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M **Maya Daniels They/Them | TransLatin@ Coalition** 2:29
I can't hear nothing.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 4:03
We should be OK, OK.
My mic is now on. If anyone could put in the chat if they can hear me now.
Thumbs up if you can hear us. OK, great.
Got a few I can hear. OK then.
I'll just keep talking and we'll sort it out when other folks are speaking after.
So for folks who didn't hear, I'll just start at the beginning with this. So as you might already be aware, LA County established the anti displacement Commercial Acquisition fund called the CAF for short.
It was first piloted after a board motion in 2021 and then formally established with another motion in 2022, and fundamentally the calf was created as part of the county's broader economic mobility initiative to support small businesses to stay. And thrive in their communities as an anti displacement strategy and to support burgeoning entrepreneurs.
The CAF provides funding to community based organizations to purchase commercial properties in the communities where they work day in, day out. That allows community based organizations to take vacant and underutilized properties along commercial corridors off the speculative marketplace. To stabilize rents and also to redevelop them to create perpetually affordable space for local small business owners and entrepreneurs.
The Caaf is administered by Genesys Laaa Community Development Finance Institution and it was set up with an initial \$10 million allocation by the county of ARPA. Funding to go towards forgivable loans to community organizations. That first investment in the CAF has supported 7 property acquisitions that are either final or are underway.

We'll just show the examples in the second district in our district for quickly.
One example the CAF provided funding to community coalition community based organization in the Westmont W Athens community in unincorporated La County in the 2nd district.

Along the Vermont Commercial Corridor to purchase this building.

Here on the slide, it was previously a Salvation Army building that had been sitting vacant and was fenced off and community coalition is working on development plans now, potentially including space for local food vendors and food related small businesses.

Yeah.

\$50 million no. So city of LA.

It was a.

It's a it was across the county in every every district has an acquisition.

DEOI think is on the call, but it was not restricted to the unincorporated area.

Do we have a breakdown about 10 million was set?

I I would defer to DL on that, but I believe there were what was at least one acquisition in each district.

LL **Leila Lee** 7:00

Yes, I'm here.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 7:04

Yes, mm hmm and sorry, the reason that we're bringing it to this cluster is because economic development Policy Committee is not one of the original clusters.

LL **Leila Lee** 7:08

Crack.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 7:11

So we cannot bring it there.

Great private.

Sorry, keep going. The second one. Just in the 2nd district.

Is on Crenshaw on your destination Crenshaw and will likely be occupied by a local restaurant.

Play play.

Layla.

Sorry this is the downfall of three you guys are. Do you wanna answer that Layla?

LL **Leila Lee** 7:35

Yeah, I'm here. Hi everyone.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 7:40

If you don't know she's.

LL **Leila Lee** 7:40

Sure is.

It is it a distribution among the different districts, correct? Correct.

Is that the question?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 7:45

I believe destiny turned figuring that out.

They were the nonprofit partner Layla. I see Layla, but she looks frozen. Yeah.

LL **Leila Lee** 7:56

Sorry, what was the question?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 7:57

OK.

LL **Leila Lee** 7:57

Can you hear me?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 7:57

Perfect if you're able to put it in the chat, great.

LL **Leila Lee** 7:58

Can you hear me?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 8:00

If not, we'll circle back.

So building on the success of the initial investments of the CAF, there's still of course tremendous need to support our small businesses, rising rents, increasing costs and in many communities development pressures continue and increase due to speculative development and gentrification.

And that's where this motion comes. We all know that businesses like don't survive in isolation.

Of course they need foot traffic from nearby residents.

They need neighbor neighboring small businesses to drop.

People in and so this motion by Supervisor Mitchell really expands the calf's ability to support small businesses by expanding the eligible uses to include mixed-use development and affordable housing development on commercial corridors to support really comprehensive community development and help foster vibrant ecosystems where small bus.

Can thrive.

I'll quickly go through the directives. The 1st is finding sequa exemption that it does not mean the definition of a project.

Also, a directive that finds that expanding the calf meat social need in line with government code 26227 and the Third Directive really focuses on allocating the funding for the expansion.

So there are two different types of funding allocated.

The first is \$2,000,000 of unprogrammed funding from the manufacturing revolving loan fund and that \$2,000,000 would be available to support acquisitions across.

All 5 districts.

Additionally, the second district is allocating some additional discretionary funding of the 2nd districts to support acquisitions in the second district, and that includes 700,000 in second district catalytic development dollars, 600,000 in the second district allocation of unincorporated user tax revenue and then up to.

1.5 million of Economic Development Administration.

Funding is allocated to the second district.

And other districts would be welcome to allocate discretionary funding to the calf to support acquisitions in their district as well.

The last directives direct EO to transfer funds to Genesis LA, the administrator of the Commercial Acquisition Fund program.

It also asked for a report back from DO on implementation of this original \$10

million investment and then a final directive instructing do to execute an agreement with Genesys LA for the expanded CAF program.

O **Oscar** 10:43
Council.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 10:45
Before opening for discussion, just to give you a sense of where we're headed, obviously we're here today for discussion and then this is on the agenda for the April first Board of Supervisors meeting.
And we'll open it up.
Thank you.
Any questions from the deputies?
And I think something in the chat.
Council has instructed us not to.
Take any comments. Just kidding, OK?
We will take questions from the deputies.
Can I have a question about 'cause we?
It was originally a currently a 10 million with a project in each of the districts with varying amount between one and 2 million.
So I see here he has 2.8.
That's for every two specifically, and then two million across the across the county.
So are you contemplating like, what, a year? They will be forgivable. Loans will be allocated by SD.
Or would it be whatever project is most right for the cast?
Or what would be the?
For the manufacturing involving loan fund money, I yes, yeah. I mean I think we were assuming that we divided.
We divided by 5.
I know that.
That's probably not the.
Unless anyone here has a better scenario for that.
Because there's \$2,000,000.
We we were assuming that each district would get \$400,000.
1st is that wait, am I correct in that math $4 * 5$ is 20?

Yes, yeah, \$400,000.

Which is why we needed to leverage our additional funding.

And I think that we feel like it's so important because as everyone knows, the speculative real estate market moves quickly. So we can't like wait until we.

Have a a crisis to have the money available to then come up with this to then be able to spend the money to acquire property to prevent it from going to like a corporate developer.

So we decided that this should be Portland, especially because there there are a lot of underutilized properties and are unincorporated area that we decided it was important enough that we were gonna put in our economic development discretionary money just to leverage the \$400,000 and quite.

Frankly, the the manufacturing revolving loan fund hasn't been used since like 2018-2019.

No one's.

It's been sitting there.

And it has not revolved and I, no offense, Leila, but you know, we would rather have the money be utilized.

Is there further balance in the manufacturing world than I guess the DEA question?

LL **Leila Lee** 13:15

Yeah, right now, after Selecta did, can you hear me?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 13:19

But if you unmute.

LL **Leila Lee** 13:20

Can you hear me?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 13:22

Maybe turn her up on your computer. OK, let's see.

LL **Leila Lee** 13:27

Can you hear me?

Can you hear me now?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 13:28

Yeah, we can hear.

Yeah. Yeah. Tell us.

We can hear you, yes.

LL **Leila Lee** 13:33

Sorry, can you hear me now?

Oh great.

OK, so so in total, you know we have 5.9 million that was transferred from Lacta back in 2022 and from that 2 million was set aside for Blue CLT a a project within SD2.

So after we take admin and everything else aside right now, we have around 2.289 million roughly.

And removing the two million will will bring it down to 289,000.

You know the balance for the.

For this loan program.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 14:11

Sorry, can you elaborate why that amount hasn't been utilized like it's been, I think sitting as as you mentioned, can you can you provide for that?

I mean, I have an opinion get that.

Layla. Layla, can you?

Can you tell them why your loan funds haven't been revolving?

LL **Leila Lee** 14:29

Sorry.

Sure. So we just hire somebody to take over our loan portfolio. You know, maybe like a couple of months ago, we are in the process right now of drafting a RFP to go out.

We've been having conversations with different, you know, companies. I think what we're looking for.

Is maybe having three different TPA providers that will do a lot of the loan processing as well as the loan, you know underwriting and collections?

In addition to that, we are in the process of hiring 2 positions.

Chance just to focus completely on loans and grants in our department.

So it's just taking a time, you know, a little bit of time to kind of hire all the all the the

right people to be in place to do this.

And I think it's important to also note you know, just as a side note, I think there is some.

You know, interest in using the manufacturing loan for also other industry clusters and and you know manufacturing related.

Industries.

So should this be removed?

You know, we highly recommend that it be replenished at some point in the future.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 15:45

That works with many generators you see.

You want. I mean, I can answer that.

I mean, if you sure the department answers it, but magical tree isn't going to be refunded.

So the whole intent of all of the economic development trust funds when they were originally established, and I believe that they were established.

Around 20/15/2016 was that they they were going to be replenished, but first of all, I just want to note that when the money was sent over from Lacta to DEO in the creation of the new department.

The loan servicing officers were not sent over and DO was not just sent manufacturing evaluations or several different different funds that they have.

The thought was that redevelopment asset sales would which go into the general Fund, would replenish the Catalytic Development Fund, the manufacturing revolving loan fund, etc.

When that money was transferred and if anyone was from Cos here and wants to weigh in.

But when that money was transferred over from CEO, my understanding is that it was not transferred over with that replenishment.

Agreement because the redevelopment asset sales are going into the general fund per the CE OS direction and the Economic Development Unit is no longer in the CEO. So it will require an additional motion.

Is my understanding.

But, Layla, I mean, feel free.

LL **Leila Lee** 17:10

Reuse this funds.

Would it require an additional motion?

Is that why you're you're saying is that the question?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 17:18

If we wanted to replenish any of these funds that have been transferred over to DEO.

LL **Leila Lee** 17:24

Yeah, it would have required different motion, correct?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 17:30

Perfect questions.

Well, it sounds like the main reason why it has they haven't been utilizing the path has been due to a lack of staff and you have like specific plans for utilizing this 2 million like can you provide more detail in terms of what other maybe programs or project?

LL **Leila Lee** 17:39

OK.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 17:46

You were hoping to fund?

With this money.

LL **Leila Lee** 17:50

Yeah. And I can tell I can share that. We've been working with the auditor controller to to kind of.

The the manufacturing loan itself.

The program wasn't as successful when it did launch. I think there were some.

I think there were some prerequisites that made it a little bit harder for people to for manufacturing businesses to apply and and qualify.

So what we're doing right now at this at this moment is kind of going over the guidelines and we hope to reintroduce those guidelines to you for your approval.

To make it a more robust program in the future.

But we do have other to your question as well I we do have other programs that

we're working through in terms of loan programs. You know everything from. You know, revolving loans specific to procurement. We're we're working through an employee ownership revolving loan. So there's some other ones as well that you know can can kind of be supplemented. Should we want to continue to provide like loans, but for manufacturing itself, this would be the the pot of money that we're using.

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 19:01

Joseph LA is a socialist competitive bid master agreement.

How do we?

I believe.

EO.

Did we have a dub recipient agreement with them?

LL **Leila Lee** 19:16

Sorry, I can't hear really well. So a recipient agreement with whom?

AC **Angius, Carolyn** 19:20

Maral's asking how we decided on Genesis LA and I believe that they originally were called upon to administer the CAF because it was a sub recipient agreement under ARP.

Am I making that up?

LL **Leila Lee** 19:31

No, it is correct.

I wasn't here back then, but however I know they were involved with blue CLT.

And and I think and I think KAF kind of was kind of born out of the, you know that program.

And so.

Engage can get through it.

It was the sole source made during our, you know, as a result of ARPA funding and I don't know if I know.

I know my team is also here.

Who was here back then?

I don't know, Evelina, if you have more more context on why Genesis, la, how they were chosen?

BT Behnaz Tashakorian 20:04

Hi, this is Nazi Tasha Korean with County Council.

I was involved at that time and is through ARP American Rescue plan funds and that was a sub recipient program.

They were a sub recipient of the county.

AC Angius, Carolyn 20:17

Essentially it was.

You guys were moving in a steep.

BT Behnaz Tashakorian 20:20

It's not really a sole source because a sub recipient is one where they are pass through entity.

So we would provide the funds to Genesys LA as a sub recipient and then as a sub recipient they would then.

Have to follow the solicitation process under ARP and they would have to get the grantees to find the grantees to release the funds.

So they're more of a pass through entity.

AC Angius, Carolyn 20:45

Noswood is there only one cdfi in a sub recipient agreement and all of the ARP funds.

BT Behnaz Tashakorian 20:54

Program. There was one that was the Genesis. La was for this art program, the Commercial acquisition program.

AC Angius, Carolyn 20:59

But yeah, arcs.

And we see the other cdfis have have also received some recipient agreements, correct.

BT Behnaz Tashakorian 21:06

Correct, yes. There's others like inclusive accident.

LL Leila Lee 21:09

Yeah, correct.

Like the industry we use for the grants we use pays for the holiday grants as well.

AC Angius, Carolyn 21:12

Yeah, correct.

LL Leila Lee 21:13

So we've been using several CDF is, IAC is also cdfi, you know inclusive action.

BT Behnaz Tashakorian 21:17

Correct.

LL Leila Lee 21:19

So yeah, there are many CF is that we've been using through ARPA.

AC Angius, Carolyn 21:27

And then is there any partnership with public private partnerships to continue parallel process with the fires?

I'm just curious to see if there's like any not to step in the district's lien, but is there an opportunity for some of the funding that we've gotten to fire?

As selling things and I see that.

But like you know, Antonio duplicating this and helping.

Our I think we're like very open to that. I will say that just for the one acquisition that we did.

In our district with the Commercial acquisition fund, Wells Fargo put in 500,000.

That was not just the county purchasing it.

So I think the entire intent of the county putting in some money is to show that that the county has invested.

There's some source in coming from the county to attract additional investors because we know their real estate costs are very expensive. So we've actually met

with a variety of philanthropic and private sector partners to see if they want to fund, help us fund additional acquisitions on our Commer.

Corridors.

In terms of fire, I defer to the third and the 5th, but I think we're very open to that and it was your office leading that.

That's with the burnout of our decisions. I mean, to date, it's really been our to be candid.

Yeah. I mean, I think I, I'm sure everyone's leading with philanthropic organizations in their district.

For what's important to them, but when with leveraging this money, maybe you all talk to philanthropy, I don't know, but we we certainly have. Yeah.

No questions from the deputies.

But I wanted to wait till the end.

And I apologize.

I'm gonna kind of go page by page because it's a little easier for me.

So if I don't need to read of the motion, OK.

In the paragraph it talks about.

The catalog admission driven developers purchase commercial residential properties, ensuring that redevelopment aligns with community and wondering who determines what the community entrance are.

I think are you referring to the precedent that cited?

Yes, in from Hennepin County.

Yeah. It's like maybe like 10 lines down, yeah.

I mean, I think that that's a case by case basis, right?

Like I know that Genesis came up with like an equity based scoring criteria for the original set of projects that applied to use the CAF.

We our office, is certainly very invested in doing community engagement before, during and after acquisition.

And I think that we could flush that out in any sort of amendments.

So the guidelines, if you don't feel like the current guidelines are sufficient, yeah. I'm just wondering, you know, like all of us, our bosses are, you know, at all the town council, sure, city councils, etc.

And as this talks about it could, it could be construed that we could purchase property on a commercial corridor and convert it into low income housing or homeless housing as it says like stable housing.

And I know there's been a lot of concerns in our district about.

That kind of stuff.

And so that's why I'm wondering, is it genesis that confirms what the best use for project is in Arcadia or Lancaster? You know, like that's what I'm trying to find out is like, where is the?

In that.

I mean, I I honestly back to my original answer, I think that would be a case by case basis, but I don't.

I do not see this as a program of Genesis would be making that determination.

I would see it as driven by the board's engagement with the community in concert with DEO.

Stop.

When each individual upload.

S.

I mean, unless I think we're open to feedback, that's why we're here. Right? Like open? Yeah.

Supervisors. Yeah, they're cool.

Rip and not cool.

Rip 'cause. I saw that I thought, Oh my gosh, this paragraph is really gonna give a lot of people a heart attack because they're gonna read it that way, and that might not be the intention. But that to me that I kind of thought, oh, our goodness, I.

Gonna get a lot of phone calls.

OK.

Well, we can.

Yeah, I know.

I mean, that's why we're here, right?

We're very open to feedback. I appreciate that.

Yeah, I have the same question as well, Dennis versus other cdfis.

And it sounds like there are other cdfis that could also be eligible, but in this case your office has told them to go with, Jen says.

Well, I think that for economies of scale and efficiency, right?

Like they have a long history of doing this, they're doing that.

We actually, you know, worked with them first because they they were one of the partners in the community on real estate project. That's actually happening in the first that happened.

In the first district saw the model there.

We know that they've been willing to do deals that are somewhat unconventional, have felt like they move very nimbly with respect to the first CAF and so wanted to expand it within like the current partners that we have.

I think it's not like, you know, there's any secret to to why we have done, yeah.

For 3B, it asks about moving the MDA, the federal life law funds from Lafayette. Into this fund. But when we talk to lecta, it sounded like that was not OK under federal laws.

We have an answer yet on that if that's actually doable. Yeah, we're talking a lot of this afternoon, and if it's not feasible, we'll delete it, yeah.

List my thoughts.

Didn't say look into it.

I kind of just said Juliet, and I thought, oh, we've been doing that and it's not actually totally OK.

Don't have some issues.

Yep, those are my questions.

I know I'm not so sure.

Yeah. And I mean, we welcome feedback obviously.

So I don't know if there's other people or members of the public or departments that want to give feedback.

I.

I don't how you want to do public comment. That would be public comment if you're asking if you wanted to promotion or at the end of all formations.

Monica, I would like to do it at the end of the board motions.

Great. It sounds like no other questions from the board, deputies.

So thank you for presenting this and sending the slides in advance.

GW Gomez, Wendy 29:14

All right. Does that work?

Does that work?

Can people online hear me?

Can I just?

Thumbs up or I have not yet. OK, great. Awesome.

All right.

Well, hi everyone.

My name is Wendy Gomez.

I'm the community development SD2 working closely with Carolyn Terosis on her team on workforce and economic development, also on the housing team, but not particularly pertinent in this conversation.

We will be talking through.

Through emotion on preventing human trafficking in the wake of natural disasters, particularly in the wake of the fires, I think many of you.

Have seen sort of the press conference or advocacy around it and so just want to thank folks today who are online and have been advocating for this or in the room and also our department heads and partners, particularly Dcba who is the primary lead in this motion so.

I'll just go ahead and.

Whoops.

There we go.

It's weird because it's in presenter mode on your screen.

Yeah, I don't know.

No, I think I was sharing.

Let me try again.

Sorry guys.

See this.

Oh, wait, hold on, I think I.

Thank you.

And so before we really get into the directives, really want to start with the why?

We know nationally that after natural disasters occur, particularly in this case, such fires folks are displaced from their homes or displaced from their jobs.

They face particular economic vulnerabilities in which traffickers target not just, you know, the loss.

Of homes and jobs, but also the loss of social networks, the loss of entire communities in general, and so traffickers really targeting displaced individuals and really preying on their economic circumstances and hardships, often offering coercive employment sort of low wage employment, promising jobs that are not there, prom.

Housing.

With jobs that is not there not adequate.

And so.

What we've seen from certain studies, particularly a study in 2024 that found that 30% of workers engage in post disaster recovery, particularly construction efforts, have experienced labor trafficking.

We've also sort of seen nationally that the three sectors that are most targeted after a natural disaster are domestic work construction efforts and agriculture on the national scale. And I think construction work and domestic work being.

Of particular interest in the LA area.

So the motion has six directives, but it has really three main goals.

So I'll go through those before jumping into the actual directives.

But really, the three goals are to augment resources.

And so really building public awareness around this.

We already have a lot around labor trafficking around sex, labor and sex trafficking.

So human trafficking awareness.

But it's really particular to.

What happens after natural disaster and how those situations can be?

Particular in this situation and so really building public awareness is the first main goal.

The second goal is ensuring our current disaster policies incorporate prevention of human trafficking, so making sure that is embedded since we know that unfortunately this will not be the only disaster that LA ever experiences, and so we don't want to be reactive every time, but making sure that.

Our systems and operations really are working.

For the most vulnerable in all situations.

When and if this ever happens again.

And the third is really ensuring and strengthening our current procurement policies.

And so we know that as LA County, we are the largest purchaser in the region. And so really ensuring that we as a purchaser, we as an entity are not perpetuating in those practices. And so working closely with ISD to really refine.

And look again at our current procurement policies.

So the first directive again is really what I would say is building and raising awareness and so it directs the director of DCBA to augment existing resources to help prevent human trafficking, particularly through the Office of Labor Equity.

Dcba is already doing a lot of this work and so it's in line with their existing work that's currently going on in the county and it's amplifying.

Know your rights that are specific for human trafficking after natural disasters, the

2nd predicted builds upon that, and I would call it or phrase it as sort of meet the Community where they're at. And so it directs tcba to build on sort of public awareness. Know your rights.

Campaigns and include relevant county departments, existing committees, task force and networks.

What we really want to do here.

Is that we know that there's already.

The ample work going on in this area across the county and so we don't want to reinvent the wheel and create a new working group for the sake of a working group. So really having dcba work with LA regional Human Trafficking Task Force, LA county child trafficking Ste.

Committee, where relevant and also other county departments like DPH DEODPSS. Probation, da sheriff if relevant.

And then also doing so in a culturally.

Competent way and at places where we already know a lot of our county departments are already providing services and awareness such as.

Disaster relief centers.

The Third Point is conducting strategic outreach to employers is sort of how I would categorize it, but it's directing dcba to conduct strategic outreach for prevention, particularly in sectors that we know might.

Be vulnerable or need to have sort of awareness raised so property owners, construction trades, county contractors. We know that labor trafficking won't be the only source that we should be preventing, but is about like 32% after natural disasters of workers who are labor trafficked in that.

Sector. So just being really intentional in who?

We're contacting as well as being strategic with enforcement.

The second set of redirective Subdirective 4 is working with the chief Executives office of Emergency Management to integrate trafficking prevention trainings both into their larger relief efforts, but also into what staff.

How staff are getting trained?

So that response staff are able to know signs of trafficking when they are out in response.

We've seen the Department of Health and Human Services in their toolkits.

They've sort of elevated this as a best practice for natural disasters and preventing human trafficking.

We saw the city of Houston do a lot of this similar work post Harvey.
The 5th the 5th Directive is directing ISD to look at their county contracts.
So we already have.

A.

A county 0 tolerance policy on human trafficking.

And so it's really looking to amplify and see if ISD can amplify that language, strengthen that language and also not just look at our county contractors, but also anyone within their supply chain as well.

And then the 5th Directive is really. We know that.

While all of these are preventive preventative mechanisms, we also know that having access to a good and quality job is as equally.

Equal prevention as the others, and so we want to fill the void of economic instability. We know that being able to amplify and provide a good quality job can help fill that void, and so it directs DEO to identify applicable workforce training and employment programs, including possible partners with expertise, serving this population for folks who might be victims of Labor trafficking.

And that is it. If there are any questions.

Questions from the deputies.

Sorry, here we go.

I guess one of the questions I have that kind of comes up at 3 different times is the resources on funding that would take that would be needed to augment resources for training for public awareness campaigns, etcetera.

There is that money.

Yeah, that's a good question.

We invited Dcva and we have prepped them to be able to answer that question, so I'll let them go ahead and answer.

Thanks to contestant.

Good afternoon, everyone.

Mel Carwale, director of the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs and joining me this morning.

Great. So so this is all activity and work that we're already doing under specific office of administration?

So these are relationships I've worked with have been involving, so the onset of the program, well, this is helping us do is is put a finer point and narrow focus on this particular issue at this particular time given the emergency that has been shared

already, we saw a.

Lot of this and other emergency including the non fires.

Pre and post mostly.

Now we're starting to see some of those issues now as far as the resources were using existing resources, but also because of the the hard work of our team and some of the recovered counties findings that we've been able to recover through some of this activity, right, we.

Able to leverage that to figure out to subsidize this one.

Got it.

So in total you see no insurance, new NCC.

No, but we welcome it. If you want to.

Frequent CC also.

But here we are.

I was wondering if there was any response or feedback on our existing C SSAC or CCLT.

Groups on this motion.

Ctl.

I have the child.

Yeah, we we talked to Michelle yesterday.

You know, she was.

I don't know if she's on the call. Michelle, if you're on the call, feel free to chime in.

She is.

Actually right here.

MG Michelle Guymon 42:03

Yeah, I'm here.

GW Gomez, Wendy 42:06

Oh, unmuted unmuted.

MG Michelle Guymon 42:06

Yeah. Oops.

GW Gomez, Wendy 42:07

Oh, I have to turn up your volume.

I have to six.

Are your speakers on? Yeah, Michele.

MG **Michelle Guymon** 42:15

Can you hear me?

GW **Gomez, Wendy** 42:16

Yeah. Yes.

MG **Michelle Guymon** 42:17

OK.

Yeah. So I had a call with SD2 yesterday to talk about that, just to see where we could be supportive and a couple of things that came up just I let them know that the cilt back in November met with.

CDC BA and they presented the work that they were doing because one of the things that the county wanted us to do is kind of leverage resources.

And so we've already made that connection.

And some of the things that we talked about have, you know, like we've run a lot of campaigns and different things throughout the last 10 years, they've been primarily focused on child sex trafficking.

And so that's something that within the cilt in our strategic plan, they're working to broaden that. I will say that the, the, the focus of our work is really on children.

Impacted by all forms of exploitation.

Not necessarily on the adults.

Side but I do know that through the public health portion that they'll be really focused on a lot of the adult side of of human trafficking. And so because we've already made this connection with the Department of Consumer Business Affairs, we'll continue to support them any way we.

Can.

GW **Gomez, Wendy** 43:31

Another question for you, Michelle, item.

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Key for two BI is aye.

It's page four and it identifies your group work with existing human trafficking

working groups, including LA County file traffic and steering committee.

Dash CTLC to prioritize raising awareness about trafficking.

Is your understanding of the term prioritizing meaning that this would go a glove?

The other work of the child traffic steering to mitigate?

MG **Michelle Guymon** 44:07

Again, that's a part of our year one priorities under the Education and Awareness Subcommittee from the CTLT.

But again it will.

It will really.

It's really just meant to be focused on children impacted and so I think a part of this motion that is coming today is really about a lot of the adult workers that may be exploited through labor in the rebuild. And that's not where our focus is.

GW **Gomez, Wendy** 44:21

Yeah.

OK.

MG **Michelle Guymon** 44:35

But we would.

I'm I'm. I'm sure we could be supportive. Anyway we could.

GW **Gomez, Wendy** 44:41

That's the thing.

That's good feedback.

I think our intent is really to make sure what we didn't want to do is we didn't want to leave existing groups out and so we don't want to, you know, shift Michelle's work and priorities.

We what the intention is, is to have her work with dcba and so we're happy to sort of change that linguistically. It's not a war. It's an yeah. And just to add to that, we shouldn't in the work that we've done in the past, we have seen.

Young children explore the traffic and you've done a lot of work, in particular poultry and nurseries and and different in different industries. But we have seen 131415 being transformed specifically to labor and so that's where the intersection between the work that we've been and I Don.

See this being a priority over this doctor Baldwin is working on bringing those.

Right. So it's not just there's multiple priorities together.

Yeah, OK. It's gonna be on Friday. Those different committees that are doing the work.

It's just kind of dovetailing, right?

Instead of being on two different highways, right?

Yeah.

We're all stuck at traffic.

Bureaucracy. That's.

Right. I appreciate it, Rafael, because I know the supervisor has been concerned about human trafficking, especially in sidewalk funding.

I mean, that's something you really wanted to change in the material.

It's good to know that you know something that you guys are aware of as well in a variety of different fields and that work.

It can.

It really can.

I've toured after being a part of being, and there's quite a few pop up vendors that are selling.

Construction material, uniforms, things like that to.

In many instances, some of those folks labor trafficking as well.

Yeah, we're actually working on a call outreach and person outreach to go talk to folks and connect them with resources information. That's an awareness and where the government here to help. But we're the nice part of the government.

But in a culturally appropriate and affirming way.

I mean, I I just worry about everything that we're seeing with the ice rinks, you know?

So how do we? How is government trusted in this moment?

'Cause like you're saying, we're the nice guys, but like, you're still a.gov.

Yeah, they're all dot go.

So how are we?

How are we brokering and navigating that?

Well, a lot of it is through our partnership.

So we're working with a lot of on the ground Cpos that do allow work in the space like CDC, we have contracts with them.

We're looking to expand other contracts because we know that they have inreach incident populations that we don't for that exact same reason.

But also working with trusted messengers and trusted partners. We just met with the fire department. They see we've received some allegations that folks in.

Remediation, possibly fire or being hurt and are being dropped off at the fire station and they'll they'll help you, but don't tell them how you got hurt.

So we're working with them to provide them information and resources. So let me know how they handle some of those situations if they're not doing information and resources.

Can I just? Oh, God, I just to add, I think one of the best things to expand that work into first responders.

So we're looking to do that as well. Information through the 1st RESPONDINGS to to the folks that maybe need their assistance. And I don't know if you all are familiar with the LA Worker Center network, but that's explicitly why we included them in the motion because we know.

That people are not we.

We talked a lot about this internally.

People are not comfortable with the government right now, especially undocumented folks.

Which is why having that entire network of worker centers that are trusted in their communities, like as a culturally appropriate messenger for this work is important.

Can I ask where the Today as of right now?

Is that been?

Where is the Department of Labor with all of this work?

I know they've been.

They've been active.

We we meet with their department Labor Weekly and also.

The best information information we do have on the best finishings on on this right.

Yes.

There was some language in the motion Carolyn of Idea about either people that were at risk of becoming trafficked or.

Forecasted to become trapped.

What? What does that mean to you?

Kind of.

Better describe them.

Is there a particular section you're looking at? We item Directive 3, execute enforcement pursuant to forecasting and realized labor improvement trap.

Yeah. I mean, I think I'll let DC be a speech to that, but they're obviously doing.

Yeah. I mean, they're they're doing work.

We know generally.

I mean, I don't speak for your work, but you you know where the hot spots are.

You know what's happening in, in different industries, in certain parts of the county.

So I think doing both proactive and reactive enforcement operations, I know you do that.

I mean, with the Office of Laboratory in General.

So I think that's what we were speaking to, but I don't know if they wanted to say anything.

It's essentially leveraging our strategic unfortunate models to do the outreach, education and enforcement activities based on that.

So essentially looking at trends in particular regions and areas and and industries.

Kind of like the old Ltd.

Yeah. I mean, one of the things that we saw for pre pre fires and a lot of activity happening was in the pulp St. industry.

So we were focusing on that prior to that, there was a big push around car washes now in the unincorporated we see a lot of issues with nurseries.

Yeah. So we look at the issues we use a lot of the, the.

Royal week.

Uh, they're the X perceptives.

Do the assessments that we focus on these questions based on?

We also identify issues worker protection issues rather than issues.

In each district, so generally when we do our regulations, when we focus on.

The code but also we work with County Council when they're the companies to combat traffic.

Massage therapy things as well.

Got it.

So it's kind of more industry area versus like a individual look of like maybe Monica looks like she might be trafficking one day but it's.

'Cause I was like, how do you forecast if someone's gonna be trafficked?

And I was kind of unclear about that and I will say like I said at the beginning, we do sort of know nationally what sectors are most vulnerable.

So yeah, it's more industry rather than individuals.

For Directive 5, it talks about accounting, contracting and ensuring that any

contractors are not participating.

Do we have any examples of that that you know of?

I think Lawrence 'cause I'm interested, Lawrence, I don't know if you wanted to say anything.

I I'm not intimately familiar with any enforcement evalu contracts.

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Hello everyone.

So I'm Lawrence Gann, general manager of purchasing and contract services at ISD. For context on the role where the delegated purchasing authority of all commodities and goods as well as we held the office of County Wide Contracting as part of the equity and county wide contracting and so.

In regards specifically to the commitment to 0 tolerance policy on human trafficking that was actually implemented via motion by the county in 2016, that is in.

Two sections within our contract.

Policies #1 is in the RFP for section 6.15 and then also subsequently in the contract itself in section 8.53 for compliance purposes.

So we are not aware currently of any items, but I will say that the context that was provided in disaster relief and recovery, but also the situations that we've seen with Hurricane Harvey that was mentioned, I think it's always good for us to always go back and look.

At the policies and enhancements and things that have changed.

In the environment.

And also the industry but also I will note that I think there's opportunities for us also to strengthen the purchasing policy.

So the person commodity isn't good and I think it was mentioned by SD2 earlier, is the supply chain as well.

So we're not aware of any issues that have occurred, but I will note that the current purchasing policies within the terms and conditions focuses more on the prohibition against use of child labor.

And I think there's opportunities for us to strengthen this policy.

Seattle.

 Gomez, Wendy 53:22

I think it's also.

No, this is not going to be.
Some questions from the Republicans.
Right now.
Thank you very much.
We appreciate it.

GW **Gomez, Wendy** 53:34

Thanks. Appreciate it. Thank you.

HN **Holden, Nick** 54:20

So I'll unmute, I'll unmute here, yeah.

And.

First off, so I don't have a PowerPoint for slides, but this should be pretty straightforward in terms of explaining and walking through what the motion is and the intent.

So the county has a lot of initiatives focused on racial equity, creating a more fair county government.

It's more inclusive, more diverse, but there's not a big focus on the neurocognitive aspects of employment and neurodiversity, which is basically just a concept of.

People think differently, act differently and learn in different ways.

And so really looking at this segment of the population, people who may have disabilities may not always constitute a disability. But looking at, you know, those with autism, ADHD, dyslexia, cerebral palsy, Down syndrome, twice exceptional, the list goes on hearing loss.

And making sure that we can address the structural barriers.

Of the county hiring process that may be keeping them from being employed and all the list of things that kind of go along with this, the motion is completely based on feasibility. So there's not a funding component issue, but more so looking at how we can be more.

Inclusive for neuro diverse employment and making sure that.

We do everything to look at our current system.

And what can be improved and with that 180 day report back, it'll essentially identify, you know, all of the different things that need to be addressed. And then we can go from there.

But but yeah, this motion is essentially looking to destigmatize, you know,

developmental disabilities.

Intellectual disabilities increase awareness around what that may be and identify specific jobs where.

You know, it would create a good fit for people.

To actually come into the county, have a better understanding of different departments, resources, services and and then be able to flourish in their jobs.

So the pilot program is 1 aspect to kind of create a career pathway.

And then there's a few other components to it. Just in terms of assessing accommodations, you know, reasonable accommodations are always.

Currently provided, but looking at what that may constitute, whether lighting or sound or one-on-one training and making sure that those needs can be met, and then also looking at just the resources that would be needed, whether it's telework or in person jobs and any changes that.

We need to be looked at and and then just.

The awareness sourcing applicants, people who would be interested in this.

We knows it on average.

There's, you know, 50,000 kids who graduate high school with autism, and they're gonna be looking for jobs and looking to transition. And so trying to make that as seamless as possible, taking in considerations of benefits as well, not wanting someone to lose their benefits because of employ.

So yeah, this would include.

Department of Human Resources kind of. The lead aging and disabilities too, of course.

Libraries, economic opportunity and and other relevant departments.

But that's the general kind of sense of this motion and direction.

Questions from the deputies on.

Thank you, Monica.

First of all, thank you for Maya's Co-op. If you're really thrilled to see this one come through, not only because of the topic, but.

Also, there's a couple of organizations in the second district that are already doing this work, and I really appreciate the directive on the pilot program that's going to, I believe, SCHR to include some internal and external experts.

I know some of them are a little bit broader, such as Ed Keltney Department of Rehabilitation.

But you know, we can just make sure that those local agencies who have experts can

be tapped in, you know, like the Wiley Foundation. They've been doing a lot of good work on this topic. When I shared the notions and they were so excited.

So I'm thrilled that our office is going to be Co opting.

Good job.

Marina, I I want to say the same and I've been looking at it in item A and I was thinking of a lot of groups. I know that do work in this. In fact, Tierra del Sol will be on their tour with the Jonathan floor.

Awards and they work with people with disabilities and find them workplace and I think they would be good or other groups that maybe also the Commission on Disabilities. That's one of those groups within the pilot program is all work met. You know that I don't want it to.

Government people, but people that actually do this every day. Yeah. And I think they would have some really interesting things like that.

So that's kind of my one suggestion for item 1A.

Making notes for Nikka.

'S remarks. So they have like kind of established programs and funding associated, but we definitely want our local providers to be engaged in taphton as well.

Awesome. Yeah.

I'm trying to look at. I may have missed it, but once we're able to do the support and identify folks and connect them up to the jobs, it ends up being a management kind of question and how their supervisor can best support them. And in fact, if you.

Meeting the needs of a neurodivergent person.

You're actually able to meet the kind of compliment of needs of our very diverse workforce.

So I imagine that would ultimately be a part of. This is focused on absolutely hospitable.

Imagine the next step would be the.

Neo with new training.

Funding that would be associated with that, but it would require managers to really raise the bar in terms of their service and understanding of their employees and making sure that they can, you know, do what's required to make sure that they everything's getting taken care of so.

Yeah.



I think that'll probably be.

That's me.

So let's motion this. Everyone read through it.

You could tell what kind of student I was in grad school anyways.

We'll go into those details.

So basically we went down this rabbit hole. We realized after this most recent fire and I just want to also put it in context. Our office convened a whole bunch of departments in October of 2022 just because we were curious if the big one comes.

What are we gonna do with folks who are who have disabilities, who are homebound, you know?

And I can personally attest to it.

I had a family member who was bed bound for the end of her life, so, and I was really educated and informed.

I'm a social worker and I still didn't realize that this was a need and you know, we called 911 all the time.

So it's it's personal for me in that regard, but I think we kind of saw a need right now.

We saw that like times headlines, we saw Supervisor Barger ask about this on the dais, so worked with CEO, CEO, OEM.

Just kind of on the back end because everything in policy.

Is on a pendulum.

I think so.

We've tried this before.

There was a registry.

Fun fact, it wasn't really being utilized, so I think we've tried to do is in piece meal ways.

So Mina met with Laura and her team doctor Trejo at the Beijing and Disabilities Department.

And you know, the aging disabilities department didn't exist up until three years ago.

So I think this is a perfect opportunity to continue anchoring this work and the ultimate you know, I don't know if the registry.

Is a proper solution, hence the reason the title is reviewing best practices and exploring the creation of a comprehensive.

Of emergency registry system because as you can imagine, a registry has takes a lot of manpower maintenance. You know who do you call.

Who's gonna maintain it?

We're a very complex jurisdiction with 81 city, 88 cities, you know, etcetera. How many law enforcement agencies do we have 40 plus, right?

And then we have fire department.

So again, to have everyone, there's a dream scenario where we do have data integration and we're all talking on the back end, but we're not there.

So this kind of this motion kind of goes into the details of that.

And has eating disabilities as a lead and to work with community stakeholders, partners, etc.

To kind of help establish what the best practices and what to do in this current day and age, but also working with some of our state partners in the Governor's office, California Department of Aging, et cetera to and others obviously who've done this work to kind of.

Help establish what we can do in LA County to get prepared for any future emergencies.

So we leave no one behind.

But I don't know if that's expectation one, is it?

But at least we'll know something, and we're headed in that direction.

So that's pretty much in a nutshell, not trying to minimize it, but it's a lot of work.

I think it's gonna be a lot of engagement with stakeholders. We wanna lean in on our our partners in the other offices to make sure we're not missing, returning every rock.

And everyone has feedback and we'll, you know, aging and disabilities will be the lead on this and.

We're looking forward to the report back.

In six, 920 months, I don't wanna come back, but.

We said 120 days, so open to questions.

Mm hmm, no, I know Juan and I had a poopster, but I had it down there in the philosophy. That was great.

Umm, I hope that department hears that there's multiple offices that I can guard behind this priority, but I did have a question and I think it was Directive 5.

Do you have any theories of what department of the existing registries that could potentially be tucked into?

So like, it's not even just departments.

So Meals on Wheels for example.

Knows where all their focus are and they deliver meals, right?

And we contract with them through aging and disabilities.

Access knows who people you know, so it's just the different contractors.

So it's convening the contractors essentially because there are different registries that way.

So I think that's the piece of it is that everyone. And that's the thing.

Look, we can also ihss is a perfect hotbed for this too, right?

You're technically sorry. DPS has to call you out.

Gabby's sitting across from me, but Dpss has ihss. We have over 240,000 recipients who are who are ihss recipients.

Technically, dpss if we wanted to do it in my mind, a targeted outreach population, ihss will know who their homebound bedbound folks are.

So do we just start something with a simple integration between adult protect?

You know what's known to us as adult Protective Services in home health supportive services, right?

And that's aging and disabilities.

That's dpss.

That's like a good I think sample size to model something. But one thing when we convene the folks in October of 2022, there is no box.

So even if you go see your doctor and you have cerebral palsy and you're you're in a wheelchair.

There's no box that DHS has that they check off.

That you're that your wheelchair bound. So it's like even creating those types of systems where we can talk to each other on the back end.

That's again Northstar Dream scenario is where we go.

But you know, I think it's unpacking where all those registries exist, how the Hospital Association, how everyone kind of works together around this. And we have experience with this through LA found. And, you know, I think that's for anyone who doesn't know what LA found is it's when.

You have Alzheimer's dementia.

Cognitive impairment. Autism.

It's a trackable bracelet.

If you wander 'cause, you're not a wanderer.

Until you wander, but again partnering with all our law enforcement agencies, there isn't one magical place, right?

So I think that's that's the piece that we were kinda looking at with with existing registries like who's known to us, there's a lot of people who are known to us.

We're just not talking to each other.

We're that spider man meme. Like you're not OK.

Sorry.

One question it was in Newfoundland talking about the board meeting on January 21st and I'll report back. I remember that meeting.

Whatever happened?

It I think it's something your boss asked for.

I that's a good question for the C OS office.

So I just I think we wanted to acknowledge it because your boss was like enthusiastic.

You're working on this right?

And she's like, and then I think, I think, Laura, you were, this is your budget presentation and you're like, and she was like, I think there's a motion coming. And so it's here present. OK.

So I think that's what it is, yeah.

Yeah, exactly.

And I do appreciate all of you. For the record, everyone, this is a very interesting dynamic with all of the offices and I appreciate all of you.

And I appreciate that we all we got here.

So I appreciate it.

Thank you. I don't.

How many more times I can say I appreciate, but yes. Thank you.

Deputy first.

Now move on to.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:07:46

OK.

You try the you're mean.

You try that. Let me.

Let me try.

We're going to do a sound check for those at home. Give me one second.

We're going to take public comment, starting with the people in the room, but if you have a public comment, if you would please raise your hand in the chat.

Please try that.

And if you can't raise your hand, you can go ahead and put your hand up.

So I know there's some ladies here with people in the room.

One minute for any of the items we just discussed, which would be the one version.

Come to introduce yourself and let us know what you think.

You can do it from here.

Oh, you told me here earlier.

Oh no, I said here.

Oh, sorry, it's OK.

It's. Yeah. Sorry. Yeah, sorry.

You can sit, but if you have a minute.

Oh.

OK.

You're timing me.

You can go ahead.

I'm a Los Angeles native, but I'm also a member of Coco, also known as Community Coalition.

I was born and raised in Los Angeles, S la watched.

Specifically, my parents are homeowners and have been for over 60 years.

I want to age myself.

I'm 50.

So yeah, boom. There it is.

I'm a renter.

However, I'm really impacted by what's happening.

With the Vermont corridor, I speak for me, my family and my community.

We're in favor and strongly support the LA County anti displacement Commercial Acquisition fund because this will support small businesses and small home owners to get the support that we need to support our culture and sustain our culture in this area as well as our livelihood, we're looking forward.

To businesses being revitalized on the corridor that has been.

Disinvested from since I was a little girl.

We want to make the decisions us, the people, to have these resources.

I'm sorry your time is your time has expired. I think y'all got me wrong.

Y'all feel where I'm coming from.

You have April 1-2 to make up.

Yeah. No, no, no, no.

Thank you.

Good afternoon.

My name is Pamela Valley.

I'm a member of Community coalition.

I have been a resident of the area for over 55 years. I'd like to make a general comment or support of the LA County anti Displacement Community Acquisition fund.

As a stakeholder, this motion will protect existing businesses owners from some large increased costs from insurance companies.

Rising rental fees and justification, which force businesses out of this community. This community was back in the 1965 to 1990, had brand name businesses and small businesses that supported the community and the residents. I strongly support this motion to make sure we are directing the.

Right resources.

For local ownership and preservation of my community.

Thank you. Perfect.

All right.

There we go.

Hello, my name is Evelyn Gonzalez.

I'm also a member of Community Coalition, also known as Coco.

I am.

I am owner of a house and I also intend I own my small businesses and I ask you to please I enforce the motion because this is a corridor that is going to help me, my family, my future grandchildren. And though I invite you to come and see.

The pictures there is in the community, the riches that there is in the buildings.

And the history that is there.

I moved there when I was 11 years old and I have been there and I I'm teaching my children to study to become a well-being person, to know the regions of the Community, not just to be walking and trying to go far away, to look for somet.

That we have.

Religious we have businesses in our community to bring the money to our community and support our small businesses as a business small business owner, I encourage this motion to help us and come and join and see.

But it's not everything ugly out. There is also, I'm sorry your time has expired and I ask you to please come and join us. Thank you.

All right. When I call your name. I'm sorry, OK?

Go ahead.

Good afternoon.

I'd like to make a general comment.

Speak to the motion to expand the LA County anti displacement Commercial acquisition fund. Also as someone diagnosed ADHD with autism, I did want to show tremendous appreciation towards the efforts towards embracing not neuro diversity in workplace 'cause that's very important.

But to the first issue, my name is Felicia Cook Curry.

I am a Community coalition member and resident of S La.

I'm an educator.

Teaching 5th grade at Budlong Ave. Elementary.

And so I really appreciate the opportunity to speak on this issue that impacts myself and the families that I serve as a homeowner in my community on the Vermont corridor, the high rate of displacement among black and brown residents concerns me. As was mentioned earlier, commercial corridors are.

Our cultural backbone and the livelihood of small businesses do not doesn't happen in a vacuum. It requires.

Community support as well as revitalization.

For a vitalization efforts, therefore, ISIS force your time has expired. I'm sorry.

Well, thank you. Very apologies.

Yeah, one more, OK.

Afternoon. My name is Cal Soto.

I'm an attorney with the National Day Labor Organizing Network, and I'm here in support of Supervisor Mitchell's motion on human trafficking.

I work out of the Pasadena Community Job Center, where I met Melissa.

She's a worker, an immigrant domestic worker who's hired to clean homes after the fires in Altadena. She was picked up at a street corner, taken to a home covered in toxic ash and fire retardant, and forced to work without mask gloves or any protection. She struggled to Breat.

Developed severe headaches and has suffered ongoing health issues.

Ever since.

And she was never paid for her work. Melissa's not alone right now.

Hundreds of immigrant workers are at risk of being exploited in disaster response sent into unsafe conditions without protection or the guarantee of wages. Our county relies on these workers to rebuild after the fires, yet they're treated sometimes as disposable or forgotten.

So my organization has responded to natural disasters across the country, and every time immigrant workers are the vulnerable communities that are affected.

I support this motion so that we don't allow this preventable.

Suffering to continue and it's a really important step in my experience.

So thank you.

Thank you.

Go ahead. OK, good afternoon.

My name is Paulo Magustos and I'm a policy associate with the Sunita Gen. at the trafficking initiative of Yola Law School and we're here in support of the motion by Supervisor Mitchell to prevent human trafficking after disasters.

We know that in times of crisis, communities come together, but traffickers explode chaos and people lose their homes, jobs and support systems.

Traffickers take advantage, tricking people into unsafe jobs, housing and trapping them in forced labor or commercial sex.

This is not just a possibility. We've seen this happen after hurricanes and wildfires across the country. We cannot let it happen here in Los Angeles, this motion takes action.

But making sure people are informed and protected through key areas, it raises awareness so people know the warning signs of human trafficking.

It trains emergency workers and communities to recognize and stop trafficking, and it commits the county to only work with businesses that follow fair labor practices. To make these efforts effective, we we must take a public health approach.

Focusing on prevention, early intervention and support for impacted communities, addressing this is just about enforcement.

It's about reducing.

Sorry. Thank you.

Thank you. All right.

Any others?

All right. When I call your name, please take your name off.

Please take yourself off mute.

You will have one minute starting with Doug Smith.

DS **Doug Smith** 1:17:26

Hi, good afternoon. Doug Smith, vice president of policy and legal strategy at inclusive action for the city.

We're here to support the motion to expand, Cath.

My organization works to increase entrepreneurship through lending as a cdfi and by working to acquire commercial properties on the east side to support small business preservation. We do this because community serving small businesses power our economy, but most are now facing a really overwhelming threat of displacement and. This displacement doesn't just hurt individual business owners in their family, it contributes to.

Much broader community destabilization and economic crisis, and so preventing commercial displacement is an absolutely critical cornerstone of any economic development policy and the single best way to achieve that stability is by taking commercial and speculative market and putting it in the hands of organizations that are committed to.

Fostering inclusive economic opportunity, that's what the CAF does, and that's why we're support expanding it and scaling it in this important moment.

Thank you.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:18:22

Thank you, Darnell Grant, go ahead.

DG **Darnel Grant** 1:18:28

Hi everyone.

My name is Darnell Grant.

I'm a community development officer at Genesis LA and I'm here to support the motion to expand Los Angeles County's commercial acquisition fund.

As noted earlier, we're able to fund several crucial projects representing each of the supervisor districts.

Over \$10 million were deployed.

We support this program because it provides a lot of help to small businesses and local nonprofits.

Helps with the removal of blight and reactivates abandoned commercial properties and contributes to the revitalization of neighborhood commercial districts.

We expect over 200 small businesses to benefit from these investments and these investments are crucial in today's society where it's hard to make deals like this pencil.

So thank you for your time and we hope for the expansion of this program.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:19:22

Thank you.

Moving on to Alejandra Gonzalez.

AG **Alejandro Gonzalez** 1:19:30

My name is Alondra Gonzalez, and I'm here representing the Coalition for responsible Community Development, or CrCd, where I serve as the director of S La. We're here to support the motion to expand the anti displacement commercial acquisition fund, the CAF as we're in favor of supporting protecting small businesses along commercial corridors and bringing additional resources to promote mixed-use, affordable housing development options as well as improving the quality of life for for.

All South LA residents, thank you.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:20:03

Thank you, Oscar. Go ahead.

O **Oscar** 1:20:08

Good afternoon.

My name is and I'm a resident of Westmont District 2 and I'm with Community coalition. Also speaking on behalf of expanding CAP.

So growing up in South Central, I've been seeing a lot of commercial corridors and and what they need to our communities, they're not just places to shop or work, they're the heart and soul of where we live.

Lately, however, I've been watching rising rents and certification have started to push out small businesses.

The ones that keep our neighborhoods alive.

And these are the businesses that provide jobs for culture and offices of community.

And when they disappear, that all disappears. With the 2020 Olympics coming to World Cup, All Star game changer events.

We know that the pressure in our neighborhoods to curb displacement and secure permanence is only going to increase.

And we cannot afford that.

That's why I urge expatriate cab.

We need more. We need to make sure that LA County grow as LA County grows and attracts more attention.

The people who have built this community.

Wanna push aside, but instead are giving a tantal opportunity to take commercial properties off of market.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:21:09

Hi, I'm sorry your time has expired. Thank you. Thank you.

O **Oscar** 1:21:14

Thank you.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:21:15

Stephanie, go ahead.

S **Stephanie** 1:21:17

Hi, my name is Professor Stephanie Richard and I'm with the Sunita Jain anti trafficking initiative at Loyola Law School.

I'm here in support of the overall public health approach to human trafficking in the wake of natural disasters.

It's this coordinated outreach response that ensures that our community knows that offers that seem too good to be true are, and that includes recruitment of adult and children into sex or labor trafficking.

I also wanted to provide just a little more information on how important it is to update our procurement policies.

In 2017, the federal government provided more specific guidance, not just a 0 sum policy.

And they have identified 180 cases of human trafficking that were corrected in federal contracts because of those new updated policies.

So those are concrete results.

The CEO Jane Trafficking Initiative also looked at our LA contracts.

We found that there were about 3000 LA county contracts that were made with.

Risk goods for human trafficking and forced labor.

That includes things like garments, uniforms, electronics, mining and mining, and certain materials that are used in our supply chain.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:22:26

I'm sorry your time has expired.
Thank you.

S **Stephanie** 1:22:28

So we know this is important.
Thank you so much.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:22:30

Good. Thank you.
Did anybody who called in from a phone number have a public comment?
I think that was an old hand up the 468 number.
Did you?
Did you wish to speak?
Oh, I'm sorry, Byron.
You can go ahead and start.

BC **Byron | TransLatin@ Coalition** 1:22:57

Good afternoon, Byron, Jose with the translator coalition.
Thank you to Wendy and Caroline and SD2 team for advancing some of this work and ensuring that is community based Community response based and also linking folks to care and resources that are facing trafficking and also thank you tomorrow and as the 14 tomorrow was pushing for.
Coordination between departments and preparation.
We saw when the Department of the departments that committee engagement means different things for different offices.
So we've now given 15 seconds to to speak on four emotions, so we can just sit, publish the attendance 2 weeks in advance and or stop relying on the green sheets because we're not giving any more time to engage. We're just being told to sit here and it.
Just changes from meeting to meeting. Thank you.

CA **Claudia P. Alarcon** 1:23:43

Thank you.

There anybody else with public comment?

OK.

Yeah.

No. See if I have this right.

Do is well for the 3:00.

Let let me see or how how long return back to the ad. Well, that that was up to you.

We can either if, if you don't think that the aging item will take long, we can take the aging item.

I it's it's 255. I have let the attorneys know that we're running late.

Up to you.

Item 4.

A presentation, LA County Planning Service Agency for planning and service Area 19 Area agency on Ag Room 2526 area plan a update that will be department.

Whenever you're ready, OK.

I know China's of the essence, so I will be quick.

Thank you all.

I'm glad to be here.

For the record, victory jump assistant director.

Over the area agency on aging and just here today, I bring you our 2526 area plan updates.

As you know, this is an annual document that we submit to the California Department of Aging for our funding.

It's essentially our grant application.

For this year, we held a series of six public hearings.

One in each district, we had 239 people attend.

We took their advice, rolled it up into a plan that is before you for consideration.

What's unique about our plan is that this this year, for the second year, it is in conjunction with the City of Los Angeles area Agency on Aging as well. You'll see.

Our I guess our service units.

Their proposed service units and what our plan is together to address the needs of older adults in in the Los Angeles County, including La City.

So I'm here to, you know, answer any questions if you have any questions about what you see.

How did you engage with all 87 other cities?

All 87 cities, all eighty other.

87 other cities other than Los Angeles.

So all of the the community one we send out, you know the announcements of where these are going to be, the the events are held in our senior centers, the senior centers you know attracts, you know people from not just their city, but sometimes other cities as well.

The.

Not not individually. Correct, correct. I'm just saying that's a critique from our city.

Yes, but they don't have a voice. 'cause. There's some things that are missing.

I'm just curious and I know Victoria just came in a few months ago.

This is also critique of the previous ad that kind of did this.

We asked the same question. OK, no, it's. I'm just curious if what is the strategy to engage because now I'm hearing from other cities that they want to create their own AAA, OK, because they don't feel like their engage are involved.

So I think our strategy hearing what you know the the criticism is because we do put it in you know.

The newspaper to advertise what it is, but I think if.

If cities are looking for targeted, you know engagement, that's certainly something that we can do.

Let them know that.

Where the public hearings are.

Or just engage with them directly, correct, and send them the city managers. That would be a strategy I have to ask all the city managers to fill out the survey on behalf of the city, so they fill out their engagement form.

Is it too late to do that?

Or.

For this year, for this area plan, it has to be submitted to the state, but that's not to say that we can't start, you know, soon on our next one because we have to do this annually.

And so if we're going to look for, you know, input from all of our cities, I think that we can start reaching out to them and say, hey, we're putting something together for our next update. CEO has a fun roster that's been updated in 2025 that.

Was all the City Council member of city manager of mayors OK, You guys gonna know that I can send you all the.

So it's good. It's a good resource and a good tool to have.

Because I know from like Long Beach is the biggest small city that comes in our

district.

So we've heard transportation keeps. I've heard from our Commissioners that they've given feedback and it hasn't been registered into the triple-A.

So for me, I'm like is you guys are checking boxes off?

It feels rote, but it doesn't feel and I know it's limited in its scope, and maybe that's part of it here.

So it's managing expectations of community members.

It is we we do.

We do get a lot of, you know.

You know I attended 1.

There's a lot of, you know, public input.

Some of it doesn't align with what we actually can do because people have complaints about things that were not even funded to do and then others it's we get such a limited amount of money, it's, you know, for the greatest good kind of thing.

And so and so we can't do everything that people you know potentially want to do, but but we hear you know that and I think that we can.

Probably do a better job of making sure one that everybody is aware that this is going on and how to provide their input, but also lift up what is coming in of the input that people are providing so that even if it's not something that we can't do.

Really, do people feel heard?

Watching a city task force morale in serving to all city managers and officials as we speak right now. In order to do what we just spoke about.

So just know that we are acting on it.

I had a chance to tune one envelope for a Canadian was identifier, so kudos to department for Surface Pro with that.

With that being said, it's very long document.

And you'll be taking very dense, especially for those final genomes of that. You might summarize. You have some high level changes or something that you want to have in the staff?

So because this is the second year we didn't make a lot of changes, the changes that you see really are related to.

Some demographics. You know, our commissions, boards, those kinds of things.

The service units are the same as last year and we did that intentionally because we at the time this was pre fire that we put this together and so we put a little notation there that this this is all subject to change based depending upon need we can.

You know we can pivot but.

We, you know, because of the IT was put together before the fire.

It is what you see before you.

The same services that we've provided for years or what is still prioritized?

So Beals is still a priority. The in home care is still a priority.

Family caregiver services as well.

There are no new services that have been added to the plan and we haven't taken anything out or decreased anything either.

This is also pre November.

Preet, we started putting it together late November, December.

Thank you.

Public comment.

Public comment and then we'll go to closed session, OK.

Thanks everyone.

We're now at public comment.

Those are comments from the triple-A plan for other issues.

If so, raise your hand or let us know in the room.

You'll have one minute.

Hi just repeating for those at home. If you have public comment please raise your hand if you're not able to raise your hand, please announce yourself.

For a public comment on this last item or general public comment.

With this meeting and we'll now move into.

Thank you.

We're moving into closed session now.

Thank you for those of you attending a closed session, there's a separate link.

Thank you. Goodbye.

● **Mike Tsao** stopped transcription