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63.		<b>Favor</b>	Ana-Alicia Carr	<p>Honorable Members of the Board,</p> <p>My name is Ana-Alicia Carr, Director of Policy and Coalitions with the Los Angeles Food Policy Council writing on behalf of the Los Angeles Food Policy Council (LAFPC). The Los Angeles Food Policy Council is a collective impact organization focused on ensuring food is healthy, affordable, accessible, sustainable and fair for Angelenos by working at the intersection of food and nutrition, economic development and environmental sustainability.</p> <p>Nourishing the 10 million people of our county with local, culturally relevant food is the vision we aspire to. This includes viewing food as a basic, fundamental human right. Meeting the needs of those most impacted by our food system requires a strong and consistent safety net. Federal changes have disrupted and in some cases dismantled core safety net programs. Changes through the budget reconciliation bill H.R. 1 to the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) aim to impose harsh work requirements on seniors, people with dependents and explicitly excludes refugees, asylees and others from eligibility. This comes at a time when 1 out of 4 Angelenos is struggling to feed themselves and their families (USC, 2024).</p> <p>Additionally, effective September 30, 2025 the SNAP-Ed (CalFresh Healthy Living) program has been terminated as it was defunded in H.R. 1.. This federal decision ends over three decades of evidenced-based nutrition security programming. Locally, this means a loss of over \$14 million to support over 18 partner organizations across health care clinics, K-12 schools, early education providers and food distributions to implement food insecurity screenings, healthy food pantries, food distributions and nutrition and physical activity health education.</p> <p>We urge the County to explore all possible avenues to support food security initiatives through CFCI funding, existing measures and future revenue generating opportunities. Thank you.</p>



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63.		Favor	<p><b>Name</b>      <b>Comments</b></p> <p>Dawn T Franks</p> <p>My name is Dawn Franks. I am the Executive Director of Stewards' Village of Collaboration. I am a Year 1 grantee under the Pretrial Services Family Reunification category. I submitted a proposal for \$ 300,000 and was awarded \$124,000 per year. That cut made a significant difference in the service that could have been provided, particularly with our unique program for criminal justice advocacy education.</p> <p>We provide advocacy education to individuals and families impacted by the criminal justice system, in addition to establishing prison ministries at churches to serve their communities with resources and family support. With our advocacy education services, we help clients understand legal terminology and the processes involved in their indictment or post-sentence proceedings for family reunification.</p> <p>With the funding coming to an end, my clients, who I am working with that have been in prison since their youth, will not have our services to help them with their legal cases in applying for clemency or preparing to go before the parole board. Our clients have had some negative experiences being left in limbo due to negligent legal representation that has failed to represent them in their legal matters effectively, and our advocacy is making a difference in helping them return home. The appeals they are filing are coming back in their favor.</p> <p>Stewards' work is essential to our clients, and we want to continue providing the much-needed advocacy and education to support their efforts to return home. This funding is specifically for our communities that the systemic disparities of the Los Angeles County carceral system have impacted.</p> <p>Therefore, I ask that the board of supervisors vote in favor of continuing Year 1's funding. Thank you.</p> <p>Dawn Franks</p>
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			JOSIE MARTIN	Please continue funding
			Randy Johnson	
			Renee Bizer	
			Tavackus L Dawson	
			Tracy Luu	In the richest country in the world, we should not have such a high level of hunger. If we don't address it now, it can cost the county more to address public health issues. Please support SNAP-Ed.



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			Billy Earley	MEASURE J, CFCI REALLOCATION OF GRANT FUNDING VOTE NO:  Good morning, happy Monday. My name is Billy Earley and I am the Executive Director for the Watts Community Development Corporation, a 501(c)3 Nonprofit Organization. I urge you to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and to please stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensure community-based organizations can continue to serve and grow. Our work reaches hundreds and thousands of LA County residents and support kids, adults, and families. The County's budget must and should reflect this commitment. Thank you.
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			Bryan Ziadie	
			Cherish Tatum	
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			Eba Laye	Save CFCI, but particularly Amity CFCI to not lose \$1 BILLION in cost savings by having grassroots organizations provide services rather than bureaucratic government agencies. Stop the loss of 4,000 jobs and \$200M annually in household income. Stop the destruction of lives, abandonment, betrayal, community devastation, and pushing people into economic crisis and the homelessness or crime that goes with that. Stop millions of equipment from 400 community organizations being dumped into the streets, the vacancies of hundreds of thousands of square feet of space that serves the community, and the creation of trauma and suicidality that comes with the reduction of these funds.
			Esther Lim	Through Peace is a recipient of Year 2 CFCI grant. Because of this grant, we were able to reach more than 5,000 individuals across Los Angeles County to educate the youth, elderly, immigrants, people with disabilities, and many others where they were vulnerable to crimes and discrimination because of their identity or perceived identity. We are a key source to promote civil justice through education of their rights and freedom and advocacy for the people who's voices are silenced because of fear or limited English proficiency. Cutting off any current and future funding we have planned programs for will negatively impact the safeguard of the vulnerable. 98% of our workshop attendees, most of them who are immigrants, have stated they feel more confident in seeking justice like reporting hate crimes, elder abuse, scams, after attending our workshops. Please reconsider cutting funding from essential nonprofits like mine who have done good work so that we can continue on with the planned allocated budget according to the planned timeline given.
			Jaye Coleman	

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			Leslie Cruz	<p>Good morning. My name is Leslie Cruz, and I am the Program Manager. I want to thank Supervisors Hahn and Horvath for their leadership. Now I urge the full Board to act: adopt an ordinance to fully protect Measure J and put diverted funds back into CFCI.</p> <p>Our work directly serves [youth, families, reentry participants, etc.]. Without stable CFCI funds, we cannot provide the housing, workforce, and health services that keep people safe and thriving. Please restore those funds, stop reallocations, and pass a permanent ordinance that locks in the will of the voters.</p>
			Megan Castillo	
			Mya Hendrix	
			Nickeya Hannah	<p>Good morning Supervisors,</p> <p>I'm here to express on why nonprofits in underserved communities urgently need stable and reliable funding. Too often, low-income families look to community organizations first when schools and systems fall short. These nonprofits are not optional — they are essential.</p> <p>They provide afterschool programs, safe spaces for children, opportunities for play and enrichment that schools have cut, and even meals through supportive services. They also create jobs and connect families to financial resources.</p> <p>If we take this funding away, we are doing the very thing we all say we want to prevent — stripping opportunity and stability from the families who need it most.</p> <p>I strongly urge you: please protect and restore Care First, Community Investment funds. Do not touch this funding. Thank you.</p>



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63.		Oppose	Olivia Gleason	<p>Hello, my name is Olivia Gleason. I am a community advocate with Californians United for a Responsible Budget (CURB), ReImagine LA, and Critical Resistance LA writing in opposition to agenda item 63. At a time when federal and state resources are under threat, the County should be doubling down on strategic, community-rooted investments — not “balancing the budget” on the backs of already underserved communities. This body has a real opportunity to back up rhetoric of community support with actual concrete investment and action. Our LA communities have been hit so hard by the fires earlier this year, ongoing ICE raids, and continued hoarding of funds for jails, sheriffs, and probation who continually contribute to public UNSafety. Slashing critical care funding while maintaining sheriff and probation funding and failing to close MCJ is only making lives harder. This is preventable.</p> <p>I am calling in alongside so many LA County community members to urge you to Protect &amp; expand Measure J/CFCI Funds; Invest in strategies that uplift communities and build real safety such as restoring cuts to the following: Public Defense, Youth Justice Reimagined, Gender-expansive care, TGI wellness &amp; housing, Community violence intervention, Community defense, Real alternatives to incarceration; and Divest from departments that cause harm, and cost the county billions of dollars for their wrongdoing by rescinding LASD's vacant positions, reallocating unspent Probation funds, cutting vacant positions, and closing Closing Men's Central Jail.</p> <p>Thank you for your time.</p>
			Patrick Linton	<p>Funds SHOULD NOT be restored to to JCOD, CFCI, Amity Foundation due to mishandling of funds. There's unspent funds due to administrators being too quick to terminate contracts with CBOs. Our program and many others were wrongfully terminated after being in compliance within contract. Joann Sanchez and others were prejudice to, majority black ran, organizations like Ready Aim Fire. Instead of counsel, helpful, and aiding they disciplinaries and taunted county funds. Lastly, some administration close family members ran organizations and received funding creating conflicts of interest that has yet to be addressed. I will gladly speak at tomorrows meeting to back these claims. Thank you.</p>



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63.		<b>Oppose</b>	Robert S Hassebrock	Comment 3 — Housing & Homelessness Good morning. My name is Robert Hassebrock Project Coordinator Center for Living and Learning. I am here to say clearly: no to reallocations, including the proposed \$8 million. Those funds must stay with rental relief and housing for people impacted by the justice system.  We know that 70% of people experiencing homelessness in LA County have been impacted by the system. Diverting housing dollars only worsens this crisis. I urge the Board to reject this reallocation, restore all diverted funds, and adopt an ordinance that guarantees Measure J dollars are permanently protected.
			Sophia Ventura-Cruess	
			Stefanee Alcantar	
			Trinity Relerford	
			Valerie M Gochez-Frasch	Good day, my name is Valerie Gochez-Frasch, I am a resident and survivor of district 3, where I was both born and raised below the federal poverty line. I'm here today to speak on the Supplemental Budget and to demand that the cuts to public defense in Los Angeles County be restored. Fewer defenders means more claimed lives due to longer wait times in LA's jails, less access to diversion, mental health, and substance use resources as well as a dramatic increase in wrongful conviction of our most marginalized community members. The Board of Supervisors has both a responsibility and an opportunity to address this inequity. And I am here today to demand that you do so by investing in a care first, jails last agenda. Thank you.
		<b>Other</b>	Barak Bomani	Please keep all CFCI funding as originally intended.





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63.		Other	Carlyn O Oropez	Please keep funds for CFCI intact and any unspent funds put back into the fund through JCOD & CFCI! The funding allocated for this has positively impacted thousands of young people, keeping them out of the justice system by diverting them into positive programming during the hours when they are most likely to become victimized, get involved in gang activity, utilize substances, and/or become involved in delinquency. We urge you to keep these funds available to support the many different programs under the CFCI umbrella, especially prevention efforts. Our grant alone has turned unused spaces into thriving centers for youth to learn entrepreneurship and job skills and to learn from community members who have successfully started their own businesses. It has allowed groups of teens to experience workshops at local law offices, to gain internships, and explore creative avenues to successful futures. These experiences are changing lives and the investment is paying off! Please PLEASE ensure all dollars and any unused dollars go back into the CFCI grant funds bucket to keep the progress moving forward so many more positive outcomes can become a reality for LA County.
			Darryl Crutchfield	I am in favor of the approval of allocating and or increasing the budget which affect the CFCI Funding in Los Angeles. Please see and read the Public Comment that I have submitted. Thanks
			Esroruleh Mohammad	<p>Reframing public health as the foundation of safety reflects BCCP™'s prevention-first thesis. Yet provenance is missing. This cluster of deferred items — housing effectiveness, sustaining public health, immigrant affairs resilience, small business relief, and transitional age youth prevention — represents core domains already mapped in BCCP™ and B2C3A™.</p> <p>But we must ask why BCCP-aligned advocacy was prohibited until April 2025. Since MHSA's inception, BureauCare has outlived multiple child fatalities (including September 10, 2025, the very day the Health and Mental Health Cluster met on "strengthening workforce" while based on a displaced professional's framework of clericalizing clinical/prevention roles), a \$4 billion settlement, and a culture of silence that justified exploitation and displacement.</p> <p>"Receive and file" without attribution risks repeating that legacy of erasure and undermining BCCP fidelity safeguards. Publish the convergence dashboard so these reforms are tied to their true frameworks and to public accountability.</p> <p>Recognition-Only. No methods/tools disclosed; no license granted. ADA/Lived Experience Note: Submitted under ADA medical leave protections and in capacity as CARE Court Petitioner / Systems Equity Strategist &amp; Family Advocate. © Dr. Esroruleh Mohammad. U.S. Copyright TXu 2-486-534.</p>

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63.		Other	Fara Gabourel	In favor of adhering to Measure J as it relates to the Care First Community Investment Fund, a critical funding pipeline for over 300 community-based non-profit organizations.
			Joanne Russell	Urge the Supervisors not to reallocate CDFI funds. Let's not undo the good we have begun that is already registering positive impacts. Human centered, human focused, community based supports are the answer--more buracracy can not hug children or ecourage adults in distress, nor does it provide community residents the incomes to pay rents and buy food. I call on you to protec the will of the voters and support your constituents by ensuring CFCI funds are spent to build safer communities, stronger families, and more opportunity — not more incarceration — but make Care First our reality! Let Make IT Happen, today. Thank you. Ms. Joanne Russell
			Joanne R Russell	My name is Joanne Russell, a small business owner and board chair for a local nonprofit. I urge the Supervisors to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensure community-based organizations can continue to serve and grow. Let's not undo the good that has began and registering positive impacts. Human centered, human focused, community based supports are the answer--buracracy can not hug children and ecourage adults in distress, nor does it provide the incomes to pay rents and buy food. I call on you to protec the will of the voters and support your constituents by ensuring CFCI funds are spent to build safer communities, stronger families, and more opportunity — not more incarceration — but make Care First our reality! The County's budget must reflect this commitment. Let Make IT Happen, today. Thank you.



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			Lindsey Eichenberger	
			Megan Rich	
			Paloma Bustos	
			Sachini A Rajapaksa	I am under the CFCI grant please dont remove fudning for New Star Family Justice Center

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64.	63,65,66,67,68	Favor	Amare E Jamii	My name is Amare El Jamii, Executive Director of JTM Academy. I urge you to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensure community-based organizations can continue to serve and grow. Our work employs thousands of LA County residents and supports hundreds of thousands more — the County's budget must reflect this commitment.



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			karla leiva	<p>Good afternoon. My name is Max Leiva, and I am a Senior Case Manager at Community Health Project LA. I'm here today to speak on the Supplemental Budget and to demand that our public dollars reflect the values of justice, care, and true community investment. I oppose this budget as it stands and urge you to commit to a "care first, jails last" agenda.</p> <p>In my worker at CHPLA, a CFCI recipient. I see firsthand the impact that Intensive Case Management Services and permanent housing have on our community. When I first started, 70% of my caseload was unhoused, many of whom faced this obstacle for five or more years. Through the FHSP voucher and Motel Program, I was able to help all clients finally obtain permanent housing. CHPLA LEAD program provides them with this support. We cannot have people waiting for years to be matched with a voucher. This is life or death circumstances.</p> <p>It is outrageous that the County is paying 4 billion dollars in settlement for violent abuses committed by County Probation and DCFS employees. There is an evident and ongoing pattern of our county resources being drained by the Sheriff's Department, Probation Department, and DCFS when employees abuse their power and cause harm on system-impacted populations who need compassionate, non-stigmatizing, dignified care. We cannot continue to allow our public resources to fund well-documented systemic and institutionalized abuse. Probation officers do not help and support our community in obtaining housing, our services do. Probation officers don't help our clients attend all classes and appointments the court system mandates, our services do. Probation officers don't prevent our clients from going back to jail, our services do.</p>

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	<p>I urge the County to hold the Sheriff, Probation and Child and Family Services Departments accountable by reducing their funding and investing funds instead in Care First Community Investment programs. I urge the BOS to address the bureaucratic delays preventing departments from spending \$200 million in Measure J funds. I urge the BOS to correct the error of leaving out Measure J from the charter, which was a historic voter-driven mandate to allocate at least 10% of locally generated revenue be invested in housing, mental health services, youth development, and alternatives to incarceration. I urge the BOS to reverse the decision to reassign and eliminate a third of the Office of Inspector General staff, the watchdog that investigates misconduct by county employees and the sheriff's department and supports the Probation Oversight Commission and supports the Department of Justice in monitoring the settlement over LA juvenile halls. We demand that our budget prioritize oversight, transparency, and accountability- all of which would be jeopardized by this budget cut.</p> <p>This homelessness crisis has already cost lives and fueled incarceration. We cannot continue to pour money into a system of punishment that has failed for decades. The County cannot keep investing the same way and expect a different result. We need to invest in services, community violence intervention, community defense, real alternatives to incarceration, youth justice reimagined, gender and TGI wellness and permeant housing for all.</p>
Lena Mallett	
Leslie Cruz	<p>Good morning. My name is Leslie Cruz, and I am the Program Manager. I want to thank Supervisors Hahn and Horvath for their leadership. Now I urge the full Board to act: adopt an ordinance to fully protect Measure J and put diverted funds back into CFCI.</p> <p>Our work directly serves [youth, families, reentry participants, etc.]. Without stable CFCI funds, we cannot provide the housing, workforce, and health services that keep people safe and thriving. Please restore those funds, stop reallocations, and pass a permanent ordinance that locks in the will of the voters.</p>
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Mya Hendrix	
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			<b>Other</b>	<p>Andony Corleto</p> <p>My name is Andony Corleto, a longtime resident of SD2 and program associate at the Vera Institute of Justice.</p> <p>It is important that Los Angeles County remains committed to the "care first, jails last" vision as our north star, especially as our community members are continuing to die inside county jails without the care and services they need. The majority of Los Angeles's jail population is being held pretrial, even though many are considered appropriate candidates for diversion. Promising data also suggests care-first programs are three times more effective at reducing recidivism than incarceration, making these investments both urgent and necessary.</p> <p>Our budget should reflect the issues the Board has chosen as priorities:</p> <p>Closing of Men's Central Jail without building a replacement facility,</p> <p>Funding mental health care for people post-release from LA County jail,</p> <p>Investing in pre-trial and reentry non-custodial services and treatment,</p> <p>Restoring full funding for staffing and resources previously cut from Public Defense,</p> <p>Staffing the departments and workforce to help LA County meet its decarceration and diversion goals.</p> <p>We also must increase the transparency and accountability for Care First Community Investment (CFCI) funding. Community members fought for Measure J, and they deserve to know how these funds are being used through regular reporting, clear spending plans, and timely implementation.</p> <p>I thank the supervisors for their time and ask that you all allocate budget funds into Care-first programs that provide proven solutions to reduce recidivism and build safer, stronger communities.</p>
				<p>Barak Bomani</p> <p>Please keep all CFCI funding as originally intended.</p>
				<p>Darryl Crutchfield</p> <p>I am in favor the approval of allocating and or increasing the budget which affect the CFCI Funding in Los Angeles. Please see and read the Public Comment that I have submitted. Thanks</p>



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			<p>Joanne Russell</p> <p>Urge the Supervisors not to reallocate CDFI funds. Let's not undo the good we have begun that is already registering positive impacts. Human centered, human focused, community based supports are the answer--more buracracy can not hug children or ecourage adults in distress, nor does it provide community residents the incomes to pay rents and buy food. I call on you to protec the will of the voters and support your constituents by ensuring CFCI funds are spent to build safer communities, stronger families, and more opportunity — not more incarceration — but make Care First our reality! Let Make IT Happen, today. Thank you. Ms. Joanne Russell</p>
			<p>Joanne R Russell</p> <p>My name is Joanne Russell, a small business owner and board chair for a local nonprofit. I urge the Supervisors to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensure community-based organizations can continue to serve and grow. Let's not undo the good that has began and registering positive impacts. Human centered, human focused, community based supports are the answer--buracracy can not hug children and ecourage adults in distress, nor does it provide the incomes to pay rents and buy food. I call on you to protec the will of the voters and support your constituents by ensuring CFCI funds are spent to build safer communities, stronger families, and more opportunity — not more incarceration — but make Care First our reality! The County's budget must reflect this commitment. Let Make IT Happen, today. Thank you.</p>
			<p>Joel Garcia</p> <p>Dear Supervisors,</p> <p>I am writing to express my gratitude for your leadership and to urge you to fully protect Measure J funding, restore all reallocated Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) funds, and halt any future reallocations.</p> <p>Our organization, located in East LA, offers the only arts apprenticeship program for Native and Indigenous youth in the county, enabling them to enter the creative economy of Los Angeles. Without stable, protected funding, the reach and effectiveness of these programs will be diminished, directly affecting the wellbeing of those we serve.</p> <p>CFCI funding plays a critical role in strengthening our communities, expanding opportunity, and reducing harm. To ensure these investments remain stable, I support the creation of a dedicated funding mechanism that guarantees community-based organizations can continue providing — and growing — essential services.</p> <p>I also respectfully request that you support and move forward with the motion introduced by Supervisors Janice Hahn and Lindsey Horvath to protect Measure J and close the loopholes created by Measure G.</p> <p>In addition, I urge you to strengthen protections for the CFCI Advisory Committee, ensuring it has the authority, resources, and independence</p>



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				<p>needed to safeguard community priorities and provide transparent oversight of CFCI funding.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued service to the people of Los Angeles County and for your commitment to equity and justice.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Joel Garcia Director Meztli Projects meztliprojects.org</p>
			Lindsey Eichenberger	
			Megan Rich	
			Sachini A Rajapaksa	I am under the CFCI grant please dont remove fudning for New Star Family Justice Center
			Yvette Crayon	Why have funds withheld from CFCI by Los Angeles County for JCOD intervention services not been allocated to justice-impacted services, especially with the 2026 California Parole Board Consultation Hearing approaching, which will allow all prisoners—excluding those condemned or convicted of sex offenses—to apply for resentencing? Funding for justice-impacted individuals is important for supporting transition services.
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		<b>Other</b>	Lindsey Eichenberger	
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67.		<b>Favor</b>	Nancy Flores Sanchez	My name is Nancy Flores Sanchez , work for Chapter two, Inc , community intervention worker. I am here today to ask for increased funding in the supplemental budget to Community Violence Intervention through the Trauma Prevention Initiative in the county  I call on the Board of Supervisors to invest more in community violence intervention (CVI) to create lasting safety in our communities. While the City invests \$40 million in GRYD, the county only invests about \$7 million annually in OVP's Trauma Prevention Initiative. The County needs to step up to support this life saving work, especially as we face federal funding cuts and shortfalls at the City. Investing in CVI will uplift vulnerable communities, and save the county money through preventing trauma, reducing calls to the sheriff and jail admissions by preventing violence, and decreasing visits to the County hospitals. CVI is a proven strategy, please invest in it. For this reason, I urge you to increase funding for community violence intervention so we can continue to save lives."
		<b>Oppose</b>	Brice Bonas	
			Cherish Tatum	
			Christina Dronen	My name is Christina Dronen, Executive Director of Finally Family Homes. I urge you to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensure community-based organizations can continue to serve and grow. Our work employs thousands of LA County residents and supports hundreds of thousands more — the County's budget must reflect this commitment.
			De Anna Pittman	
			Helen Chin	Honorable Supervisors,  As a commissioner and current president of the Human Relations Commission, I write to implore you to consider the impacts of the proposed supplement changes to the County Budget and to consider an alternative way to meet the countywide curtailment goals.  The 23% budget reduction (deletion of 3.0 Senior Human Relations Consultant, 1.0 Human Services Administrator I, and 1.0 Management Secretary III positions, and a reduction in services and supplies as part of the Department's proportional share of countywide curtailments) to the Human Relations Commission will have severe and dire impacts on residents



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throughout LA County.

Anticipated impacts of the 23% cut in staff positions and the reassignment of our Commission PIO:

- 1) The countywide anti-hate program, LA vs Hate, a top ten PQA award winner, would lose 1/3 of its team of 3 SrHRCs.
- 2) The widely recognized and respected HRC report on hate crimes and incidents would lose 1/3 of its team of 3 SrHRCs.

And all of this is occurring at a time when:

- Federal actions are fueling widespread discrimination against Latinos (targeting based on racial/ethnic and other stereotypes about undocumented immigrants) as well as the other groups most targeted by hate (Blacks, Latinos, Jews, LGBTQ+, Asians, etc.)
- Our latest data shows exceptionally high levels of hate activity in LA County (both hate crimes, hate incidents, bullying, harassment, and other acts of intentional discrimination, etc.)
- We are continuing to ramp up LA vs Hate's Signs of Solidarity campaign in LA County zip codes with high numbers of reported hate acts against the most targeted groups.
- The loss of the SrHRC positions with the least seniority (most recently hired) would cut the anti-hate bystander training expert when needed most.
- A huge part of our success in raising awareness about getting free services for victims of hate acts in LA County is due to LA vs Hate and also our PIO.

Impacts of staff cuts:

- The 23% cut to the LA vs Hate staff team will seriously weaken LA vs Hate's ability to serve tens of thousands who report discrimination and hate due to federal actions and the ripple effect it has on the larger population. Given the massive increase in the federal budget for immigration enforcement that was passed for this current federal FY starting October 1st, what occurred in June (until the injunction) will likely be dwarfed by what will happen to LA County with the huge expansion in funding for more federal agents and detention facilities.
- The elimination of 2 staff positions will hamper the Commission's ability to expand anti-hate bystander trainings, which enable community members to help others who they observe being subjected to discriminatory and bias-motivated actions by others (including those acting under color of law, a violation of California civil rights laws)
- The commission will potentially suffer a major loss to the Commission's training capacity (by 33% - 1 of 3 trainers) to building effectiveness for our community-based organizations (CBOs) that are part of our LA vs Hate Rapid Response Network and Stop the Hate networks serving LA county. (Contractually mandated to receive anti-Black racism, anti-hate bystander training, etc.)

Possible solution that still meets the goals of countywide curtailment:  
The Commission staff have identified S&S funds equivalent to the



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	<p>\$857,903.02 reduction in S&amp;EB resulting from the 5 positions slated to be cut. While this represents a serious reduction in resources, it would not have the crippling impact of the proposed drastic cuts to Commission staffing.</p> <p>The S&amp;S funding reduction identified would not interfere with Measure B funds already approved and allocated to provide the S&amp;S for two of three major contracts for our LA vs Hate system: Hate Reporting and Victim Support System (with 211LA) and the Rapid Response Network of trusted CBOs who partner to support victims and engage in effective hate response/prevention actions.</p> <p>Supervisors, before voting to approve the changes proposed in this budget item, please consider another way the countywide curtailment goals can be met without cutting the jobs of dedicated and committed Human Relations Commission staff, taking into account how these staff cuts will have considerable impacts on the County's ability to meet County residents' needs at this time of mounting fear and uncertainty stoked by the federal administration with ICE raids, growing hate rhetoric, and hate violence.</p> <p>I greatly appreciate your time and consideration.</p>
Jasmine Desenclos	<p>Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Jasmine Desenclos with the Urban Peace Institute and the Los Angeles Violence Intervention Coalition, also known as LAVIC. I previously served as a Regional Program Manager under Mayor Garcetti's Public Safety Department and as the Community Safety Deputy for LA City Council President Marqueece Harris-Dawson.</p> <p>I'm here to demand that the County step up and fully fund community violence intervention programs. The City of Los Angeles, with a \$14 billion budget, invests \$40 million into CVI agencies citywide. Meanwhile, the County, with a much larger \$48 billion budget, invests only \$7 million through the Trauma Prevention Initiative.</p> <p>There's a reason the City continues to invest: CVI works. These programs save lives, reduce crime, and save the City millions of dollars every year. In every area where CVI is funded, violence goes down, and there is data to prove it.</p> <p>The County is responsible for keeping millions of people safe, yet it continues to pour billions of dollars into departments plagued by systemic failures and serious misconduct, while shortchanging proven community solutions. That difference is unacceptable. That gap makes no sense. It's time for the County to do its part and make a real investment in saving lives.</p>
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			from LA Hispanic underserved community which depends a great deal on the CFCI funding we receive from JCOD I urge the supervisors not to approve any reallocation of that funding for other purposes . Thank You
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	Other	Andony Corleto	<p>My name is Andony Corleto. I'm an SD 2 resident, a program associate at the Vera Institute of Justice, and a former incarcerated firefighter.</p> <p>I can personally attest that the experiences gained in fire camp can change lives and communities. As a wildland firefighter, I completed training, studies, and requirements that transformed my life. But I was unable to apply these skills after receiving parole, making my reentry after release the most difficult experience I have ever had to endure.</p> <p>The \$1.2 million and 16 positions in the Fire Department for the Wildland Firefighter Pilot Program which offers formerly incarcerated wildland firefighters employment opportunities, fully offset by existing one-time funding from JCOD will benefit Los Angeles in multiple ways. First, it will give proven heroes the resources to obtain gainful employment serving their communities.</p> <p>Second, it will help address the state's urgent and persistent wildland firefighter staff shortage. And third, it will benefit public safety. Among people with similar convictions, former fire camp participants have Given the lower recidivism rates. Given the record-high costs of incarceration, policies that reduce recidivism makes fiscal sense.</p> <p>The Board has already recognized the value of this program. But that means nothing without sustained funding. We encourage the Board to extend funding beyond just one year, ensuring this becomes an ongoing opportunity for the people who risk their lives protecting us from devastating fires.</p>





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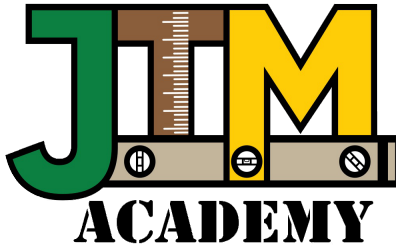
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				We thank the Board of Supervisor's for passing this motion in May. We thank JCOD, and DEO, as well as the Los Angeles Fire Department, for working to make this program a reality and help deliver public safety.
			Annelisa E Moe	Heal the Bay strongly supports continued funding for the Marine Mammal Care Center, which provides essential rescue and rehabilitation services for stranded marine mammals year-round. With climate change driving more frequent strandings, this work is more critical than ever. We respectfully request that the Board exclude the option to terminate the funding agreement from the Director of Beaches and Harbors' authority, so that execution and amendments may be handled administratively, but any decision to terminate remains with the Board of Supervisors. This safeguard will help ensure long-term stability for a program vital to both marine life and coastal ecosystem health.
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500 W. Temple Street  
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Dear Chair Barger and Honorable Members of the Board,

My name is **Amare El Jamii**, and I serve as the Executive Director of **JTM Academy**. I am writing to strongly urge you to fully protect Measure J, restore all reallocated CFCI funds, and bring an end to further reallocations. This work is not abstract for us — it is real, immediate, and deeply personal. Just last week, JTM Academy launched a new class with **20 young people ages 16–24**, many of whom are formerly incarcerated, systems-impacted, unhoused, or navigating the foster care system. These young people are eager to begin pathways into careers as electricians, sheet metal workers, operating engineers, and steamfitters/pipe fitters. They show up every day with resilience, determination, and hope for a future where th... This is not the time to pull resources away and risk extinguishing their dreams. It is the time to fully support them. Every CFCI dollar invested in organizations like ours transforms lives: it provides skills, creates opportunities, and builds ladders into careers that pay living wages. These investments ripple outward, employing thousands of County residents and supporting hundreds of thousands more through vital services. When funding is diverted, those opportunities vanish, and the communities Measur... We recognize the fiscal pressures the County faces, but balancing the budget cannot come at the expense of justice, equity, and the will of the voters. A dedicated funding mechanism is essential to safeguard CFCI resources and ensure that community-based organizations can continue this life-saving, life-changing work. I respectfully ask that you stand firmly with the people who entrusted you with this responsibility: honor the intent of Measure J, restore diverted funds, and protect CFCI from future reallocations. Our young people — and our communities — deserve nothing less.

With respect and gratitude,

*Amare El Jamii*

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Executive Director  
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My name is Michelle Freridge, Executive Director of Asian Youth Center. I urge you to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensure community-based organizations can continue to serve youth development and employment services for low-income youth. Our work employs more than 75 LA County residents and helps 100s of youth (every year) be ready for employment and financial independence as adults — this investment in youth now will prevent unemployment, crime, and other much more costly community problems later. Please keep the County's commitment to these values in the budget.



Creating pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with STEM education and the arts.

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**Subject:** Protect CFCI Funds for Community-Based Organizations

Dear Supervisor Mitchell,

Thank you for your leadership and long-standing commitment to equity in Los Angeles County. I write to you on behalf of Uneath and Empower Communities (UEC), a proud recipient of the CFCI grant, to urge you to safeguard these critical funds for community-based organizations serving our most vulnerable residents.

Measure J was passed by voters to ensure that care, prevention, and equity—not punishment—guide our County's investments. Redirecting or sweeping CFCI dollars would not only undermine that trust but also penalize communities like Compton that are finally seeing meaningful progress through grassroots-led programs.

UEC's impact demonstrates the life-changing power of these funds:

- **600 families served** through year-round programming.
- **98% high school graduation rate** among youth we support.
- **90% of graduates employed**, building long-term economic stability.
- **45 youth hired** into their first jobs through UEC programs.
- **\$98,000 in scholarships awarded** to first-generation college students.
- **21 youth placed in their first-ever paid internships this year** through our Compton Youth Career Pathways program.
- **140 youth engaged in free summer art camp, 30 families enrolled in DiscoverU Enrichment Centers, and 15 families in Little Creators** just in 2024 alone.
- **400 volunteers mobilized** to support youth and families.

These outcomes directly advance the County's Care First goals: preventing justice involvement, creating safe and supportive environments for young people, and reducing long-term costs tied to incarceration, unemployment, and homelessness.

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CFCI is not about unspent funds—it is about building lasting capacity for communities that have been historically disinvested in. Redirecting funds would disrupt fragile progress and send a signal that voter mandates and equity commitments can be set aside.

Supervisor Mitchell, your leadership is vital in ensuring these dollars remain where voters intended: in the hands of community-based organizations that are saving lives and transforming futures. On behalf of UEC, I respectfully ask that you champion the protection and restoration of CFCI funds in upcoming Board discussions.

With gratitude,

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Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing on behalf of **New Star Family Justice Center** to express deep concern regarding the potential reallocation of funds away from the **Care First, Community Investment (CFCI)** initiative. As a community-based organization directly supported by CFCI, any decrease or redirection of these funds has **an immediate and harmful impact** on our ability to serve clients and retain staff.

CFCI funding is not abstract for us—it is what allows our organization to continue providing trauma-informed services, violence prevention programming, and critical support to survivors and families in need in the South Bay. Without consistent and full funding through CFCI, **we risk losing essential staff positions and reducing direct services** to the very communities this initiative was designed to uplift.

We urge the Board to:

- **Fully restore and protect CFCI funds** that have been diverted.
- Honor the intent of **Measure J** and the will of LA County voters.
- Maintain **transparency and accountability** in all decisions related to CFCI allocations.

These resources are not a luxury—they are a necessity. For organizations like New Star Family Justice Center, they mean the difference between stability and instability for the staff who carry out this work, and for the families who rely on us for safety, healing, and hope.

We respectfully ask that you stand with community organizations and the people we serve by preserving and prioritizing CFCI funding.

Sincerely,

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On behalf of New Star Family Justice Center

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Re: **Item 64. COUNTYWIDE CLASSIFICATION/COMPENSATION ACTIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026 FINAL CHANGES BUDGET AND OTHER CLASSIFICATION/COMPENSATION ACTIONS**

Dear Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

My name is Andony Corleto. I am a program associate from Vera California, a local initiative of the Vera Institute of Justice, which is a national organization working to end mass incarceration, protect immigrants' rights, and build safe, thriving communities. I am also a resident of District 2.

It is important that Los Angeles County remains committed to the "care first, jails last" vision as our north star, especially as our community members are continuing to die [inside county jails](#) without the care and services they need. The majority of Los Angeles's jail population is being [held pretrial](#), even though many are [considered appropriate candidates for diversion](#). Promising data also suggests care-first programs are [three times more effective](#) at reducing recidivism than incarceration, making these investments both urgent and necessary.

Our budget should reflect the issues the Board has chosen as priorities:

- Closing of Men's Central Jail without building a replacement facility
- Funding mental health care for people post-release [from LA County jail](#)
- Investing in pre-trial and reentry non-custodial services and treatment
- Restoring full funding for staffing and resources previously cut from Public Defense
- Staffing the departments and workforce to help LA County meet its decarceration and diversion goals

We also must increase the transparency and accountability for [Care First Community Investment](#) (CFCI) funding. Community members fought for [Measure J](#), and they deserve to

know how these funds are being used through regular reporting, clear spending plans, and timely implementation.

I thank the supervisors for their time and ask that you all allocate budget funds into Care-first programs that provide proven solutions to reduce recidivism and build safer, stronger communities.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andony Corleto', with a stylized flourish at the end.

**Andony Corleto**  
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Vera California