive Officer. By this time, department heads, budget deputies from BOS offices, and the CEO's office have been developing the budgets for months. Much of this process is done without valuable community insight being solicited. Even when some department heads or BOS offices conduct community engagement to help develop their budget requests, this community engagement is not done consistently across departments within the County. Further, all too often, little is done to include an equity lens in these processes.

After the Recommended Budget is released to the public and presented on by the CEO, there are several public budget hearings that community members can attend to have their voices heard. These hearings are limited, especially in comparison to the months of deep review. Departments have the opportunity to do prior to mid-April.

Furthermore, having real impact in making significant changes to the budget between mid-April and when the budget is adopted in June is unlikely. Making matters more complicated, county budgets are not easy for community members without a public finance background to read and understand. All of this results in a heavy burden placed on communities to even have their local officials hear, let alone enact, their demands. Thus, the way the budget process is currently set up, it is a hardship for communities to meaningfully participate. The county must enact more progressive and engaging modes of moving through the budget process, like using participatory budgeting principles and authentic community engagement throughout the budget process. Further, the county can also use data-driven tactics that prioritize high-needs areas that are facing complex challenges for support on previously intractable issues.



# PROPOSAL 7: PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING

## B. BREAKING THROUGH EXISTING NARRATIVES AND STRUCTURES IN PLACE:

There is significant power behind the carceral status quo, both in the public imagination, and in the capital infrastructure and human capital investments that the county has made year after year. It is not hard to understand that people want to be safe in their homes and in their communities. Yet, the way our carceral system is set up does not ensure safety; in fact, the LA County jail and LASD sheriff patrol system creates safety risks for most of the community members they come in contact with. Despite this fact, the media and popular culture have bombarded us with ideas that only police can provide safety. Not only are pro-law enforcement narratives strong, but their impact on cultural consciousness – and resulting government budget allocations – are too. The county must invest in narrative shifts to communicate to the general public about the success of programs like the Office of Diversion and Reentry Jail-Based Diversion and Harm Reduction programs, and youth development programs, rather than allowing status quo copaganda to dominate the popular imagination.

## C. EQUITY NEEDS:

In order to prioritize equity through racial, geographic, gender, and sexuality lenses in alignment with the County's stated values, budget investments must reach the communities and neighborhoods with the highest need. The RELA Coalition and the County identified eight neighborhoods in need of prioritization through the ATI Work Group community engagement process, which were selected based on data from Million Dollar Hoods<sup>92</sup> and The Advancement Project (now Catalyst California)<sup>93</sup>. Specific data on youth in these select neighborhoods was provided by the USC Center for Social Innovation, using their Neighborhood Data for Social Change<sup>94</sup> tool to confirm that these neighborhoods must also be prioritized for young people. The eight prioritized neighborhoods are Compton, East LA, El Monte, Long Beach, Lancaster, Pacoima, Pomona, and South LA.

**IF THE COUNTY CAN FIGURE OUT HOW TO ALIGN SPENDING WITH THE HIGHEST NEEDS IN THESE AREAS, GENERATIONAL DISCRIMINATION DIVESTMENT CAN BE RECONCILED THROUGH A LONG TERM PROCESS OF RE-INVESTMENT.**

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# CONCLUSION

Budgets are a clear statement of our values. Los Angeles County's budget reflects an over investment in systems of harm and serves as an indication of the County's values and leadership. Annually we see the County spends billions of dollars on policing, surveillance, prosecution, and incarceration, while making minimum investments into the systems of care that heal our communities from the harm that has been done throughout history.

For decades, community members and community-based coalitions have pushed the County to shift spending away from the prison industrial complex and into other services which is a true desire for many Los Angeles residents. Community members have provided proven road maps to the County written by directly impacted advocates, and informed by lived experience. While verbal commitments have been made for some time, it is clear that concrete action to realize a care-first vision for LA County has not occurred in a substantial way. Harmful intuitions like Men's Central Jail remain open and the County is prioritizing current systems that have historically criminalized vulnerable Black, Brown, Indigenous and LGBTQIA+, low-income communities, and other communities of color.

Not only must ATI be fully funded, but it must be LA County's top priority. The County must align the budget with a Care First vision and fully investment in CFCI investment and reductions in the Sheriff and Probation budgets, as well as commensurate care first alignment of AB109<sup>95</sup> and Care First spending related to the recommendations of the Gender Responsive Advisory Committee (GRAC) report<sup>96</sup>. The County MUST Close Men's Central Jail (MCJ) by March 2025 by reducing the jail population to less than 8,500 people.

To align the budget with the County's priority to close MCJ, we demand the immediate allocation of \$275 million to fund 3,600 mental-health treatment beds. Finally, the County must also cut the pretrial population to less than 1,000 people, using a decentralized system of care and without the probation department. Funding a supportive pretrial services system independent from the probation department will support the decarceration of the over 50% of people inside of LA County jails incarcerated at the pretrial phase of the criminal legal process.

As is true every year, the Board of Supervisors has an opportunity and a responsibility to effect social transformation through budgetary accountability. Rather than perpetuate an inequitable, unjust status quo, the Board must actively and urgently pursue its Care First Vision to build a future where all communities have the resources and opportunities needed to thrive.

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# CONCLUSION

**WE URGE THE BOARD TO ADOPT THE PROPOSALS IN THIS REPORT AND WORK WITH THE COUNTY CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE TO AMEND THE RECOMMENDED BUDGET IN ALIGNMENT WITH A CARE FIRST VISION DURING THIS AND SUBSEQUENT BUDGET CYCLES.**

**THE REIMAGINE LA COALITION REMAINS COMMITTED TO PARTNERSHIP WITH THE COUNTY TO MAKE THE CARE FIRST VISION A REALITY. TO DISCUSS THE RECOMMENDATIONS IN THIS REPORT IN MORE DETAIL, PLEASE CONTACT US AT [INFO@REIMAGINE.LA](mailto:info@reimagine.la)**





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# **CARE FIRST** **BUDGET REPORT**

LA County Budget 2023-2024 Analysis

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Dear Board of Supervisors,

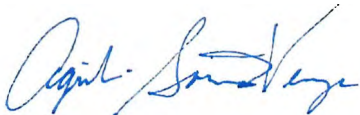
My name is Aquilina Soriano Versoza and my ZIP code is 91103. I am sending this email today to support the work of Immigrants Are LA to make sure immigrants are included in the county's budget. The budget overall does have a lot of inclusion of immigrants, and this is great, but there are still a few critical areas that need more attention. I support IRLA's 2023-24 agenda, which focuses on funding housing, legal services, and Internet access for my immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this county's population.

I urge my supervisor to support the budget priorities that IRLA has presented in its letter that still need more investment, including:

- End rules in housing programs that exclude residents due to their immigration status, especially those funded by measure H.
- Allocate \$12 million in 2023 for Represent LA, the program to provide legal services for county residents facing deportation, to fund it properly.
- Dedicate \$2 million for digital navigators in other languages to help immigrants, especially older residents, learn how to use the Internet.

I believe in these priorities, and I urge my supervisor to support them. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Aurora Andalajao and my ZIP code is 90068. I am sending this email today to support the work of Immigrants Are LA to make sure immigrants are included in the county's budget. I support IRLA's 2023-24 agenda, which focuses on funding housing, legal services, and Internet access for my immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this county's population.

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Sincerely,

Aurora Andalajao



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Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ma. Angelica Macarilay and my ZIP code is 90015. I am sending this email today to support the work of Immigrants Are LA to make sure immigrants are included in the county's budget. I support IRLA's 2023-24 agenda, which focuses on funding housing, legal services, and Internet access for my immigrant neighbors who make up more than a third of this county's population.

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