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DC

Gomez, Victoria 28:48

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We can.

Thomas Luscombe 28:49 We

DC

can.

We can hear you now.

GV

Gomez, Victoria 28:49

We can hear you.

TL

Dardy Chen 28:51

Thank you.

All right. Yeah, perfect.

Sorry about that.

GV

Thanks for the 2nd.

DC

So I think I already went over this as to why should I should I start over for people on OK.

Apologies. All right.

Hopefully everybody can hear me.

We'll look in the chat if you can't. So as I was saying in December 2024, the board embarked on a six month ISH pilot program to improve transparency in our policy making process.

This was the work of many kind of years of engagement with the public, but sub Reser Mitchell had done.

And folks really asking for more opportunity to weigh in before.

Legislation became law, oftentimes with less than a week's notice.

Since that time, we've asked for motions to be presented to any non-emergency substitute policy motions to be presented 2 weeks in advance of the board meeting at the appropriate policy area cluster meeting.

For discussion, review feedback from department heads.

Feedback from members of the public and opportunity for public comment and the pilot resulted in a report back issued by the Executive Office on June 20th. In that report back.

It's been found that motions that were presented in advance.

Allowed for more time to collaborate between both board offices and departments, and I had reference. If you go to the next slide, a couple of the pieces of feedback.

Back from the report, including the fact that the CEO recommended continuing the pilot program.

In addition, the EO did an analysis of the motions that came through before cluster before the cluster review process, as well as after the cluster review process that would have been subject to the process under our current rules and have found that motions have been revised.

53.2% of the time based on cluster feedback as opposed to 31% in the pre pilot period.

And departments gave feedback. Both Anchorage and through a survey that it allowed for better internal planning information, a lot of collaboration and also allows for offices to talk to each other in an open setting rather than having to do kind of behind the scenes shuttle diplomacy, if you.

Will additionally, we've heard from our community based organizations that they very much appreciate the opportunity to weigh in, give feedback, and be involved in

policy making process. So for those reasons, next slide please.

We've brought forward this motion today to continue with the cluster review process for all substantive non-emergency motions non urgent motions, directing County Council to executive officer and County Council to codify the cluster review process and for the CEO to continue coordinating the cluster process. I will note.

That we received feedback from the Economic Development Department as well as the Department of Economic Opportunity that they.

Would like to be.

Able to consider those motions at the appropriate place rather than having deputies monitoring every single cluster and jumping in the cluster of clusters.

So we've added the economic Development Policy Committee in addition to the original 5 clusters for the continuation of the program. And then in addition, next slide please.

I think it's important that we continue reviewing and improving our processes.

As does the supervisor.

And so therefore, we're asking for the Executive Office and the CEO.

To provide a written report back in 12 months so that we can continue to evaluate, you know, what's coming through cluster, how is the participation going?

How do we have engagement if there are any opportunities for improvement?

So pretty simple.

Straightforward. I think we've all seen utility in the process and we're asking respectfully to continue.

Happy to take questions and I have my colleagues here as well to answer any questions from anyone.

I actually did have a couple questions.

Can you remind me what the vote is needed for waiving section 22.1?

 **+13*****38** 33:12

Because understand.

 **Dardy Chen** 33:13

You know like to start to work around, it's a.

It's a majority, yeah.

Is it just a three vote item?

Like when we're saying we're waiving, we're suspending the rules, right?
Yeah. Was there any discussion with Counselor?

+13*****38 33:24

Oh.

But they said they cannot meet yesterday that extreme long.

DC Dardy Chen 33:27

Any opportunities for that to be a four vote item?

I mean to be 4 vote in terms of waiving just because my only thing.

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Range.

DC Dardy Chen 33:33

So I will start off by saying thank you for bringing forward the smoke. Then I personally love it.

I really, really appreciate it and value the opportunity to review motions in advance.

To have enough time to have thoughtful conversations with departments to get quality information and not doing it in such rush, I also think it's been a really helpful process to get input from folks, especially senior and offs. Having people provide public comment like we have the general hosp.

Item that I thought was, you know, really valuable in that setting to get a lot of information.

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I'm.

DC Dardy Chen 34:10

So I really appreciated the process. I think the only thing that I have.

Had questions about is.

The waiving.

The waiving the need for things to go through cluster, yeah, because I think it has not been clear what is considered urgent and time sensitive and I just feel like these are really substantive policy issues that we owe to the public. You know, their ability

to to be.

Able to review.

In these settings as well, and like I said to hear questions that are being presented to departments and to hear the responses from the departments.

Because so many of these items are just approved on consent by the board, right?

Regardless, without having you know public input and then for the members of the public, they just have to provide.

Comment in general public comment right on items, not all.

 **+13*****38** 34:54

They have offered to try to recruit beyond their membership and because Reno was giving them exercise.

 **Dardy Chen** 34:54

So what I would say is that I think Jonathan has been in an ongoing discussion with County Council about if there are opportunities there, if any of your offices are interested in a in potential amendments to the motion to clarify that, I think we're happy to discuss.

Yeah, like I said, I really appreciate this and appreciate you guys bringing it forward.

And I think it's been an interesting process to have.

Yeah, you know, all the ability to review and discuss motions.

Yeah. And also one of the clusters I was presenting, one of our motions that we had almost an hour long discussion just about the progress, the work happening.

And so I I would agree, very helpful.

 **+13*****38** 35:41

I have a question.

Daniel Tabor move LA.

 **Dardy Chen** 35:45

Oh, we haven't opened it up.

 **+13*****38** 35:45

This is just to clarify what.

DC Dardy Chen 35:46

I'm so sorry we haven't opened it up for a public comment yet, so we will do so in a moment.

Are there any questions from any of the other board offices comments?

OK. Darde, can we go ahead and open it up to public comment?

We'll do public comment.

Have Joseph Ramos, who is in person and please online if you can raise your hand on teams and call in order.

I wish.

Alright, Joseph, when you start, we'll we'll start you one minute from here.

Do you want to stand up here?

Joseph Robles for Apartment association appeared in Los Angeles.

Agnes Strong supports the continuation of the cluster review process as a vital means for additional stakeholder engagement and early input into the creation of the accounting audiences.

Buster discussions are needed in advance of board meetings to fully identify major impacts. Newly proposed ordinances will have on stakeholders.

Consider refinements and identifying solutions who support Supervisor Mitchell's motion and requested the definition of processes be modified to include the homeless policy deputy's meeting.

Similar to the Economic Policy Committee, it shows a vitally important meeting to include as a Buster.

Housing is the most important issue for the county to receive additional input from stakeholders in the homeless policy meeting is where most such issues arise and have supervised housing staff and attendance.

Thank you for your time.

All right.

Next, barn, do you want to stand up and give your remarks started time when you start speaking, OK.

Good afternoon, everyone.

The translator coalition.

Yeah, given the measure G, someone's transparency work and all the different calls for community.

Engagement from various offices.

We definitely appreciate SEC leadership in process and clarifying and codifying policies that truly engage our community.

But we do appreciate being partnered with all the offices on different motions policy initiatives as a stakeholder. It is great, has been great to be able to see the motions beyond like being able to probably one minute for public comment, especially instead of just being asked the evening.

Before on Monday, it's all on the agenda. Can you speak?

So thank you everyone for the opportunity to truly engage the Community and allow us process.

We know that sometimes the meetings get reshuffled every schedule based on whoever's running the meeting, so it can be hard for the Community to be able to one schedule their day around one to provide public comment.

But also it's helpful to see the motion saying events.

Thank you.

Thank you very much.

Now we'll move on line.

Is there anybody, anyone on?

Seeing none, we'll go in order of the hands that I see in front of me first is Angela Gibson.

Angela, I'll start one minute. When you start speaking.

Come get yourself.

AG **Angela Gibson** 38:28

Good afternoon.

Can you hear me?

DC **Dardy Chen** 38:30

Yes.

AG **Angela Gibson** 38:31

My name is Angela Gibson Shaw with the greater LA African American Chamber of Commerce, and I just believe that with more complex issues coming before the Board of Supervisors and the public, and with the residents and businesses having these busy schedules and busy lives, I think that the.

Cluster review process will provide more time to provide more intentional input and

allow more time for review.

And so I'd like to urge that you make this process permanent, or at least stand this pilot project.

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 39:02

Thank you very much.

Next we have Chris Wilson.

I'll start your time when you start speaking.

CW **Chris Wilson** 39:09

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 39:09

Let's go ahead.

CW **Chris Wilson** 39:10

Good afternoon.

Good afternoon. Operation cluster members.

My name is Chris Wolfen with Los Angeles County business federation known as Biz Fed.

Bisphen has a strong standing position of supporting transparent, accountable government that makes smart, responsible and efficient use of the legislator process. Like this motion, we leverage the expertise of our broad and diverse membership to mobilize and support of responsible governance that sets clear objectives with fluorescent timelines.

And holds itself accountable to the constituents who provide the resources to achieve them.

We thank Supervisor Mitchell for her thoughtful leadership in this space, as it will allow, as it will allow the enhancement of residents, ability to understand and participate in the democratic process.

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 39:57

Thank you very much.

Next Lena silver. We'll start your time, OK.

LS **Lena Silver** 40:00

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 40:01

Thank you.

LS **Lena Silver** 40:02

Great. Thanks.

My name is Lena Silver.

I'm the director of policy and administrative advocacy at neighborhood legal services of LA County, and I'm speaking in support of this item, and LSLA serves over 150,000 low income Los Angeles a year with civil legal issues like eviction, domestic violence, access to benefits and health.

So we really know first hand the policy issues that require board intervention prior to this, pilot motions came to a vote without meaningful stakeholder input.

And we support a continuation that gives additional time for the public to be aware of policy and development.

In tandem, we support the revisions to the motion and agree that the board should find better ways to promote cluster meetings and get community feedback by advertising cluster meetings with impactful motions in board emails by placing them more prominently on the LA County Home page and performing out.

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 40:52

Thank you very much, Anthony. Let them.

Start your time when you start speaking. Yes, thank you.

AC **Andony Corleto** 40:58

Yes.

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And.

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Andony Corleto 41:00

My name is Anthony Corleto.

I'm program associate at the virus to the justice.

We're a 60 year organization national organization that works on ending mass incarceration, ensuring dignity for people behind bars and building safe and thriving communities. As a Community member and advocate for care first policies and practices, I support extending the cluster review pilot program, which provides an added lay.

Of transparency that is beneficial for the Community.

And appearing before this body multiple times over the past six months, I've seen first hand that posting items in advance.

Allowing a forum for meaningful public discussion helps the community understand, evaluate, and weigh in on the actions of their supervisors.

Transparency is important and is a pillar of promoting safe and healthy communities.

Just request your ivote and thank you, Supervisor Mitchell and all the departments that are involved in supporting transparency and accountability. Thank you.

DC

Dardy Chen 41:48

Thank you very much miguelic.

You're next.

I'll start your time to start speaking.

MR

Megan Rich 41:53

Afternoon. My name is Megan, and I'm with law defensa.

I'm speaking today in support of Agenda item SD two. This pilot has brought a new level of transparency and accountability to the policy making process, giving the public and county departments more time to understand and improve motions before they reach the board.

That kind of deliberative process is essential when we're talking about policies that impact mental health, justice reform, homelessness and community investment.

We've seen first hand how rushed policymaking without proper review or stakeholder input.

Can lead to confusion and poor implement poor implementation by institutionalizing

the cluster process, the board can ensure that motions are more transparent and more responsive to the needs of LA County residents. Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 42:36

Thank you very much, Peter.
You're the next yourself.
Peter.

PE Peter Eliasberg 42:42

Yeah. Hi, this is Peter Eliasberg, chief counsel at the ACLU of Southern California. Like so far everyone else here, we strongly support Supervisor Mitchell's motion to extend the cluster review process.

Going even beyond the evaluation and the glowing evaluation of how it's improved motion quality and interdepartment collaboration, I can personally speak to how much has improved the ability of the ACLU and other advocates to make meaningful comment and collaborate.

On motions in the battle I've been doing this for 20 years and in the battle days the number of times massively important motions would hit the board's agenda on a Friday, and then we might get a call from a justice deputy on a Monday saying, hey, we.

Got something on the agenda on Tuesday.

Can you come on in and talk to it?

Which really didn't allow for any reasonable consideration of motions, reasonable thought and attempt to talk to our community partners about what we felt about these motions.

That was those really were the battle days and this process is dramatically.

And the pilot program should be extended for those reasons.

Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 43:46

Thank you very much.
Next, Audi started time. We start speaking.

AB Ani Boyadjian 43:52

Good afternoon, Anya Boyajan with Central City Association. CCA represents over

300 members committed to enhancing downtown Los Angeles's vibrancy and increasing opportunity in the region.

We are calling in strong support of the motion to extend the cluster review process.

This pilot has ushered in a new era for the county, embracing more public participation and transparency.

We cannot and should not go back to a model that is less transparent and limits public engagement.

This model is working and we ECHO Supervisor Mitchell's priority to keep policy making open, thoughtful and accountable to the public.

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 44:27

Thank you very much.

Grace, you're next.

Please, I'm mute.

I'll start your time.

Go ahead, grace.

Grace.

Hello, grace.

OK.

We'll move the Diana and then we'll come back to you first.

Yeah, I don't wanna mute.

DA **De Anna** 44:50

Hi, my name is Deanna Pittman.

I work with the young Men's Freedom Center and we work to decarcerate and decriminalize girls and gender expansive youth in LA County. So to us, any and all motions that relate to youth justice are of major concern.

And as a constituent, a mother and organizer, any opportunity to allow for more community input on these already inaccessible county processes should be strengthened.

So I strongly support Mitchell's motion to extend the cluster review process. Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 45:26

Thank you very much. Grace, you want to mute, try again.

We still don't hear you, Grace.

OK. Next we'll go to Janet.

Janet, do you want to unmute and we'll start your time.

JA Janet Asante 45:45

Hi, thank you for having me.

My name is Janet Desante.

I do policy and communications for dignity and power now, and the Justice LA coalition dignity and power now supports the most vulnerable communities in LA who are facing mountains of barriers in their daily lives due to LA sprawl, carceral systems, and the Justice LA Coalition has fought and.

Won several abolitionists and Carefirst alternatives for LA we have seen first hand how decisions made at the county level determine whether some of LA's most vulnerable people.

Live or die.

This motion review process increases transparency and we hope that the popularity of this pilot and its processes help bolster efforts to increase transparency and participation across the county. We have seen that the recommendations of this report specifically call for increasing the public comment process and making sure that.

That process is accessible and we hope that those recommendations especially are highlighted and perhaps move.

On it, where folks are guaranteed public comment access.

At the meetings at a set time where they can depend on it, especially because they are living and working full time.

DC Dardy Chen 46:48

Very much, Scott, be it yourself, Scott.

JA Janet Asante 46:50

Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 46:55

Scott wolke.

SW **Scott Wilk** 46:55

Yeah. Thank you. Yep.

This is Scott Wilk with the Building Industry Association of Southern California.

We want to thank Supervisor Mitchell for her leadership in in this space. We strongly support the the motion and again, more transparency creates more trust in government and we appreciate the more deliberative and thoughtful process that the cluster process allows.

Thank you very much.

DC **Dardy Chen** 47:22

Thank you very much.

Next we have James James.

Wanna go ahead?

Please send me James. Go ahead.

J **James** 47:29

All right.

Thank you.

My name is James.

Can you hear me?

DC **Dardy Chen** 47:33

Yes, go ahead.

J **James** 47:33

Hello. Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 47:35

Yes, go ahead.

J **James** 47:35

My name is James Takamatsu.

I'm with dignity in power now.

I'm the Justice LA Coalition calling in support of the motion.

But despite the program, you know the community.

This process has been very helpful the Community to learn about motions that are coming up and to be able to digest the motions and provide feedback or provide support. So if we're in good support of this process also like other colleagues mentioned.

One of the flags in the report back was the public comments and standardizing back, and especially with the Board of Supervisors meeting, are very hard for the community to attend and under Barger's leadership so far, the public comments portion has been all over the place and it.

Been very difficult for the public to make public comment making folks living there all day and not even getting to them.

And so we want to make sure that.

The public comment portion of our meetings are standardized and the public knows how.

DC **Dardy Chen** 48:32
Thank you very much.

J **James** 48:32
And is able to divide common.

DC **Dardy Chen** 48:32
Thank you very much.

J **James** 48:34
Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 48:35
You have Tariq, Tariq.
Please send me you and we'll start your time when you start speaking.

TS **Tyrique Shipp** 48:40
Good afternoon.

DC Dardy Chen 48:41

I received go ahead.

TS Tyrique Shipp 48:42

Good afternoon, everybody.

My name is Tyree Shipping with the advisory coalition.

I'll really make it quick, but I think we do need a process like this for us.

We work with over 100 young people coming just out to do now justice system who?

Really want to be involved but don't have the time to really break down these motions or even understand them, right?

And so I think time is timing is everything and giving us explaining to these young people and allowing them to choose what happens with these motions and how they feel about.

Bottom is a big thing for us.

Well, we support the motion and we appreciate the Board of Supervisors for bringing it up.

DC Dardy Chen 49:18

OK.

Thank you very much.

Maya, you're next.

Please send me your time.

Moyer. Moya Hendricks.

MH Mya Hendrix 49:25

Good afternoon.

My name is Mike.

Yes. Can you hear me?

DC Dardy Chen 49:29

Yeah, go ahead.

MH Mya Hendrix 49:30

Good, good afternoon.

My name is Maya Hendricks and I am with lot offensa and the reimagined LA County Coalition and as and we're calling in support of Supervisor Mitchell's motion to support the cluster review process as an organization that is made-up of directly impacted communities, we know first hand.

That when decisions are made behind closed doors, it is black, brown, indigenous, low income, disabled and otherwise marginalized people who are most harmed, and this cluster review process has served as a critical mechanism for.

Like accountability, and it's helped to make decisions impacting millions of residents that they are informed by meaningful analysis and are subject to community insight before reaching to a vote.

We really support this process and the transparency and Community input and collaboration that it brings. Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 50:22

OK.

Thank you very much.

Next is Lena, Nina Malik, please on mute.

Meena, go ahead.

LM Lena Mallett 50:32

Nina Mallett you dusted policy associate with the Children's Defense Fund and a coordinator for layup in support of this motion.

Transparency, accountability and responsiveness from our electeds and decision making processes that affect human lives should be the bare minimum. I hope that with this motion, the county implements strategies to increase Community representation and engagement in these cluster spaces, and that the public comment process is made more access.

To.

Youth and community who show up to engage civically and often times spend all day.

With uncertainty as to when they'll be able to speak, I would also encourage board office deputies to continue their due diligence to follow up on questions and concerns that are raised in this space, because without that, it feels useless. Any opportunity to deepen Community input in these SP.

That are deeply inaccessible is critical, especially as a tax on our black brown immigrant and housing trans community members intensely.

DC **Dardy Chen** 51:28

OK.

Thank you very much.

Next, Anthony arena.

Do you want to unmute?

We'll start your time.

Bethany Rita.

AT **Anthony Arenas they|them** 51:35

Hi, my name is Anthony Arnoz with the Justice LA Coalition and dignity and power now calling in from Supervisorial District 3 and I want to echo support for Super Volley Supervisor Mitchell's motion.

DC **Dardy Chen** 51:46

Right.

AT **Anthony Arenas they|them** 51:50

I think it's a great first step. This pilot report back has underscored the severe need for public comment standardization. The current model that we have now.

Leaves community members in empty room for hours.

Confusion about which items are and aren't being held.

In some cases, paying for transportation and parking for over 9 hours.

I think that at the end of the day, the supervisors work for us, the people, and we pay them to sit and listen to us speak.

We don't pay them to hold us up in a room from 8:30 in the morning until 5:00 PM and not let us speak.

That's not what they're there for.

That's not their job.

We're paying them to sit there and listen.

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 52:33

Thank you very much.

Rock pawn. You're next. Please unmute.

RQ **Rob Quan** 52:41

Hey Rob Cornaldon Rigel a.

DC **Dardy Chen** 52:41

Go ahead.

RQ **Rob Quan** 52:43

I'm a supervisorial District 1 resident and I I mainly focus on Watchdogging LA City Hall.

But when it comes to county stuff, I'm always pleasantly taken aback by the contrast across the street. Our City Council has worked over the years to limit and discard public comment, and this board has maintained remote public comments.

Maintains a good faith effort to hear from everybody, even if it does force us to wait around all day sometimes.

But you've created a more participatory budget process.

And with this cluster process, you allow the public and board to openly collaborate before motions are introduced.

It it might be small stuff, but it's a hell of a lot more than we get from City Council and taken together, it's a reminder that government can be changed.

It doesn't have to suck.

We can do better and we can work more efficiently while keeping the public involved.

So thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 53:33

Thank you very much.

Next yesina cups yesina I'm muted.

Wanna start your time?

YC **Yessenia Cux** 53:38

Good afternoon.

I'm Yesenia Kush with the Council of Mexican Federations in North America govern,

speaking on behalf of the immigrants RLA coalition. And I'm calling today to express our strong support for the motion put forward by Supervisor Mitchell to extend the cluster motion review process. This pilot has already demon.

Its value, it has improved transparency, strengthened interdepartmental collaboration and most importantly, creating more space for public engagement.

The current process gives the public time to review and wait in.

On proposals that impact their lives without this process, motion can be rushed and with only a few days notice, undermining accountability and making it harder for community voices to be heard.

This is especially important for immigrant and indigenous communities, who often face language, digital and systemic barriers that make it difficult to provide public comment.

We urge you to vote in favor of continue the cluster review process and to take this important step toward a more open, inclusive and response accounting government. Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 54:37

Thank you very much. Grace, you want to try again?

Commute yourself.

Grace.

Sorry, Grace, it's not.

It's not working today, Melissa.

I'll meet yourself.

Melissa.

MZ Melissa Zepeda 54:54

My name is Melissa Cepeda, and I am with Kofem. The Council of Mexican Federations in North America, speaking as part of Itla.

The immigrants are LA coalition.

It's already proven effective.

It's made the process more transparent, improved the collaboration between departments and most importantly, it's created more space for the public to get involved, especially on major issues that impact immigrant communities like housing, justice reform and access to healthcare.

This current process gives people the chance to actually read through the proposals

and share their thoughts. Without it, motions can move forward with barely any notice, which makes it hard for the Community to be a part of this conversation. We're asking you to vote yes on continuing the cluster review process as it is a key step toward making our county government more open, inclusive and accountable. Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 55:49

Thank you very much, Olivia Shields.
Please send your time when you start speaking.
Olivia Shields.

OS Olivia Shields 55:55

Hi. Olivia Shields with Urban Peace Institute in Lu the Uprising coalition. I'm calling in support of Supervisor Mitchell's motion. Transparency is key in the policy making process and in as a lot of my colleagues have already mentioned, ensuring that youth and Community have early and meaningful opportunities to engage with proposed motions is really essential. The implementation of motions has also been a long standing concern for us. And this process allows for stronger internal planning and identifying concerns about how to best implement policy between departments. I also want to echo what my colleague. Lena said in encouraging that justice deputies continue to use this pilot to better engage with community. When we do express our feedback through cluster. This palette is an important start and I encourage the board to continue to examine how to further build transparency, accountability and accessibility in policy making in the county. Thank you.

DC Dardy Chen 56:40

Thank you very much.
Next, Scott, Scott Fordink who wants to unmute yourself?

SK Scott Korinke 56:45

Thank you for the opportunity to speak.
My name is Scott Kerenke and I'm speaking on behalf of the Marina del Rey Tourism Board in strong support of Supervisor Mitchell's board.

Motion item to extend the cluster review process pilot. Since it began, as many others have said.

Stated the data shows we've seen meaningful steps in the right direction.

Increased public engagement on **** issues and more input, resulting in motions that are more responsive to feedback in a thoughtfully adjusted to improve them. For tourism hospitality businesses, this makes it easier to engage on policy issues that directly impact our industry.

And strikes the right balance for response to the public policy making.

We're here to continue participating in policy cluster meetings on issues that affect our businesses and our Marina Ray community.

So we urge you to support the motion and look forward to continuing to participate and to the benefit of Allie County.

Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 57:34

Thank you very much.

Next we have Nina.

Nina, can you unmute yourself?

Nina.

Please unmute yourself.

OK.

Move on.

That Anthony, you had spoken already earlier, you're talking on a different topic.

AT **Anthony Arenas they|them** 57:54

No, I just.

I don't know if it was noticed in the chat.

There's another another James James Nelson who can't raise his hand but would like to give comment on this item.

DC **Dardy Chen** 58:02

Yeah, we'll get there.

Thanks very much.

All right.

You know, do you want to try again?

Do you want mute yourself, Nina?

All right. We'll move to Sahara.

You'll meet yourself and start your time, Sarah Sierra.

S **Saharra** 58:18

Yeah. Can you hear me?

DC **Dardy Chen** 58:20

Yes, go ahead.

S **Saharra** 58:22

Hi, my name is Sahara.

Why I'm a organizer with dignity and power now, and I just wanted to give my comment that I'll go forth with Mitchell's motion and to approve it. The Cluster motion review process has opened policymaking up to the public, and increasing the number of important revisions and is.

Also, increasing community buy in the process gives the community time to digest and understand important motions and to be able.

Mobilize and stand behind initiatives that they believe in and when they come to vote with all the ice raids and LASD gangs harassing families, not everyone feels safe attending board meetings in person.

So it's especially important to increase ease and access for virtual public comment. Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 59:13

Very much now, although to folks that don't, that don't have the functions to raise your hand.

Who can you speak up with your name and I'll try to go in order somehow.

Unmute yourself if you anyone.

N **Nina** 59:25

Hi, my name is Nina.

DC **Dardy Chen** 59:28

Is it Nina? Go ahead, Nina.

N **Nina** 59:29
Hi, I'm Nina.

DC **Dardy Chen** 59:29
I'll start. Go ahead.

N **Nina** 59:30
Yes, hi. My name is Nina Suarez.
I am a resident of Los Angeles County and I want to just show my support and emotion regarding transparency for the cluster.
Agenda, which is I think it's SD 2. The cluster review process. I believe transparency is vital for our in our government and I believe.
That this motion would really help our communities serve.
Just wanted to just say my support of this motion. Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:00:06
OK.
Thank you very much. Again, we will move now.
Move to the folks that don't have the function to raise their hand.
I see the last four digits 4423.
You're unmuted.
You wanna say your name and we'll start your time.

+19***23** 1:00:19
Yes, Matthew Buck, vice president of public affairs for the California Apartment Association.
Just wanna join the support the California Apartment Association support supervisor.
Mitchell's motion to extend the cluster motion review process.
It is essential to continue this approach to ensure well informed decisions by the Board of Supervisors.
Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:00:38
Thank you very much.

The last four digits, 9161.

I see you're unmuted.

You want to speak up?

+14***61** 1:00:46

Yeah. My name is James Nelson.

I'm campaigns and program manager at Dignity, Dignity and power now.

I'm formerly incarcerated and been working with the county as far as a lot of issues that we've been working against the jail closure, the COC meetings and stuff like that. But I'm calling in support of this motion.

To to keep this Poly program going on because it is the first step to real transparency.

In my 11 years being home, dealing with the with the county meetings and this is a great step to show the the folks in the communities, in the stakeholders that they voice do matter and that we all trying to work together to rectify the problems that's plaguing our.

Communities. Thank you.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:01:36

Thank you very much, Derek.

You have your hand raised.

Go ahead and use yourself.

D **Derek** 1:01:43

You know, hey, everyone. How you doing today?

This is Derek Steele, chair of the care first Community Investment Advisory Committee.

I also member of the Governance Reform Task Force.

You know, as a member of the public and also, you know, trying to do the due diligence around making sure transparency and also engagement is a part of the process, particularly from Community. I want to lend my support.

For this motion to be able to extend this work, I think it is an appropriate first step. To, you know, make sure that the process itself you know is not rushed, that people have the the opportunity to not only just engage, but also learn more deeply about what the different types of things that are going before the board actually entails

gives you all a chance.

To talk through some of the challenges that might actually exist, or even some of the success.

That you can maybe get agree on the cluster process I think is really critical and we need to make we can keep this going.

 **Dardy Chen** 1:02:47

Thank you.

Work very much. Appreciate it.

Are there any other comments?

I don't see any other hands raised.

Are there anyone else online that don't have functions to raise your hands? Like speak up number 278?

 **+13*****38** 1:03:00

Yeah, my name is Daniel Tabor.

 **Dardy Chen** 1:03:03

Go ahead, Daniel.

 **+13*****38** 1:03:04

Can thank you very much.

My name is Daniel Tabor.

I'm President of Leadership board of Move LA.

We are a collaborative, inclusive consensus building organization around public policy and transfer to public transportation, affordable housing and environmental justice. We support very strongly the supervisors motion.

We believe it.

It represents a fundamental purpose of representative government, and that is that.

There be public discourse.

And engagement on issues that affect their lives and their circumstance.

We are wondering why there hasn't been some discussion and hopefully there will be some discussion as we this motion moves forward and is supported to make this process a part of the fundamental process of the county of Los Angeles going forward.

So again, we support the supervisors motion and look forward to supporting the motion to make.

The cluster review process.

Permanent.

 **Dardy Chen** 1:04:06

Thank you very much.

I see one last number, 6205, the last four digits 6205. Would you like to speak up?

 **+19*****05** 1:04:14

Yes, my name is Matthew Lyons and I'm the director of public policy for the San Gabriel Valley Economic Partnership.

We'd like to thank Supervisor Mitchell and fully support the extension of the Cluster policy review process.

We support 31 cities and have a very diverse membership, so this process allows us to better evaluate the motions and provide meaningful feedback.

So thank you so much for this motion. And again we fully support it.

 **Dardy Chen** 1:04:45

All right.

Thank you very much. I believe that's all the public comments.

Are there anybody, anyone else there like make public comment?

Hi.

Hello. That's it. Right. OK.

So we move on to the next item.

 **+18*****18** 1:05:00

Hello.

 **Dardy Chen** 1:05:01

Hello.

 **+18*****18** 1:05:03

Yeah, I was wondering make comment on the ST2 motion.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:05:08

OK. Your name, Sir.

+18***18** 1:05:10

Tim Riley with the Marina del Rey. Leslie's association.

And we wholeheartedly support. I'm sorry.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:05:16

Yeah.

+18***18** 1:05:20

Hello.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:05:22

Go ahead.

+18***18** 1:05:23

Oh, I think we wholeheartedly supports you as your Mitchell's motion to extend the cluster review process actually should be made permanent.

And I hope we'll get to that point soon.

This new procedure works very well for transparency and for public engagement.

Please do not go back to the old system of five days in advance and two days when you're on the green sheet.

That just doesn't work.

It doesn't allow enough time for review.

Of these important policy matters.

And so we hope very much that this motion will pass at the board and we'll continue this program.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:06:02

Thank you very much. Alright.

+18***18** 1:06:04

Thank you.



Dardy Chen 1:06:06

You have a comments.

Once, twice and we'll inclusive items chair. Thank you all.

Thank you. Appreciate it.

OK.

We'll move on to the next board motion, which is leveling the playing field for local Elijah.

Good afternoon Cecilia Cabeo for ST3. In 1974, voters passed Proposition 9, the Political Reform Act, which established California's campaign finance and disclosure laws. In 1988, voters passed Proposition 73, which amended the Political Reform Act in several ways, including the prohibition on.

The use of public funding for campaigns.

Federal courts struck down most of Prop.

73 however, the ban on public funding of campaign survived the challenge.

And remains in place.

This is for all four contexts as to what SB 42 does, which is also known as the California Fair Fair Elections Act.

Other by Senator Tom Umber, it will place a measure on the November 2026 ballot to repeal the ban on public a campaign public financing, while requiring that any of those monies, public money's not being used, that are earmarked for education, transportation and public safety.

Currently, county districts general law cities and the state are barred from offering public funds for campaigns.

However, charter cities are allowed to do so as a result of a 1992 California Supreme Court ruling.

5 California Charter cities, Berkeley, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Oakland and San Francisco currently provide public financing, matching funds or democracy vouchers to help voters support qualified candidates.

The US Government Accountability Office issued December 2024 report on public campaign financing programs nationwide, including the City of Los Angeles's mashing funds program, and found that the programs studied encouraged new candidates to run for office and increased voter engagement or trust in the political process.

California Clean Money Campaign, California common cause and the league of

Women Voters of California are Co sponsors of the legislation.

And over 35 good government troops, labor unions, civic engagement groups and democratic clubs are in support. The California Taxpayers Association and one individual are the only opponents on record, and the bill is currently in the Assembly Appropriations Committee.

Happy to take any questions.

Anything. Any questions?

I actually have a couple.

Is there a summary from layer or a position from layer on this? I gave them a heads up that we're doing that I do expect to have something by the time it does come to board on the 12th OK and then where are the potential funding would come?

From would it be from the state or the local government?

Well, it depends on who's implementing the program. If it's a state program, obviously the state general fund, local programs, local general fund, it wouldn't be. It wouldn't be a state funded program for local jurisdictions.

OK. And by programming, meaning election, right?

I mean well the program meaning like for instance, City of LA has matching funds.

That's the name of their program or democracy vouchers, I think, are what they call somewhere in the Bay Area.

So that's what I made my program, OK and then do you know how many cities in LA County are charter cities versus not at the top of my head, OK.

Well, because I was just curious what this would apply to and if this is passed, this would apply to county wide elections as well.

If we well if.

It has to be done by every local council Board of Supervisors or whatever the legislature is for that particular jurisdiction, OK.

Any questions?

OK, Jordan.

Is there any public comment on this item?

Are there any comments online?

Please raise your hand team to speak up.

Do need public comment.

Oh, there'll be one Sean McMurrish.

We'll start your time as you start speaking, if we knew.

John with Morris and you are mute.

SM Sean McMorris 1:10:14

Yes. Sorry, I'm on.

You can hear me.

DC Dardy Chen 1:10:18

Yes, go ahead Sir.

SM Sean McMorris 1:10:19

Yes, hello. And and thank you for considering this motion today.

My name is Shamik Morris and I'm here on behalf of California common cause.

We are Co sponsors of SB42 and would greatly appreciate the support of the LA County Board of Supervisors for this important bill. For too long Californians California's ban on public financing of campaigns has blocked local governments from creating systems that amplify the voices of every.

Voters and reduce resilience on wealthy donors. Charter cities like Los Angeles, Oakland and Berkeley have shown that public financing works.

But current law prevents most local jurisdictions from even trying.

That's not right.

Support for SB42 is support for local preference as it does not mandate public financing. It simply gives voters the choice in 2026 to repeal an outdated ban on public campaign financing, allowing California's to decide what's right for their communities. We respectfully ask for.

Your support of SB 42.

DC Dardy Chen 1:11:20

Very fine.

Thank you very much.

Alright. Any other public comments?

Anyone in person?

OK.

That's it.

I'm sorry, Rob, you want to go ahead?

I'll start your timeline first. When you start speaking.

RQ Rob Quan 1:11:39

Great. Rob Kohl with Enrig LA and I'd like to thank Supervisor Horvath for introducing this resolution.

I'd also like to uplift the fact that Supervisor, Horvath and Mitchell previously pushed this board to adopt A motion exploring the feasibility of a public financing program for the county, but we do need to clear this state hurdle first before having the option of figuring out what we.

May want to do the Supreme Court's really limited our options on this front, but public financing is the last tool available to really empower.

The many verse the monied, and there's a lot of concern out there regarding measure G and how we can ensure the race for County Executive isn't simply a matter of who raises the most money. And we've seen in the city of LA that public financing allowed our mayor.

To beat an opponent that spent well over \$100 million, we've seen similar outcomes on Council races in LA.

We've seen a younger, more diverse council grow.

Over five years, we've gone from two women on our council to 8.

A majority, and like the county, we went decades in the city without an incumbent. Being voted out of office, we've seen that four times out of the last three cycles, so this is something that we could really change our city with.

DC Dardy Chen 1:12:43

Thank you.

Very much alright.

Are there any other comments?

Yeah, I'd just like to clarify if I may.

The chair allows. Yeah, the the ballot placed on or the measure placed on the ballot rather enables a local jurisdiction or the state to score itself, whether or not it wants to create a program. It doesn't mandate that a program be created or automatically create a full public.

Financing of campaigns program.

And there's 20 something.

I lost count because I got distracted.

Charter cities that couldn't be counted. Thank you.

Sure. Anything else? No. OK.

We'll move item.

Thank you so much. Thank you.

Now we'll move on to SD4's, repurposing the county's existing Torrance Health Center building under the pathway, Torrance Community Health and Wellness Center.

GD **Gonzalez, Daritza** 1:13:32

Yes, I am on virtually hope you can hear me OK, colleagues, this project before you is a pathway Torrance Community health and Wellness Center.

A little background history here.

This is a 11,000 roughly 306 square foot building located in the city of Torrance.

It's a county property that used to be occupied by our Department of Public Health.

It has been vacant since the early 2000s, just due to cost and need, and it's.

Created quite a lot of issues in the Community, a lot of break insurance and arson has occurred and it's right next to a high school. So it's been a lot of maintenance to try to keep this vacant building cleared. The city of Torrance and our office has been. Working on this for a couple of years now.

Finding a way to revitalize this site and bring necessary services to this community and truly, it's a beautiful Spanish style building.

That deserves to be used.

So we had the opportunity to work with the city and find some money using our own SD4 capital project, ARPA funds.

We've allocated \$11 million towards this and the city has found state and federal funds grants actually towards this project in a total of 6.4 million.

So it's a roughly 17.4 million, a renovation project.

We did reach out to all of our county departments.

Our CEO.

Reached out our office.

Reached out to see if anyone, including public health, would like to occupy this space.

There was a covenant that the space be used for health and Wellness, specifically for women and children.

So we we tried.

No one was interested and given our budget climate now, still not a good time to

occupy a new space.

And so we've decided to reach out to other providers in the community. Venice Family Clinic is going to provide community based health services for children. Families off the 1st floor, which is roughly 5000 square feet and the city of Torrance will occupy the 2nd floor to provide homeless outreach, public safety and housing services.

So the motion before you will authorize a CEO to enter into lease agreements with both agencies will enter into a funding agreement with the city of Torrance for the 6.4 million.

And establishes a capital project for the pathway Torrance project.

Public works will come forward with the board letter later this fall with a construction contract, and so I did want to know Danny Santana with the city of Torrance is on the call and the city did approve the term sheet on their council meeting earlier this month. So.

I look forward to your support and happy to answer any questions.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:16:21

Does anybody have any questions?

No questions, but I appreciate the edits that were made to directive #8. There were a couple things I was going to point out.

But the revised version seems to have addressed all those, so thank you very much.

GD **Gonzalez, Daritza** 1:16:33

Thanks Tammy.

DC **Dardy Chen** 1:16:35

Any other questions?

OK.

Thank you.

Is there any public comment on this item?

Was there any public comments online?

Please raise your hand and speak up or we see Danny. Danny, one of of a mute instructor. You know, start your time.

SD Santana, Danny 1:16:51

Thank you so much.

DC Dardy Chen 1:16:51

Any second?

SD Santana, Danny 1:16:52

Good afternoon. Operations cluster members.

My name is Danny Santana.

I'm the Torrance assistant city manager. Over the last four years, our team has been working with Supervisor Han and her amazing SD4 team DORITZA and Jennifer Lamarque included to get this concept of returning this historic resource that has been dormant and vandalized for over 2 decades back.

To an operational state in order to deliver much needed services to the community. Following a building assessment completed by the County Department of Public Works, Torrance actively lobbied our legislative delegation, securing \$1 million from US Senator Alex Padilla and \$5.5 million from state Assemblyman Al Marisucci through the legislative appropriations process in order to help us come to.

The table with monetary support and realize this project as DERITZA indicated. Our City Council has already formally approved.

The sub recipient agreement.

And the lease terms, we are actively and very eager to see this project make its way to the full board for consideration and hopefully secure their approval and be able to invite all of the Community stakeholders and our legislative officials that helped us get it to this point.

So we respectfully request your support and I would like to personally thank the county team, including Roger Hernandez, Johnny Tang and Andre Calderon from CEO Real Estate and public works, including Doritza.

And the supervisor herself for helping us get to this point. Thank you so much.

DC Dardy Chen 1:18:20

Thank you very much.

Any other public comments?

Seeing that back to you, Sherry. Great. Thank you so much.

That concludes the board motion section.

Now we will move on to the board letters which we have DCFS with a request to approve sole source contracts with IBM for ongoing support of CWS CNS system.

Good afternoon.

My name's Leticia and I'm the division manager for the Context Administration division at BCF and joining me today is Jerry Fong and also Patrick Delaney who work in our business Information System Office.

And we are here related to the IBM letter and this is to execute an amendment to extend.

It this is scheduled for September 2nd, 2025.

And we're asking for dedicated volunteers to extend it from December 1st through December 1st, 2025 through November 30th, 2026, whereas we're also asking for two optional when your extensions periods through November 30th, 2028 and the annual contract amount is 100 and.

30,000 if we were to extend for the three years for the \$390,000.

The contract would be using 25% federal funds.

And 75% local funds under the California Welfare Institution Code section 16501.

The state was required to develop and use a statewide system to be used by counties to support childcare operations.

That's known as the CWASCMS system.

And it was made possible through federal funds. IBM is the only vendor authorized by the state and federal government to perform services on the mandated statewide system.

And is the only vendor who's permitted by the same federal government to perform services.

CWSCMS.

Periodically requires changing to the data database structure due to new softwares that require design and changes due to new county policies and procedures.

These changes must be cisnerly implemented through a validation process and regression testing.

As soon as to affect other counties computer application, IBM provides the staffing to coordinate the county data solution in collaboration with the CFS.

IBM provides the ongoing service support of the transport data process, troubleshoot and resolve deficiencies that could affect the network infrastructure and test and validate changes. In addition, IBM provides database changes by furnishing.

The data definition language scripts and associated documentation to ensure the changes made to the C WS CMS database are properly reflected in the CAD database for data integrity purposes.

Basically, the money that's being spent is for staffing the IBM staff.

Any questions?

Any questions? I have a quick question if it's the case that this is the only vendor available for this, why are we doing a one year contract with two one year extensions?

It's one year contract with two year extensions and I know that the system is being updated and there's a possibility it might be phasing out.

Yeah, because right now the state only extended the IDM contract for one year because of CWS cares which.

Is supposed to be implemented in October 2026, so that's why they only did it for a year.

And we will come to the same thing for a year and then we'll see what we're happy with.

And is that because the funding, the 25% funding that's coming from the state that's for this the, the one year extension, basically the first part of this, yes?

So in addition to what he's saying is basically if the state doesn't go with IBM, then we will not be IBM.

That makes sense. OK, thank you.

I just have one question.

Sure, the data that is being inputted into the system, if we were to no longer be with IBM because it takes longer to move them.

Who owns the data?

Is it the counties or does it go with the state?

The data business is the state.

So when the new system comes aboard, they'll be online instead of the original system, which is a mainframe.

And that's why we need IBM to extract the data and download to DCFS so we can operate our external systems for the data that's in our data.

We don't let the state.

But the data modeling part you do is it.

Is that what you say?

The data modeling you do the Data Mart that gets daily download dot data belongs

to us.

Yes, the database belongs to us.

It's its onprint on ISD base. OK, thank you.

Any other questions?

OK.

Thank you so much. Thank you.

OK.

And with that, it's 305 and meeting is adjourned.

Thank you.

Thank you.

OK.

Show good to see you too.

When I saw your name on the agenda, the image of something I'm like, she's here and I'm. I'm here.

How many 5?

I've been back for five.

Wow, that passed.

Yeah, I know.

I get to see, although though all the time on Tuesdays. Yeah. How are things going?

Good dancing.

Yeah, it's very nice building, by the way.

You've been there right now.

It's super nice.

● **Dardy Chen** stopped transcription