



Board of Supervisors Public Safety Cluster Agenda Review Meeting

DATE: April 16, 2025

TIME: 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

MEETING CHAIR: Sandra Croxton, 5th Supervisorial District

CEO MEETING FACILITATOR: Dardy Chen

THIS MEETING IS HELD UNDER THE GUIDELINES OF BOARD POLICY 3.055.

To participate in the meeting in-person, the meeting location is:

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012
Room 374-A

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THIS TELECONFERENCE WILL BE MUTED FOR ALL CALLERS. PLEASE DIAL *6 TO UNMUTE YOUR PHONE WHEN IT IS YOUR TIME TO SPEAK.

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S): [Any Informational Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:

A. **BOARD LETTER:**

Authorize Alternate Public Defender to Employ a Retired County Employee on a Temporary Basis and Grant an Exception to the 180-Day Waiting Period Required Under the California Public Employees' Pension Reform Act
Speaker(s): Michael Iwanaga (APD)

3. BOARD MOTION ITEM(S):

- SD2**
- Ensuring Transparency and Accountability of Care First Funding

4. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

A. BOARD LETTER:

Approved Expenditure Plan for Revenue Generated by the Consolidated Fire Protection District – Emergency Response and Infrastructure Special Parcel Tax

Speaker(s): Julia Kim and Adrian Li (FIRE)

B. BOARD BRIEFING:

Civilian Oversight Commission (COC) and Office of Inspector General (OIG) Monthly Status and Custody Briefing

Speaker(s): Sharmaine Moseley (COC) and Max Huntsman (OIG)

5. PUBLIC COMMENTS

6. ADJOURNMENT

CLOSED SESSION ITEM(S):

CS-1 CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL-EXISTING LITIGATION

(Subdivision (a) of Government Code Section 54956.9)

Jane Doe 1, et al. v. County of Los Angeles

Los Angeles Superior Court Case No. 21STCV20949 and approximately 6,800 AB 218 Matters Against the County of Los Angeles

Departments: Various

**THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETING
FOR APRIL 23, 2025, IS CANCELLED.
THE NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING WILL BE HELD ON APRIL 30, 2025.**

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO EMAIL A COMMENT ON AN ITEM ON THE PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER AGENDA, PLEASE USE THE FOLLOWING EMAIL AND INCLUDE THE AGENDA NUMBER YOU ARE COMMENTING ON:

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BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

☒ Board Letter

☐ Board Memo

☐ Other

CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW DATE	4/16/2025	
BOARD MEETING DATE	5/6/2025	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	☒ All ☐ 1 st ☐ 2 nd ☐ 3 rd ☐ 4 th ☐ 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Alternate Public Defender (APD)	
SUBJECT	AUTHORIZE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO EMPLOY A RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEE ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAITING PERIOD REQUIRED UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' PENSION REFORM ACT	
PROGRAM	Defense of Adults	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	☐ Yes ☒ No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	☐ Yes ☒ No	
	If Yes, please explain why:	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	☐ Yes ☒ No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Timely approval of this request will enable the department to continue providing critical services at the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley courthouse.	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$0	Funding source: Department's 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget.
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation: APD will utilize a budgeted vacant position to support this request.	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	Waive the 180-day break in service requirement and reinstate retired County employee Terry Ng to a 120-day temporary assignment as a Deputy Alternate Public Defender (DAPD) IV (item # 9257) at APD's Antelope Valley Branch.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	Ms. Ng's expertise, experience and ability to work in the Antelope Valley are needed to represent APD's clients at the Collaborative Justice court at the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley courthouse.	
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please explain how: The requested action will allow Ms. Ng to continue representing indigent clients.	
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Ms. Ng's practice of providing indigent defense in the collaborative justice court directly supports the County's Strategic Plan, North Star 2, Focus Area B: Care First, Jails Last, Strategy ii: Systems of Care and Support: Reduce the incarcerated population, depopulate and close Men's Central Jail, and expand the system of care and support in LA County to provide improved resources to and better meet the needs of justice-involved individuals	
DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS	Name, Title, Phone # & Email: Michael Iwanaga, Administrative Deputy, (213) 974-8246, miwanaga@apd.lacounty.gov	



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ERIKA C. ANZOÁTEGUI
Alternate Public Defender

May 6, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Los Angeles, California 90012

**AUTHORIZE ALTERNATE PUBLIC DEFENDER TO EMPLOY A RETIRED COUNTY EMPLOYEE
ON A TEMPORARY BASIS AND GRANT AN EXCEPTION TO THE 180-DAY WAITING PERIOD
REQUIRED UNDER THE CALIFORNIA PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' PENSION REFORM ACT**

**(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

The Law Offices of the County of Los Angeles Alternate Public Defender (APD) requests the Board's approval to grant an exception to the 180-day waiting period required under the Public Employees' Pension Reform Act (PEPRA) of 2013 before reinstating a retired County employee as a 120-day rehired retiree. APD affirms that the retiree is highly skilled and that the work she will be providing is critical.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Waive the 180-day break in service requirement and reinstate retired County employee Terry Ng to a 120-day temporary assignment as a Deputy Alternate Public Defender (DAPD) IV (item # 9257) at APD's Antelope Valley Branch, located in Lancaster at the Michael D. Antonovich Antelope Valley (AV) courthouse.
2. Approve the request for Ms. Ng to receive compensation at the rate of \$107.77 per hour and work no more than 960 work hours within a fiscal year, upon the Board's approval of her temporary reinstatement as a DAPD IV.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Collaborative Justice Courts (CJC) at the AV courthouse were created specifically to address widespread social issues. CJC's combine judicial supervision with rehabilitation services that are

rigorously monitored and focused on recovery to reduce recidivism and improve offender outcomes. CJC's have a dedicated calendar and judge for specific types of offenders (e.g., mental health courts for offenders with mental illness, drug courts for offenders with substance abuse issues, Veterans' court for veterans, etc.). Collaborative justice principles include a multidisciplinary, non-adversarial team approach with involvement from the court, attorneys, law enforcement, and community treatment and service agencies to address offenders' complex social and behavioral problems.

Ms. Ng has been a public defender since January 1989 and with the APD since 1994. Since 2015, Ms. Ng has been assigned specifically to the CJC at the AV courthouse. Her 10 years of experience working in the AV courthouse's CJC have allowed her to develop an expertise in managing these APD clients and their complex social and behavioral issues, which enables her to provide excellent advocacy while handling a consistent caseload of over 100 cases.

Additionally, APD faces acute staffing challenges, particularly with regards to the Antelope Valley. Currently, APD does not have any attorneys with Ms. Ng's expertise and experience working in the collaborative courts that are able to be assigned to APD's Lancaster branch.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Waiving the 180-day break in service requirement and reinstating Ms. Ng to a 120-day temporary assignment as a DAPD IV is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star 1 - Make Investments that Transform Lives, North Star 2 - Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities; and aligns with the Board's *Care First, Jails Last*, and Homeless Initiative priorities. The populations specifically served by the CJs, as well as the philosophy of the Collaborative Courts of emphasizing rigorously monitored rehabilitation services to focus on recovery, reduce recidivism and improve offender outcomes contributes directly to the County's strategic plan goals.

FISCAL IMPACT / FINANCING

APD will utilize a budgeted vacant position to support this request.

FACTS AND PROVISION/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The recommended action is consistent with the PEPR of 2013, which allows a person who retires from the County to serve without reinstatement from retirement or loss or interruption of benefits provided by the retirement system before a period of 180 days following the date of retirement if the Board certifies the position is critically needed and the retired person has the skills required to perform work of limited duration.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The recommended actions will allow APD to continue serving the AV Courthouse's CJC with limited interruption while Ms. Ng's replacement is identified and trained.

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Respectfully submitted,

ERIKA C. ANZOÁTEGUI
Alternate Public Defender

c: Executive Office, Board of Supervisors
Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
Human Resources
Los Angeles County Employees Retirement Association

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HOLLY J. MITCHELL

May 6, 2025

Ensuring Transparency and Accountability of Care First Funding

The Care First Community Investment (CFCI) program embodies a promise that was overwhelmingly supported by advocates and community members in the November 2020 election. CFCI fiscally ensures that Los Angeles County (County) fulfills its commitment to a ‘Care First, Jails Last’ vision. Born from Measure J, CFCI requires that 10% of the County’s unrestricted locally generated revenues be invested into community programs and alternatives to incarceration.¹ CFCI recipient programs have been able to fill the gaps left behind by decades of injustice to our most vulnerable communities. These programs have offered vital resources to address various community challenges, including but not limited to, support for individuals with substance use disorders, reentry initiatives, youth development, education and job training, rental assistance, housing, and more.² The CFCI Advisory Committee has demonstrated success in funding community-based programs that uphold the Care First agenda and has underscored the importance of maintaining a transparent process that actively engages community members and other stakeholders most affected by this issue.

As the Board of Supervisors (Board) emphasized in the creation of CFCI, and as outlined in the language of Measure J, the processes and key funding decisions must be transparent and involve community engagement. The CFCI Advisory Committee was established to facilitate a collaborative process that ensures the Measure J budget reflects input from community members. The Advisory Committee has also ensured that

¹ [Justice Care And Opportunities](#)

² [Justice Care And Opportunities](#)

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the budget process is inclusive and data driven, reflecting the priorities of community members. This approach has been key to integrating the lived experience of the most vulnerable communities into both planning and implementation.

Ultimately, the CFCI Advisory Committee has kept the Care First promise of Measure J. Community members closest to the issue bring lived experiences that must remain a key component of the CFCI budgetary process and priorities. With the experience of four to five budget cycles, the Board affirms that communities are aware of where funding should be allocated. CFCI Care grants have provided over \$350 million to support grantee organizations across the County. For example, in year two of the spending grants, CFCI provided \$45 million to housing, with more than \$42 million dedicated to permanent housing. They also provided \$20 million to programs prioritizing youth development and more than \$14.5 million to fund violence prevention.³

However, some County departments have carried large, unspent balances in CFCI funding that were allocated to advance and establish programs or projects. For instance, the 2024-25 Final Adopted Budget reflected \$325.8 million in unspent CFCI funds carried over from prior years. It remains unclear whether the 2025-26 Budget will follow a different trend, potentially reflecting a lower amount of unspent funds.

Given the extraordinary budget constraints facing the County, this Board must continue to prioritize transparency and accountability. County departments should be held to the same standards as CFCI grantees, including the requirements to spend all allocated funds within a specified timeframe and submit monthly reports on services and outcomes. The Board must establish accountability metrics, including progress monitoring, to ensure that prompt and efficient implementation of CFCI continues.

I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), in coordination with all relevant County departments, to report back to the Board in writing in 7 days with a list, including current balances, of all unspent Care First Community Investment (CFCI) funding allocated to Los Angeles County departments as of April 2025.

³ [Justice Care And Opportunities](#)

2. Direct the CEO, in coordination with all relevant County departments, to report back to the Board in writing and orally in 30 days and quarterly thereafter, with a comprehensive accounting of all CFCI funding allocated to the departments, and the status of the use of the funds.
3. Direct the CEO, in coordination with all relevant County departments, to use similar data collection, reporting, and term requirements required of community-based applicants of CFCI funding, including but not limited to:
 - a. Requiring County departments awarded CFCI funding to submit budgets and spending plans for their proposed program, project, or service;
 - b. Requiring County programs and projects funds awarded by CFCI to be spent within 36 months of the funding allocation start date; and
 - c. Requiring County departments to collect and report services and outcome data monthly to the CEO as well as submit quarterly reports to the Board.
4. Direct the CEO, in coordination with the Chief Information Officer, to develop a publicly facing dashboard within 60 days that details the amount of CFCI money allocated annually, the grantees (by both department and community organizations), the progress toward expending granted funds, the outcomes of each program and other relevant metrics.
5. Direct the CEO that any future recommendations for redistributing unspent and unencumbered CFCI funds from County departments must be recommended for reallocation to a designated program, project, or service that is consistent with the CFCI Advisory Committee's prior recommendations for justice involved individuals and alternatives to incarceration.

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BOARD LETTER/MEMO CLUSTER FACT SHEET

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☐ Other

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BOARD MEETING DATE	5/6/2025	
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT AFFECTED	☒ All ☐ 1 st ☐ 2 nd ☐ 3 rd ☐ 4 th ☐ 5 th	
DEPARTMENT(S)	Fire	
SUBJECT	Approve Expenditure Plan for Revenue Generated by the Consolidated Fire Protection District – Emergency Response & Infrastructure Special Parcel Tax	
PROGRAM	Various	
AUTHORIZES DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO DEPT	☒ Yes ☐ No	
SOLE SOURCE CONTRACT	☐ Yes ☒ No	
	If Yes, please explain why:	
SB 1439 SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION FORM REVIEW COMPLETED BY EXEC OFFICE	☐ Yes ☒ No – Not Applicable If unsure whether a matter is subject to the Levine Act, email your packet to EOLevineAct@bos.lacounty.gov to avoid delays in scheduling your Board Letter.	
DEADLINES/ TIME CONSTRAINTS	Expenditure Plan must be approved by Board prior to June 30 th .	
COST & FUNDING	Total cost: \$152 Million	Funding source: Measure E
	TERMS (if applicable):	
	Explanation:	
PURPOSE OF REQUEST	To seek Board approval of the Expenditure Plan prior to June 30 th as required by Measure E and to seek delegated authority for the Fire Chief to adjust the expenditure plan with advance notice to the Board.	
BACKGROUND (include internal/external issues that may exist including any related motions)	Measure E, a citizen's initiative, was approved by the voters by 55.05% in the November 2024 election. The measure imposes a special tax of \$0.06 per square foot of structural improvements, excluding the square footage of improvements used for parking, on all taxable improved parcels. The tax applies to the parcels located within the cities and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County served by the District and is expected to generate approximately \$152 million in revenue annually and will be spent pursuant to an expenditure plan approved by the Board prior to June 30 th of each year.	
EQUITY INDEX OR LENS WAS UTILIZED	☐ Yes ☒ No If Yes, please explain how:	
SUPPORTS ONE OF THE NINE BOARD PRIORITIES	☒ Yes ☐ No If Yes, please state which one(s) and explain how: Sustainability through facility and vehicle repair or purchases.	
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ANTHONY C. MARRONE
FIRE CHIEF
FORESTER & FIRE WARDEN

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May 6, 2025

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
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Dear Supervisors:

APPROVE EXPENDITURE PLAN FOR REVENUE GENERATED BY THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT – EMERGENCY RESPONSE & INFRASTRUCTURE SPECIAL PARCEL TAX (ALL DISTRICTS) (3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District) is requesting Board of Supervisors (Board) approval of the Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26 expenditure plan for revenue generated by the District's Emergency Response & Infrastructure Special Parcel Tax (Measure E) and delegate authority to the Fire Chief to adjust future expenditure plans with advance notice to the Board.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR HONORABLE BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY:

1. Approve the recommended expenditure plan (Enclosure) authorizing the utilization of approximately \$152 million in funding from Measure E.
2. Delegate authority to the Fire Chief, or his designee, to adjust the expenditure plan amounts with advance notice to the Board.
3. Direct the District to provide an annual report to the Board by December 31st of each year describing the impact of the programs.

SERVING THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND THE CITIES OF:

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WHITTIER

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION(S)

Measure E, a citizen's initiative, was placed on the November 2024 ballot for the voters' consideration as a solution to address the District's financial challenges. The measure imposes a special tax of six cents (\$0.06) per square foot of structural improvements, excluding the square footage of improvements used for parking, on all taxable improved parcels. The tax applies to the parcels located within the cities and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County served by the District and is expected to generate approximately \$152 million in revenue for FY 2025-26. The measure was approved by the voters by 55.05%.

Revenues generated by the special tax will be expended by the District pursuant to an expenditure plan approved by the Board prior to June 30th of each year. The annual expenditure plan will include, but not be limited to the following priorities:

- (1) Hiring, training, and certifying additional firefighters and paramedics
- (2) Communications and Information Technology Systems
- (3) Facilities
- (4) Vehicles and aircraft
- (5) Life-saving rescue tools
- (6) Wildfire protection
- (7) Emergency response tools and infrastructure

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Approval of the recommended actions is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan North Star Sustainability and North Star 3 Communication and Public Access, Flexible and Efficient Infrastructure and Internal Controls and Processes.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Revenues generated by the special tax will reside in an interest-bearing Special Revenue Fund administered by the District. The special tax is expected to generate approximately \$152 million in revenue for FY 2025-26. For each tax year after FY 2025-26, the rate shall be adjusted by two percent (2%) annually or the California Consumer Price Index as published by the California State Board of Equalization for the local assessment roll, whichever is less. District costs will be limited to available special tax revenue and there will be no net County costs associated with this action.

The proposed expenditure plan (Enclosure) has been reviewed by County Counsel and aligns with all requirements for use.

Funding will be included in the District's FY 2025-26 Adopted Budget and will be included in future fiscal years' budgets, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Revenues generated by the special tax may be used for information technology systems; 911 communications, cell phone dispatch, and other communications technologies; adding and maintaining fire facilities, fire engines, helicopters, aircraft, life-saving tools and equipment, wildfire protection, emergency response tools and infrastructure; and hiring and training paramedics and firefighters. Revenues generated by the special tax shall not be used for unfunded workers' compensation or pension liabilities.

The District's Independent Citizens' Oversight Committee, established in 1997, shall provide an annual review of the special tax to ensure that the revenues generated by the special tax is expended only for the purposes specified and annually report the findings of its review to the Board and to the public.

Additionally, the Auditor-Controller will require a report to be prepared by an independent auditor and filed with the Board no later than December 31st of each year, stating the amount of special tax proceeds collected and expended and the status of all projects or description of any services or programs funded from proceeds of the special tax.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Ongoing financial challenges have prevented the District from investing in its infrastructure and equipment. The revenue generated by Measure E will allow the District to replace and repair fire stations and offices that are seismically unsafe, to replace vehicles, helicopters, and equipment that are past its service life, and to hire and train additional paramedics and firefighters. This will ensure that our residents and business owners continue to receive the highest quality of service while entrusted in our care.

CONCLUSION

Upon approval by your Honorable Board, please instruct the Executive Officer of the Board to return the adopted stamped Board Letter to the following:

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County
Executive Office
Attention: Jennifer Camarena, Administrative Services Manager II
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Los Angeles, CA 90063
Jennifer.Camarena@fire.lacounty.gov

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The District's contact may be reached at (323) 267-7205.

Respectfully submitted,

ANTHONY C. MARRONE, FIRE CHIEF

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Enclosure

c: Chief Executive Officer
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors
County Counsel

Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County (District)

Proposed Measure E Expenditure Plan for FY 2025-26

Background: Measure E, a citizen's initiative, was placed on the November 2024 ballot for the voters' consideration as a solution to address the District's financial challenges. The measure imposes a special tax of six cents (\$0.06) per square foot of structural improvements, excluding the square footage of improvements used for parking, on all taxable improved parcels. The tax applies to the parcels located within the cities and unincorporated area of Los Angeles County served by the District and is expected to generate approximately **\$152 million** in revenue for Fiscal Year (FY) 2025-26. The measure was approved by the voters by 55.05%.

Revenues generated by the special tax will be expended by the District pursuant to an expenditure plan approved by the Board prior to June 30th of each year. The annual expenditure plan will include, but not be limited to the following priorities:

- (1) Hiring, training, and certifying additional firefighters and paramedics
- (2) Communications and Information Technology Systems
- (3) Facilities
- (4) Vehicles and aircraft
- (5) Life-saving rescue tools
- (6) Wildfire protection
- (7) Emergency response tools and infrastructure

Proposal: For FY 2025-26, the District will focus on the following items that align with the priorities listed above.

1. **Facilities:** The District's 261 facilities have an average age of over 50-years and have limited capacity to meet increasing demand for Fire, Paramedic, and Lifeguard service-delivery. As a result, the District plans on utilizing Measure E funds to replace Fire Stations 2, 8, 12, 17, 22, and 171 over the next 5-years and to perform seismic retrofitting at Fire Stations 37, 38, 63, 70, and 78. All of the fire stations listed previously were deemed seismically unsafe based on assessments performed by AECOM (2018) and Johnson Fain (2019). The District also plans on utilizing Measure E funds to construct new fire stations to replace Fire Station 81 and to assist with the call volume of Fire Station 33 in Lancaster, our busiest station; to perform deferred facility maintenance; and to expand the current dispatch center to accommodate increasing call volume.

Estimated FY 2025-26 Budget: \$67.389 million

Supervisory Districts Impacted: **ALL**

2. **Vehicles and Apparatus:** The District has approximately 1,602 vehicles including 992 emergency vehicles and 610 non-emergency vehicles. The

majority of the District's vehicles are approaching or over 20-years of age and are in need of replacement as the National Fire Protection Agency (NFPA) recommends a 15-to-20-year lifecycle for emergency vehicles. The District plans on utilizing Measure E funds to increase the annual allocation to the District's Vehicle Accumulated Capital Outlay (ACO) Fund by \$18.889 million (from \$13.888 million to \$32.777 million) for vehicle replacement. The priorities are to replace antiquated emergency vehicles and to transition non-emergency vehicles to hybrid vehicles.

Estimated FY 2025-26 Budget: \$18.889 million

Supervisory Districts Impacted: **ALL**

3. **4-Person Staffing:** Although the NFPA standard is for fire agencies to have 4-person Engine Company staffing, the District currently uses both 3-person and 4-person Engines. As a result, the District plans on utilizing Measure E funds to convert 15 Engine Companies from 3-person to 4-person staffing with the eventual goal of converting all 163 engines to 4-person staffing. The identification of the first 15 Engine Companies to convert will be based on those with the highest call volume and emergency activity.

Estimated FY 2025-26 Budget: \$11.925 Million

Supervisory Districts Impacted: **ALL**

4. **Helicopter Replacement:** The District currently maintains a fleet of 8 water-dropping helicopters to combat fast-moving wildfires and to provide air medical transport. The District plans on utilizing Measure E funds to replace one of two Sikorsky Firehawks that are nearing 25 years of service.

Estimated FY 2025-26 Budget: \$36.400 Million

Supervisory Districts Impacted: **ALL**

5. **Communication & IT Equipment:** Due to ongoing financial challenges, the District has been unable to upgrade communication and information technology equipment for over a decade. As a result, the District plans on utilizing Measure E funds to supplement the ITIB funding received in 2023 for the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) replacement project; to replace Dispatch Console hardware that is over 7-years old; to upgrade, enhance, and strengthen emergency communication equipment; to purchase mobile routers for new District vehicles; and to begin repayment of Information Technology Infrastructure Fund loan to purchase and install 8,500 mobile radios.

Estimated FY 2025-26 Budget: \$6.339 million

Supervisory Districts Impacted: **ALL**

6. **Firefighting Equipment:** District operations often require the use of specialized fire fighting and emergency medical equipment that require replacement when it becomes obsolete and past its useful life. To ensure appropriation funding for equipment replacement, The District plans on setting aside Measure E funding annually for future replacement of the District's Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) and Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators. The District's SCBAs were last replaced in 2022 and have a 10-year life span and the District's Cardiac Monitors/Defibrillators were last replaced in 2024 and have an 8-year life span. In addition, the District plans on utilizing Measure E funds to replace the District's Automatic External Defibrillators that allow fire fighters to immediately treat cardiac arrest patients.

Estimated FY 2025-26 Budget: \$11.058 million

Supervisory Districts Impacted: **ALL**

Future Items: Expenditure plans will be submitted for Board approval prior to June 30th of each year. Future expenditure plans will include continued replacement or repair of fire stations, air operations facilities, lifeguard facilities, training facilities, and logistics/support facilities (including Fire headquarters); additional IT infrastructure projects, including a new scheduling/timekeeping system for firefighters; expansion of the training division to support the training of new firefighters; and future replacement of additional helicopters, radios/communication equipment, and firefighting tools and equipment.

**COC Update to Public Safety Cluster meeting
April 16, 2025**

1) Commission Business Meeting

Next meeting Thursday, April 17, 2025 at Hall of Records

- a. Update on lawsuit to enforce the Commission's subpoenas for documents & respond to the Sheriff's Declaratory Relief action regarding confidential information.
- b. Update on the Commission's Proposed Revisions to Chapter 3.79 of the County Code.
- c. Update on the Commission's 27 Recommendations to Eradicate Deputy Gangs & Cliques to include update on the Commission's Report Card and OIG monitoring of LASD's implementation of the policy barring deputies from joining or participating in law enforcement gangs. The Commission is requesting stats from the OIG.
- d. Discussion on meeting location and time (St. Anne's or Hall of Records).
- e. Several Action Items: Dissolution of inactive ad hoc committees, approval of resolution in support of AB 847, creation of interview panel ad hoc committee to begin process to fill community at large vacancy on the Commission and decide whether or not to reactivate the Nominating Ad Hoc Committee for election of positions on the Commission.
- f. Update on Commission's Proposed Revisions to 3.79
- g. OIG presentations on their Quarterly Report on LASD Reform & Oversight Efforts

2) Community Activities

- a. 3/27 Hosted a Community Listening Session to receive community feedback on LASD's Complaint Process in AV. (Lancaster Library)
- b. May 2025 Commission Proposed Revisions to County Code 3.79 - Planning virtual town hall/hybrid to educate community on the Commission, challenges, and proposed revisions to 3.79.
- c. Planning mini-virtual conferences to invite LASD subject matter experts to discuss policies and procedures as it relates to listening sessions in East

LA and AV. **April 24th** is the virtual conference on LASD complaint process.

- d. Submitting 2 session proposals for NACOLE Conference (Wellness & Law Enforcement, Secret Recordings and Technology)

3) Staffing Update – Decision regarding Senior Staff Analyst position

4) Internal Operation Improvements/Deliverables

- a. Finalizing 2024 Annual Report- Release in 2 weeks, drafting day-to-day operations manual
- b. Developing complaint process that include working with IT to create complaint database, letters of notification, etc. (no activity since last meeting)