



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

Correspondence Received

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

HILDA L. SOLIS
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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
5.		Oppose	Felicia Jones	I am submitting this written public comment in response to the public hearing (Item 5) regarding the nearly \$200 million in unspent CFCI funds. We are urging you not to rush this process but to utilize a community-driven process. The CFCI Advisory Committee was established to lead this work. I respectfully ask that you let them finish their work. Voting on this now undermines trust and violates the spirit of CFCI and the community constituency you serve.
			Kaci Patterson	All of the unspent funds should be allocated by the community advisory committee and not swept back into the county bureaucracy.
			Maisha Beasley	This process must be community-driven, not rushed behind closed doors. The CFCI Advisory Committee was established to lead this work. Let them finish. Communities most impacted by injustice deserve transparency and voice. Voting on this now undermines trust and violates the spirit of CFCI.
		Other	Joel Garcia	My name is Joel Garcia, and I am submitting public comment today as a resident/arts worker/representative of Meztli Projects, one of the few Native-led arts organizations in the County and a grantee of CFCI. I am requesting that organizations currently funded by CFCI continue to receive funding. The grassroots efforts of organizations like ours, which address critical issues, need to continue being funded by this program. Small organizations like Meztli Projects should be prioritized. Especially those working in their communities, by and for each other.
		Item Total	4	
Grand Total			4	

June 24, 2025

To: Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

RE: Item 5 - Oppose

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Felicia Jones

Black Equity Collective



April 29, 2025

The Honorable Kathryn Barger - Chair, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Hilda L. Solis - Chair Pro-Tem, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Janice Hahn, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Lindsey P. Horvath, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
The Honorable Holly J. Mitchell, Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
500 West Temple Street, Suite 869
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: Letter of Support – CFCI Program Proposals

Dear members of the Board of Supervisors Public Safety Cluster,

As the Councilmember for Los Angeles City Council District 1, I am writing regarding the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) recommendations for the Year Four Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Ongoing and On-Time Spending Plan. I would like to express my support for two specific proposed programs:

- Department of Health Services | ODR-Harm Reduction Division: The MacArthur Park Overdose Response Team
- The Department of Public Health | Trans, Gender Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) Wellness and Equity Initiative

Since launching in late 2024, members of the MacArthur Park Overdose Response Team have saved the lives of over 70 people through overdose reversals and positively impacted countless more. In addition to overdose reversals, the team has distributed over 15,000 doses of naloxone, hundreds of hygiene kits and collected over 16,000 biohazardous materials such as sharps and pipes. Within just a few months of their one-time funded program, the team has become absolutely critical to the City and County's response to the public health crisis in and around MacArthur Park, the epicenter of the opioid crisis in Los Angeles. It is imperative that these services are funded long-term.

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Especially in light of the attacks on the rights of Trans, Gender-Expansive, and Intersex (TGI) populations, it is more important than ever to address the systematic barriers faced by TGI communities. I fully support the proposed \$7 million, two-year investment in the TGI Wellness and Equity Initiative, which will go toward TGI-led organizations that deliver essential health, housing, and community services across the County.

Both of these programs speak directly to the vision and goals of a "Care First" approach in LA County, and through direct community investments they will move toward the creation of a more just and equitable Los Angeles County. I urge you to support them.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Eunisses Hernandez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eunisses" and last name "Hernandez" clearly distinguishable.

Eunisses Hernandez
Los Angeles City Councilmember, First District

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

Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Cc: Fesia Davenport, Chief Executive Officer of Los Angeles County

From: Derek Steele, Chair, Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee

Date: Monday, June 23, 2025

Subject: Ensuring Alignment and Integrity in FY 2025–26 CFCI Unspent Funding Allocations

Supervisors,

I first would like to acknowledge the Board's continued leadership and foresight in this deeply challenging fiscal climate. Even in one of the most difficult budget years in Los Angeles County's history, your commitment to the Care First agenda stands as a bold affirmation of the values we are collectively advancing. Your decision to center equity, healing, and accountability through public motion and through resource allocation is not only being watched across the County, but studied by governments and communities across the nation and globe. What we are building here together is nothing short of a new model for public safety, public health, and community power.

In a time when police militarization is escalating and repressive federal actions are rising against so many of our neighbors and community members, Los Angeles County should continue to chart another path. It is important that this path is one where communities most impacted by systems of harm are also the architects of their own wellbeing. This is the future our people want to see: a future that is co-governed, community-informed, and rooted in care. That vision requires clarity, transparency, and trust in the process. The commitment to that process is more than procedural. It's a statement of belief in the possibility of a care first, jails last world.

I write to you in my capacity as Chair of the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee to affirm our commitment to the funding allocation process outlined in your unanimously adopted motion on May 6, 2024: "Ensuring Transparency and Accountability of Care First Funding." Through that motion, the Board's intent that all future recommendations regarding the allocation or reallocation of unspent CFCI funds align with the priorities established by the CFCI Advisory Committee, especially those that are fundamentally direct community investments and alternatives to incarceration.

At our June 12, 2025 meeting, the Advisory Committee finalized a community-driven process that will deliver a comprehensive set of FY 2025–26 funding recommendations to the Board by July 31, 2025, in time for consideration during the Supplemental Budget phase. That process includes:

- A **Concept Recommendation Form** that will be used uniformly by community-based organizations, County departments, the CEO's office, and the Third-Party Administrator. This will ensure all proposals—regardless of source—can be assessed equitably and transparently.
- A public **submission period from June 23 to July 7, 2025**, during which concept recommendations will be collected alongside a **Countywide Community Survey** to surface updated public priorities. The last survey was conducted in 2023, and the current community context demands a fresh perspective.
- A **period from July 7 to July 31** during which the Committee will review and deliberate on all submitted proposals, ensuring that recommended projects align with CFCI's core goals and are viable for implementation in this fiscal year. Selected recommendations will then be sent to the Board of Supervisors for further consideration.


We are excited to complete this process. However, we recently became aware of a board letter from the CEO's Office scheduled for your June 25, 2025 agenda, which proposes to reallocate portions of the unspent CFCI balance. While we recognize that some of the projects outlined in that letter may reflect important priorities, these proposals are not vetted and prioritized recommendations from the Advisory Committee through our public process.

As such, we respectfully urge the Board to **NOT approve of the CEO's current recommendations** and instead allow the CFCI Advisory Committee to complete its public, equitable, and community-informed process. All proposals, including those from the CEO's office, will be considered on equal footing as part of our formal review. Advancing isolated funding recommendations outside of this process outlined above would undercut the collaborative, community-first approach that CFCI was designed to uphold.

We remain committed to delivering thoughtful, timely, and actionable recommendations by **July 31, 2025**, and we thank you for your continued partnership as we work to build a more just, more humane, and more care-centered Los Angeles County—by community, for community.

Thank you for reading.

In Unity and Health,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Derek Steele', with a stylized, cursive script.

Derek Steele

Chair, Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee