



County of Los Angeles

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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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**Re: Amendment to Title 4 – Revenue and Finance, Establishing
a Minimum Set Aside in the Annual Budget for Direct
Community Investment and Alternatives to Incarceration
(07/15/25 Board Agenda; Item No. 43-A, Directive 4)**

Dear Supervisors:

On July 15, 2025, your Board directed our office to return to your Board in 30 days with a proposed ordinance ensuring the continued implementation of the charter amendment known as Measure J beyond 2028, when the elected County Executive assumes office. On September 2, 2025, your Board considered and referred back to our office for revision, the proposed ordinance ensuring the continued implementation of Measure J. The analysis and revised ordinance are enclosed for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Dawyn R. Harrison', written over a horizontal line.

DAWYN R. HARRISON
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Enclosure

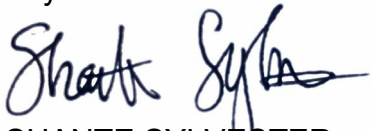
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ANALYSIS

This ordinance amends Title 4 – Revenue and Finance of the Los Angeles County Code, by adding Chapter 4.13 to establish a baseline minimum set-aside in the County annual budget relating to direct community investment and alternatives to incarceration.

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Requested: 07/22/25
Revised: 09/22/25

ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 4 – Revenue and Finance of the Los Angeles County Code to add Chapter 4.13 to establish a baseline minimum set-aside in the County of Los Angeles annual budget relating to direct community investment and alternatives to incarceration.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 4.13 is hereby added to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 4.13 COMMUNITY INVESTMENT AND ALTERNATIVES TO
INCARCERATION MINIMUM COUNTY BUDGET ALLOCATION**

4.13.010 Purpose.

4.13.020 Set-Aside and Use of Funds.

4.13.030 Severability.

4.13.010 Purpose.

The purpose of this Chapter is to continue setting aside a baseline minimum threshold of at least ten percent (10%) of the County of Los Angeles's (County) locally generated unrestricted revenues in the general fund (Net County Cost) for direct community investment and alternatives to incarceration, as established by voters in November 2020 with approval of Measure J.

4.13.020 Set-Aside and Use of Funds.

A. The County shall set-aside a baseline minimum threshold of at least ten percent (10%) of the County's locally generated unrestricted revenues in the general fund (Net County Cost), as determined annually in the budget process or as otherwise

set forth in the County Code or regulations, to be allocated on an annual basis, after input from, among others, the public and County departments at a public hearing, for the following primary purposes:

1. Direct Community Investment.
 - a. Community-based youth development programs.
 - b. Job training and jobs to low-income residents focusing on jobs that support the implementation of the "Alternatives to Incarceration" workgroup recommendations as presented to the County Board of Supervisors on March 10, 2020, especially construction jobs for the expansion of affordable and supportive housing, restorative care villages, and a decentralized system of care.
 - c. Access to capital for small minority-owned businesses, with a focus on Black-owned businesses.
 - d. Rent assistance, housing vouchers and accompanying supportive services to those at-risk of losing their housing, or without stable housing.
 - e. Capital funding for transitional housing, affordable housing, supportive housing, and restorative care villages with priority for shovel-ready projects.
2. Alternatives to Incarceration.
 - a. Community-based restorative justice programs.
 - b. Pre-trial non-custody services and treatment.
 - c. Community-based health services, health promotion, counseling, wellness and prevention programs, and mental health and substance use disorder services.

d. Non-custodial diversion and reentry programs, including housing and services.

B. The set-aside shall not be used to fund any carceral system or law enforcement agencies, including the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office, Los Angeles County Superior Courts, or Los Angeles County Probation Department, including any redistribution of funds through those entities. This restriction does not extend State law requiring the County to fund court facilities and expenditures, including, but not limited to, the Trial Court Facilities Act of 2002 (2002 Senate Bill No. 1732) and Lockyer-Isenberg Trial Court Funding Act of 1997 (1997 Assembly Bill No. 233), other mandatory fines and fees, or any other County commitments to the extent required by law.

C. The set-aside cannot supplant monies otherwise allocated for the same categories listed in Subsection A, as defined and set forth in the County Code or regulations.

D. The County shall establish an inclusive and transparent process on the allocation of funds set-aside by Subsection A.

E. Notwithstanding the provisions of this Chapter, the Board of Supervisors may, by a four-fifths vote, reduce the set-aside in the event of a fiscal emergency, as declared by the Board of Supervisors, that threatens the County's ability to fund mandated programs.

4.13.030 Severability.

If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Chapter is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Chapter.

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