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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:		
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58.		Favor	Amare E Jamii		
			Deborah Rocha	My name is Deborah Rocha and we directly work with youth across the county. CFCI funding provides young people with education, jobs, and alternatives to incarceration. I ask you to restore reallocated funds, protect Measure J, and strengthen oversight so these opportunities are never at risk. Youth with our program have been redirected and are on the road to being productive members of our community with the support we provide.	
			Eba Laye	PROTECT MEASURE J	
			Hank Castillo	My name is Hank Castillo, and I am the Associate Director of Taking the Reins. 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	
				Our work directly serves historically underserved girls in Los Angeles. We help them learn how to navigate their growth and futures by creating an environment for exploration and learning. Caring for our horse herd, tending to our flock of chicken, and planting and harvesting in our garden are examples of how students learn the four pillars of Confidence, Leadership and Teamwork. Our goal is to make Taking the Reins a space for children to feel safe and become restored by the power of nature. One of our parents, Evelyn, shared the following about her daughter, Jaylyn:	
				"Taking the Reins is more than just a program; it's a place where young girls can truly discover their potentialShe has grown significantly more confident and independent since being part of this programFor many families like mine, this program offers opportunities and experiences that might otherwise be out of reach." Families like Jaylyn's gain access to our educational leadership opportunities due to the support of the CFCI funds. Please restore these funds, so we can continue to provide to provide these life-changing opportunities and experiences. Thank you for your time and consideration	

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				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.		
				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.		
				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.		
				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.		
				In addition, I urge you to strengthen protections for the CFCI Advisory Committee, ensuring it has the authority, resources, and independence needed to safeguard community priorities and provide transparent oversight of CFCI funding.		
				Thank you for your continued service to the people of Los Angeles County and for your commitment to equity and justice.		
				Sincerely,		
				Joel Garcia Director Meztli Projects meztliprojects.org		
			Rene Williams	I urge the full Board to act: adopt an ordinance to fully protect Measure J and put diverted funds back into CFCI.		
				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.		

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			Shirin E Senegal Tera K Hilliard	Over 240 organizations have signed on to support securing measure j.		
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58.		Oppose	James Jones	Good afternoon. My name is Rev. James Jones, Jr., and I am the President/Executive Director of South Bureau Ministerial Alliance (SBMA). I want to thank all the County Supervisors 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. Our work directly serves youth ages 14-25 in South Los Angeles and surrounding areas. 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.		
			Kevin C Waters	Dream Live Hope (DLH) Foundation is oppose to reallocation of funds from CFCI. The funds distributed to DLH through Amity Foundation as the Third Party Administrator for CFCI have been pivotal to the growth and development of our organization. These funds have in turn allowed us to hire in upwards of twenty staff members and dispense services to the youth and the reentry population.		
			Leslie Cruz	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.		
				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.		
			Michael Muhlfriedel	Good morning. My name is Michael Muhlfriedel , and I am the president of The Downtown LA Soccer Club , We are a youth soccer club that serves young Hispanic athletes(mostly girls) from L.A.'s underserved communities and we depend heavily on CFCI funding to maintain and support or organization . 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.		

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58.		Oppose	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.		
		Other	Barak Bomani	Please keep all original CFCI funding. No re-allocations.		
			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.		
			Megan Emme	My name is Megan Emme, and I'm the Senior Policy Manager at the Downtown Women's Center. The Downtown Women's Center is the only organization in Los Angeles focused exclusively on serving and empowering women and gender diverse individuals experiencing homelessness. I urge you to fully protect Measure J, return all reallocated CFCI funds, and stop further reallocations. A dedicated funding mechanism is critical to ensuring community-based organizations can continue to serve and grow. Annually the Downtown Women's Center supports approximately 800 justice-involved women in obtaining housing and achieving stability post-incarceration. CFCI funds are a critical component of that work; CFCI funds through "Reentry Programming for Women" is allowing us to serve 100 women returning from incarceration. This includes workforce development and job readiness education services, housing navigation, family reunification, providing information about our health and wellness services, and connecting justice involved women to legal aid workshops. Through the "A Better Tomorrow" program area, we are also providing mental health and crisis intervention services that will help women obtain housing and stabilize their mental health. Collectively, the work of community-based organizations funded under CFCI employs thousands of LA County residents and supports hundreds of thousands more — the County's budget must reflect this commitment.		
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September 29, 2025

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

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

Amare El Jamii Executive Director JTM Academy

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Because of CFCI, VVCDC has been able to:

- Deliver workforce development and entrepreneurship training to youth and adults seeking pathways out of poverty.
- Provide housing navigation, financial literacy, and wraparound support to vulnerable residents, including the formerly incarcerated, unhoused, and low-income families.
- Strengthen neighborhood revitalization efforts through outreach, workshops, and community-based health and wellness initiatives.

These outcomes have been transformative, equipping our community with tools, resources, and opportunities that would not have been possible without this investment. Stable, reliable funding like CFCI ensures that grassroots organizations remain on the front lines, responding to local needs with effectiveness and accountability.

We are, however, deeply concerned about recent reallocations of funds that should have been directed into the CFCI framework. Any reduction in these resources diminishes the County's stated commitment to building healthier, safer, and more resilient communities through prevention and care.

We respectfully urge the Board to prioritize keeping CFCI fully funded and protected so that community-based organizations can continue building on this progress. VVCDC stands ready to partner with the County in ensuring these dollars remain dedicated to community-rooted solutions that deliver measurable impact.

Thank you for your leadership and for continuing to lift up the voices of those most affected.

Renee C. Bizer, MS
CED Practitioner, PMP, PMI
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Creating pathways to college, employment and entrepreneurship for Compton youth through engagement with STEM education and the arts.

FAMILY + FUN + LEARNING + GENEROSITY + RESPONSIBILITY

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 Unearth 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,

Barak Bomani

Executive Director, Unearth and Empower Communities

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Re: Protecting Measure J and Restoring CFCI Funds

1 message

Joel Garcia <joel@meztliprojects.org>

Mon, Sep 29, 2025 at 9:44 AM

To: FirstDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, HollyJMitchell@bos.lacounty.gov, ThirdDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov, kathryn@bos.lacounty.gov, FourthDistrict@bos.lacounty.gov

Dear Supervisors,

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.

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.

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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.

In addition, I urge you to **strengthen protections for the CFCI Advisory Committee**, ensuring it has the authority, resources, and independence needed to safeguard community priorities and provide transparent oversight of CFCI funding.

Thank you for your continued service to the people of Los Angeles County and for your commitment to equity and justice.

Sincerely,

Joel Garcia Director Meztli Projects meztliprojects.org



Dream Live Hope Foundation

340 E. Kelso Street Inglewood, CA 90301

September 19, 2025

In re: REALLOCATION OF FUNDS

To: Board of Supervisors

My name is Kevin C. Waters, and I am the CEO and Co-founder of Dream Live Hope Foundation (DLH). I am writing this letter to speak about the potential reallocation of funds that will adversely impact organizations like Dream Live Hope Foundation. Dream Live Hope Foundation graduated from the first cohort, at the time Alternatives To Incarceration (ATI). We went from an organization that was self-supported and funded to an organization that was able to hire five (5) staff members. This was made possible through the third-party administrator, Amity Foundation. We received a \$750,000 grant, over three years in the first round (for our afterschool youth program), a \$300,000 grant, over three years in the second round (for system impacted youth), and a \$1.3M grant, over three years in the third round (24-hour youth center).

Dream Live Hope Foundation now employees over twelve employees through our grants and another ten employees through our JCOD housing contracts. More importantly, we can house over thirty participants in our emergency and interim housing programs. We are also able to service over twenty young people per month. That service includes walking them through our life skills classes (emotional intelligence, conflict resolution, and financial literacy) while incentivizing their good behavior and participation.

Without support from CFCI none of this would be possible. The lives we are able to affect and the minds that we can help shape can't be measured monetarily, but it can be quantified by the testimonies of the participants and parents of those who graduate our programs. The ability to equip this young generation with a skillset that isn't taught in school is critical as is the ability to house people who are going through difficult transitions in their lives.

Dream Live Hope asks that we maintain the spirit of Measure J and continue to allow funds to be distributed through CFCI to the many smaller CBOs that are continuing to work in the trenches and do the work and will of the people in the community. Providing education and housing brings safety to the community and at the end of the day we all want to be safe, and I believe continued funding support for CFCI would do just that.

Sincerely,

Kevin C. Waters, CEO

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September 29, 2025

I am writing on behalf of Forgotten Children, Inc. (FCI), where I serve as President & CEO. FCI is a current Care First Community Investment (CFCI) grantee through the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), providing culturally responsive, trauma-informed services to women and girls of color impacted by human trafficking.

I strongly urge the Board of Supervisors to **protect Measure J funds** and maintain the full 10% set-aside. These funds, approved by the voters, are vital for prevention, reentry, and community-based programs that address the root causes of harm and provide real alternatives to incarceration.

Between 2020 and 2023, Los Angeles County recorded more than **2,200 child welfare referrals for commercial sexual exploitation**, with Black and Latina girls disproportionately impacted. FCl's Measure J-supported programs respond directly to these inequities, delivering prevention classes, survivor services, and reentry supports that would be severely reduced if funds are cut.

Diverting or eliminating Measure J funding would destabilize effective programs, harm the communities Measure J was designed to uplift, and disregard the will of County voters.

On behalf of the survivors we serve, I respectfully urge this Board to keep Measure J fully intact and ensure community-based organizations like FCI can continue this critical work.

Respectfully, **Tera K. Hilliard**President & CEO
Forgotten Children, Inc.



ACHIEVING EQUITY: BUILDING BRIDGES TO BETTER LIVES

September 29, 2025

CFCI Advisory Committee Los Angles County Board of Supervisors 500 West Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear CFCI Advisory Committee & Hon. Members of the LA County Board of Supervisors:

I am submitting this public comment in support of Measure J on behalf of Bridges Community Economic Development Corporation (Bridges CEDC), a proud Year 3 CFCI grantee serving nearly 200 youth and families in the 2nd and 4th Districts.

Before receiving CFCI funding, our organization was struggling to survive, yet we remained steadfast in our mission to close academic and equity gaps in underserved communities — communities that are predominantly Black and Latinx. Measure J was passed with a clear mandate from voters: to invest in care, prevention, and equity. Bridges CEDC has been a dedicated partner in fulfilling that mandate. Any attempt to reallocate or sweep these funds would betray the trust of the communities this measure was designed to uplift.

For us, CFCI is not just a line item in a budget; it's a lifeline. It enables us to provide two high-quality, research-based educational programs: a year-round after-school program and a summer STEAM camp. These programs empower underserved youth to strengthen their math and English Language Arts skills, engage in innovative STEM projects, and build the confidence needed to pursue college and careers—all within a safe, nurturing, and socially-emotional learning environment. Without Bridges CEDC, these resources would be out of reach for our students due to barriers like cost and transportation. This is exactly the kind of prevention and community healing that Measure J was designed to create.

The notion that these funds are "unspent" fundamentally misrepresents the reality on the ground. Organizations like ours are scaling thoughtfully and responsibly, building the capacity to serve communities that have been historically overlooked by the County and governmental systems. To take these funds away now would punish success before it has had the chance to take root fully.

We urge you to stand with us, protect CFCI, and remind the Board of Supervisors that these dollars are not just numbers on a ledger; they represent the futures of young people, the safety of our neighborhoods, and the promise of a more equitable Los Angeles.

Thank you for your time and commitment to this critical work.

Fara Gabourel Fara Gabourel, JD Resource Development Coordinator Bridges CEDC Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

249 people have signed a petition on Action Network telling you to Protect and Restore CFCI Funds — Respect the Will of the Voters.

Here is the petition they signed:

To the Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors 500 W. Temple Street Los Angeles, CA 90012

Petition to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Agenda Item 58 and budget related items 63 and 64.

Dear Chair Kathryn Barger, and Members of the Board of Supervisors:

We, the undersigned community members and organizations, applaud Supervisors Janice Hahn and Lindsey Horvath for their leadership in defending Measure J and urge the Board to pass an ordinance that cements the voters' will by ensuring 10% of the County's budget is dedicated to community investment.

We also appreciate Supervisor Holly Mitchell for ensuring community input regarding the proposed \$8 million reallocation of funds for rental assistance. This dialogue underscores the importance of transparency and accountability in how Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) funds are managed.

Together, their commitment demonstrates that preserving and protecting community investment is an essential County priority. We call on the full Board to restore reallocated funds, move the Measure J ordinance forward, and strengthen the authority of the CFCI Committee to safeguard these dollars for the long term.

Yet we also recognize that more than \$100 million in Care First, Community Investment (CFCI) funds have already been reallocated, with additional recommendations to divert critical dollars to cover budget shortfalls. This sets a troubling precedent and leaves Measure J vulnerable to further erosion.

Therefore, we call on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to:

Restore all previously reallocated CFCI funds

Freeze any further reallocations that weaken Measure J

Establish a dedicated funding mechanism to guarantee long-term protection and ensure CFCI resources stay rooted in our communities

Community-based organizations employ thousands of Los Angeles County residents and support hundreds of thousands more through essential services — health, housing, youth programs, reentry support, alternatives to incarceration, and more. To sustain and expand this

work, Measure J funding must remain stable, protected, and untouchable.

We stand in solidarity with Supervisors Hahn and Horvath. Let the Board act boldly to protect, restore, and strengthen Measure J for the future of our communities.

The Problem

Measure J protections are vulnerable due to Measure G.

Over 300 million in CFCI funds remain unspent. (this number could be higher)

Supervisors have approved reallocations of over 100 million without any public knowledge or input, cutting programs. This does not follow legal structure and the spirit of Measure J.

Some JCOD Programs have been cut due to reallocation of funds.

The Board of Supervisors is currently considering relocating \$8 million out of CFCI into general rent relief. Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell delayed this for two weeks so the Advisory Committee and community could weigh in. We thank her for upholding the participatory process.

The CFCI Committee does not have term limits and other protections to ensure transparency are in place.

The CEO's office is using CFCI funding as a slush fund to make up for budget shortfalls.

We are respectfully asking the LA County Board of Supervisors to:

Funding & Integrity

1. Sustaining Our Work Through Continued Support

We rely on ongoing funding to scale and sustain the proven programs our communities depend on. With this support, we can expand services and meet the rising needs of those we serve on the frontlines. Right now, over 300 of us receive CFCI Funds, allowing us to provide a wide range of services that put CARE FIRST at the center of our work. But without sustained funding, our ability to continue this work is at risk. Some of our contracts will begin to expire in February 2026, and we need assurance that resources will remain in place so we can keep serving our communities without interruption.

2. Return Reallocated Funds to the CFCI Fund

We call for the Board to pass a motion amending the County budget so that previously diverted CFCI dollars are returned to the CFCI Fund. LA County voters should not lose access to vital services supported by CFCI simply because funds were not spent.

The CFCI Committee should have made a recommendation to collaborate with JCOD, Amity, and other departments that have not used their allocations, ensuring a concrete plan to put these resources to work in our communities. Furthermore, Measure J does not provide clear guidance regarding the relocation of funds or specify that unspent dollars must remain within the CFCI Fund—leaving critical services at risk.

3. End Reallocation of Funds

We call on the Board to adopt a permanent policy that prohibits CFCI dollars, once

appropriated, from being diverted away from Care First purposes. These funds must stay dedicated to their original intent—supporting programs and services that put care, equity, and community well-being first.

At the same time, we believe reasonable measures can be put in place to review how departments are spending down funds. For example, JCOD is a new department responsible for supporting hundreds of agencies and launching innovative programs. It takes time to build out this kind of programming, and punishing JCOD or other departments by pulling their funds is not the right solution.

If we are truly investing in second chances and the work of community-based organizations, we must recognize the time and effort it takes to create sustainable change. Redirecting funds away from agencies doing the work undermines progress. Instead, we should ensure transparency and accountability while keeping every dollar committed to Care First where it belongs.

4. Budget CFCI Annually

Require full allocation and spending each fiscal year, with regular public reports on spending, to avoid underspending.

5. Keep the \$8 Million for Rent Relief Within CFCI

Rent relief must remain targeted to justice-impacted and system-impacted residents, not diluted into general programs. There is a severe shortage of housing for individuals and families who are justice-impacted. Approximately 70% of those who are homeless are justice-impacted.

6. Provide JCOD with Stable Funding

We have faith in the leadership of Judge Songhai Armstead (Ret.) and the JCOD team. To ensure their innovative programs can continue and grow, JCOD must receive a dedicated allocation of funds. A set, stable investment will allow the department to sustain the progress it has made, expand second-chance opportunities, and strengthen the community-based services that put Care First into action.

7. Strengthen Partnerships with Third-Party Administrators

We support continued partnership with third-party administrators like the Amity Foundation to provide nonprofit training, accountability systems, and dashboards that cut red tape and speed up contracting. Amity has developed an effective system to get funds out to the community quickly while also equipping agencies with the training and support they need to succeed. These partnerships are essential to ensuring that resources reach the frontlines efficiently and that community organizations have the tools to sustain their work.

8. Strengthen the CFCI Advisory Committee

Introduce a Board motion titled "Strengthening the CFCI Advisory Committee for Accountability and Equity." This motion must direct JCOD to:

Update bylaws to establish term limits for members.

Adopt conflict-of-interest policies for members tied to CFCI-funded organizations.

Revise procedures to expand public speaking time at meetings, past 1 minute.

Establish standing mechanisms for ongoing community engagement, including quarterly

forums.

Why Investing in our Agencies and Partners Matters

Gun violence, homelessness, incarceration, and racial inequities are interconnected crises in Los Angeles County. Voters created CFCI because they understood that punishment alone does not create safety, investment in community-based organizations does.

Our work addresses these issues head-on:

1. Housing & Justice Are Intertwined

Nearly 70% of LA's unhoused residents have had contact with the justice system. Our organizations provide supportive housing and homelessness prevention programs that stabilize families and reduce the likelihood of incarceration or re-incarceration. Every dollar spent on housing through CBOs saves the County many more in jail costs, shelter beds, and emergency services.

2.Children & Families

Children of incarcerated parents are 60% more likely to be incarcerated themselves, and foster youth face a 60% higher risk of incarceration than their peers. Our nonprofits offer mentorship, after-school programs, family reunification services, and youth development opportunities that break these generational cycles and give children safe pathways to thrive.

3.Recidivism & Cost

More than 65% of people released from prison return within three years, at an annual cost of \$127,000 per person. CBOs directly reduce recidivism by providing reentry services, job training, and supportive employment. These second-chance opportunities keep people from returning to custody and instead contribute to safer communities and a stronger workforce.

4. Workforce & Local Economy

Community-based organizations themselves are major employers, providing thousands of jobs for case managers, mental health providers, youth mentors, and outreach workers. Collectively, we contribute _____ in wages and economic activity to LA County. At the same time, we create career pipelines for justice-impacted residents, turning potential system costs into long-term community assets.

5.Gun Violence & Safety

Homicide remains one of the leading causes of death for LA County residents aged 5–44, with firearm violence disproportionately affecting Black and Latino youth in under-resourced neighborhoods. Our agencies run violence interruption programs, restorative justice initiatives, and trauma-informed mental health care that stop shootings before they happen, deescalate conflicts, and help young people build safer futures.

Our work does not exist in silos. Workforce development strengthens housing stability, housing supports mental health recovery, and violence prevention keeps young people on pathways to jobs and education. These interventions reinforce each other, creating a web of support that keeps individuals, families, and communities safe, healthy, and thriving.

We commend Supervisors Hahn and Horvath for introducing a motion to pursue a Charter amendment that restores the binding authority of Measure J and closes the loopholes created by Measure G. We also appreciate Supervisor Mitchell's leadership in ensuring community input throughout this process.

We bring this petition in a spirit of collaboration and respect. We acknowledge the responsibility of the Board and the progress that has been made. But we must be clear: voters demanded Care First, and CFCI funding cannot be treated as a backstop for budget shortfalls.

As community-based organizations, we pledge our support for this effort and commit to working alongside the Board, legal partners, the CFCI Advisory Committee, and residents to ensure this amendment is adopted and fully implemented.

The County must not punish JCOD, community organizations, and other CFCI recipients by reallocating much-needed funds. JCOD is a new department with strong leadership that is building a true Care First village. Instead of destabilizing this work, the Board must restore diverted funds, strengthen governance, and provide robust support to JCOD, trusted third-party administrators such as Amity Foundation, and community-based organizations so that Measure J's promise is fulfilled.

In Solidarity
Bridge Forward Alliance
www.bridgeforwardalliance.com

You can view each petition signer and the comments they left you below.

Thank you,

Bridge Forward Alliance

1. Bridge Forward Alliance (ZIP code: 90805)

2. Latora Green (ZIP code: 91403)

3. Liz Rios (ZIP code: 90640)

4. Suzanne Phillips (*ZIP code: 90027*)

5. Jasmond Nelson (ZIP code: 90037)

6. Teresa McDonald (ZIP code: 90007)

7. Jason Dillard (*ZIP code: 91767*)

Thank you!!

8. Kristi Ambriz (ZIP code: 91740)

9. Yongsuk Lee (*ZIP code:* 93535)

10. Randy Johnson (ZIP code: 90746)

11. Megan Anderson (ZIP code: 91711)

The CFCI program has been a incredible asset to LA County, helping hundreds of organizations serve those who are in the most need within LA County. This funding is critical to providing resources and support that enable people to grow, remove barriers, and build resiliency. We ask that you renew your commitment put Care First in the County by continuing the CFCI program.

12. Roxana Acevedo (ZIP code: 90039)

13. Danielle Ferrell (*ZIP code: 91768*)

14. Janie Hodge (*ZIP code: 93534-3153*)

15. Amanda Delgado (*ZIP code: 91405*)

16. MARIA LEYVA (*ZIP code:* 91331)

17. Robert Hassebrock (ZIP code: 91405)

18. Jennifer Gaeta (ZIP code: 91436)

19. Rosa Espitia (*ZIP code: 90033*)

20. Melinda Parra (*ZIP code: 90033*)

21. Jasmine Sanchez (ZIP code: 90033)

22. Kevin Orange (*ZIP code: 90044*)

These dollars are needed to continue the work of curbing violence and dealing with generational trauma.

23. Maria Mora (*ZIP code:* 91306)

24. Nicole Medina (*ZIP code: 91306*)

25. Juan-Pablo Mora (*ZIP code: 91306*)

26. Carolyn Ferguson (ZIP code: 90805)

27. Carlyn Oropez (*ZIP code: 90031*)

28. Linda Kelly (*ZIP code: 90044*)

29. Mona Evans-Graham (ZIP code: 90043)

Our program not only supports community kids in learning to play tennis, we have tutoring of academics.

30. Syd Stewart (*ZIP code:* 90028 and 90001)

31. Dr. Etta Clark (*ZIP code:* 93536)

Please restore funding to JCOD...I am an alumni of corhort 8 and have not received any funding to advance my organization. Thank you

Dr. Etta Clark Founder/ CEO

32. Catherine Butler (ZIP code: 91723)

33. Matt Weber (*ZIP code: 93535*)

34. Daylajane Mays (*ZIP code: 90047*)

35. Tyesha Cherry (*ZIP code: 92373*)

36. Jamie Blake-Hill (*ZIP code:* 91384)

37. JoEllen Kitchen (ZIP code: 91107)

For 81 years the club has provided a safe haven for the children of the low income Lincoln Heights area. We currently need to continue the funding to finish our Print Shop and Recording Studio projects which will teach teens valuable life skills as well as offer an alternative to gang activitis.

38. Araceli Simeón (ZIP code: 91792)

39. Gabriela Ocampo (*ZIP code: 90066*)

40. Lindsay Ferguson (*ZIP code: 90008*)

41. Gabriela Contreras (*ZIP code: 91767*)

42. MATTHEW OTASOWIE (*ZIP code:* 93550)

43. Sabriyya Abdur-Rauf (ZIP code: 01119)

44. Bishop Ed Smith (*ZIP code: 90604*)

I/we support sustaining Measure J annual funding for community and faith organizations to continue the vital work we do for the homeless and most vulnerable in LA County.

45. Jarret Keith (*ZIP code: 90275*)

46. Renee Krumweide (*ZIP code: 91105*)

47. Shannon Royster (*ZIP code: 90301*)

48. Renee Bizer (*ZIP code: 90044*)

49. Eric Hultman (*ZIP code:* 91321)

50. Jeffery Henderson (*ZIP code:* 90045)

51. Martina Gladney (*ZIP code: 90061*)

52. Martina Gladney (*ZIP code: 90802*)

53. Carolina Chavez (*ZIP code: 91724*)

54. David Wohlman (*ZIP code: 90018*)

55. Felicia Edelman (ZIP code: 90044)

56. llene leiter (*ZIP code: 90035*)

57. Robert Spearman (*ZIP code: 90047*)

58. Humberto Garcia (*ZIP code: 90011*)

59. Jason Brusavich (*ZIP code: 90710*)

60. Tera Hilliard (*ZIP code: 90807*) Tera Hilliard, Chief Executive Officer

61. Tatiana Turner (*ZIP code: 90247*)

62. Jane Haven, Ph.D. (*ZIP code: 90039*)

63. Le Patton-phillips (*ZIP code: 90008*)

64. Kimlin Johnson (*ZIP code: 90043*)

65. LV Thomas (*ZIP code: 90806*)

66. Kathleen Blakistone (*ZIP code: 90220*)

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.

67. Lorraine Hadden (*ZIP code: 93550*)

68. Jemal Hussein (*ZIP code: 90034*)

69. Armando Loza (*ZIP code: 90603*)

70. Breanna Hawkins (ZIP code: 90306)

71. Frank Guzman (*ZIP code:* 91766)

72. Amy Turk (*ZIP code:* 90013)

73. Steve Sichi (*ZIP code: 90045*)

74. Kandee Lewis (*ZIP code: 90260*)

75. Cayleen Dixon (*ZIP code:* 91321)

76. charles Woodruff (*ZIP code: 90046*)

77. Karen Funes (*ZIP code: 91776*)

78. Jacqueline Chavez (*ZIP code: 91342-3107*)

79. sorina vaziri (*ZIP code: 90016*)

80. Anthony Shep Crawford (*ZIP code:* 326 e. 47th pl. LA, CA 90011)

81. Darrell Maston (*ZIP code: 91321*)

Our funding helps fulfill much needed services to and for the youth of our community. Over the past 3 years, we have witnessed the transformative power of Art in our student's lives. Collectively, we humbly implore our officials to extend our necessary funding to ensure the continued growth of this next generation.

82. Jeffrey Richardson (ZIP code: 91723)

83. Crystal Williams (*ZIP code: 90221*)

84. Kruti Parekh (*ZIP code: 90001*)

Please protect the dollars that help, heal and support LA.

85. Tracey Walters (*ZIP code: 90301*)

86. Siobhain Hill (*ZIP code: 91505*)

87. Reinaldo Henry-Ala (ZIP code: 90805)

88. Maud Arnold (*ZIP code: 90016*)

89. Mario Torres Torres (*ZIP code: 90033*)

90. Michelle Talbott (*ZIP code: 90805*)

91. Cedric Farmer (*ZIP code: 90011*)

Return Measure J Funds its original purpose. The reason/need for the passage of measure J still remains and will remain so in the future.

92. Tanisha Hall (*ZIP code: 90043*)

93. Sarah Quitman (*ZIP code: 90805*)

94. David Talbott (*ZIP code: 90813*)

95. Tadeo Arnold (*ZIP code: 90016*)

96. Cianna Miller (*ZIP code: 90291*)

97. Clinton Drummer (*ZIP code: 90807-3315*)

98. Martha P. Gomez (*ZIP code: 91745*)

Save CFCI!

99. Kaci Hamilton (*ZIP code: 90404*)

100. Maya Daniels (*ZIP code: 90019*)

Re: Protecting Measure J and Restoring CFCI Funds

Dear Supervisor Holly Mitchell,

I am writing to thank you 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.

Our organization provides life changing services and programs for the transgender, gender expansive, and intersex communities and expands to system impacted individuals across 10 states. Without

stable, protected funding, the reach and effectiveness of these programs will be diminished, directly affecting the wellbeing of those we serve.

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.

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.

In addition, I urge you to strengthen protections for the CFCI Advisory Committee, ensuring it has the authority, resources, and independence needed to safeguard community priorities and provide transparent oversight of CFCI funding.

Thank you for your continued service to the people of Los Angeles County and for your commitment to equity and justice.

101. Yasmin Delahoussaye (*ZIP code: 90056*)

102. Michael Muhlfriedel (*ZIP code: 90036*)

Please do not divert CFCI funding!

103. Joel Garcia (*ZIP code: 90022*)

104. Narine Malkhasyan (*ZIP code: 90011*)

105. Jonathan Stephens (*ZIP code: 91103*)

106. Sacha van der Most van Spijk (ZIP code: 90241)

107. John Njoroge (*ZIP code: 90037*)

108. Cheryl Branch (*ZIP code: 90011*)

We urge you to support our community's position to protect CFCI funds. These resources are more than numbers on a budget line, they are lifelines for working families, residents in need of housing, and the nonprofits that anchor our neighborhoods.

Job creation is the cornerstone of community nonprofit services. The jobs economy supported by CFCI aligns firmly with everyday residents of Los Angeles County. Protecting these funds means protecting livelihoods, dignity, and pathways to stability. We need peace in the streets.

This is a decision in favor of jobs for the people and housing for those who need it most. Our organizations are doing our part building services & systems, hiring locally, and investing back into the communities we serve. We ask you to join us in doing the right thing. Managers may do things right. But leaders do the right thing. Now is the time to lead. Sincerely, LAMC & friends

109. Tony Williams (*ZIP code: 90045*)

110. Toni Newman (*ZIP code: 90046-2870*)

111. Dimitria Uqdah (*ZIP code: 93534*)

112. Joshua Esparza (*ZIP code: 90241*)

113. Mark Cofield (*ZIP code:* 90047)

CCFI has been important for marginalized communities

114. Betsy Blanchard (ZIP code: 90008)

Please protect CFCI funds - they are supporting successful youth empowerment programs in Compton and across our county.

115. Andrew Aames (*ZIP code: 90011*)

116. neslie cangumus (*ZIP code:* 91321)

117. Christina Dronen (ZIP code: 91321)

At a time when 100's of beds are closing for TAY foster youth and other homlessness funds have been dramatically slashed - this funding is needed more than ever to keep at risk youth housed. JCOD has been a beacon of excellence in managing and tracking funds and impact. Please continue to fund them as a worthy, excellent, & needed resource to LA.

118. geri silva (*ZIP code: 90047*)

It's important to hear the voters and beyond that view our community as needing the support in order to build safe and strong communities. Measure J spoke volumes and the reduction in crime reaffirms it's truth

119. Eric Parks (*ZIP code: 90071*)

120. Michelle Woods (*ZIP code: 90221*)

121. Angel Craig (*ZIP code: 90047*)

122. Yari Herrera (*ZIP code: 90011*)

123. Jasmine Serna (*ZIP code: 91724*)

124. Mary Bergen (*ZIP code: 91321*)

125. Asia Medley (*ZIP code:* 90003)

126. Megan Emme (*ZIP code: 90013*)

CFCI funding is vital to the Downtown Womens' Center's work to serve and empower women and gender diverse individuals experiencing homelessness. Please ensure that CFCI funds go where intended, such as housing resources and other care-first strategies.

127. Jill Friedman (*ZIP code:* 91321)

128. Deborah Roberson (*ZIP code: 90003*)

129. Deana Mendez (*ZIP code: 91340*)

130. Regeanie Corona (ZIP code: 90638)

Thank you.

131. Annie Gibbs (*ZIP code: 90025*)

132. Ngan Hong (*ZIP code: 91770*)

133. Jackie Venters (*ZIP code: 90220*)

134. Keith Kenned (*ZIP code: 90305*)

135. Brigett Tran (*ZIP code: 90046*)

136. Nicole Sela (*ZIP code: 90037*)

137. Annett Smith (*ZIP code: 90003*)

138. Dr. Ebone Smith (*ZIP code: 90808*)

139. Jose Figueroa (*ZIP code: 90003*)

Restore all diverted funds back to CFCI.

J.F.

140. Christopher Dodds (*ZIP code: 93561*)

141. Alex Aldana (*ZIP code: 90404*)

142. Kymberly Johnson (*ZIP code: 90301*)

143. Christopher Espinoza (*ZIP code: 90021*)

144. Aimee Stubblefield (*ZIP code: 91340*)

145. Silvia Arias (*ZIP code: 90026*)

146. Kim Mustafa (*ZIP code: 90066*)

147. Victor Williams (*ZIP code: 90019*)

148. Eba Laye (*ZIP code: 90805*)

149. John Morse (*ZIP code: 91016*)

Please correct this mistake and restore all diverted funds back to CFCI!

150. Stacy McAlister Jr (ZIP code: 90807)

151. Alexander Tron (*ZIP code: 91423*)

152. Carmelita Ramirez Sanchez (*ZIP code: 90033*)

Honorable Board of Supervisors, We ask that you center justice-impacted youth by protecting CFCI funds—keeping rent relief for housing, safeguarding JCOD programs and partnerships, restoring Measure J to the Charter, and sustaining frontline organizations to expand proven services.

153. Jerica Finley Orozco (*ZIP code: 93535*)

Funding has played a transformative role in supporting low-income and justice-impacted individuals by opening up access to skill-building and paid work experience that would have otherwise been out of reach. These resources have created pathways to economic stability and self-sufficiency by reducing barriers that often prevent this community from accessing training, employment, and meaningful support systems. Through targeted programs made possible by funding, participants are not only gaining industry-relevant skills but are also building confidence, financial independence, and a renewed sense of purpose. The impact goes beyond the individual — it strengthens families, uplifts communities, and contributes to long-term public safety and equity.

154. Elizabeth Colon (*ZIP code: 91390*)

My name is Elizabeth Colon. 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.

155. Gonzalo Salguero (*ZIP code: 90201-3640*)

156. Penelope Perez (*ZIP code: 90044*)

157. Jodi Galvin (*ZIP code: 90046*)

158. BETTY MILLS (*ZIP code: 91762*)

159. Kari Croft (*ZIP code: 90404*)

160. Paul LeDoux (*ZIP code: 91105*)

161. Jasmine Camarena (*ZIP code: 91302*)

162. Kimberli Curtis (*ZIP code:* 90026)

163. Cynthia Robledo (*ZIP code: 90241*)

164. Esther Yim (*ZIP code: 91754*)

165. Toni Bryant (*ZIP code: 93536*) These funds are desperately needed.

166. Jessica Solis (*ZIP code: 90032*)

167. Brandi Brown-Shock (ZIP code: 90712)

168. Amare Jamii (*ZIP code: 90802*)

On behalf of myself and JTM Academy, I strongly support the call to protect and restore CFCI funds. Measure J was a commitment made by voters to invest in care-first solutions — housing, youth programs, job training, and community-based services — not incarceration. Diverting these resources undermines the will of the community and weakens proven programs that provide opportunity and safety.

We urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to restore reallocated funds, safeguard CFCI investments, and ensure that Measure J's intent is permanently protected. Our communities depend on these resources to build stronger futures.

169. Crystal pitts (*ZIP code: 90302*)

170. Julio Munguia (*ZIP code: 90061*)

171. Joanne Russell (*ZIP code: 90007*)

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!

Let Make IT Happen, today.

Thank you.

172. Jacob Villalobos (*ZIP code: 90601*)

Measure J funds needs to be kept with the programs they have been funding

173. LAWANDA HAWKINS (*ZIP code:* 90732)

174. Paul Dumont (*ZIP code: 91609*)

175. Christina Navarro (ZIP code: 90031)

176. Jessica Medrano (*ZIP code: 90026*)

177. Aristela Roberson (ZIP code: 90007)

178. Yolanthe van der Most van Spijk (ZIP code: 90240)

179. Lydia Cincore Templeton (*ZIP code: 90007*)

180. Maisha Beasley (*ZIP code: 90019*)

My name is Dr. Maisha Beasley, Executive Director of Project Sankofa. 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.

181. Desiree Medrano (*ZIP code: 90026*)

182. Rabia Qutab (*ZIP code: 91792*)

183. DeShawn McDougal (*ZIP code: 95821*)

184. Teresa Groth (*ZIP code: 90037*)

185. Amir Whitaker (*ZIP code:* 90032)

186. Gabriel Arellano (*ZIP code: 90012*)

187. Rocky Hunt (*ZIP code: 94602*)

188. Ricardo Mendoza (ZIP code: 90007)

Continue to support CFCI and JCOD's funding to the measures intended by voters.

189. Michael Guedel (*ZIP code:* 90026)

190. Vidhi Dev (*ZIP code: 90003*)

191. Claudenice Braga-McCalister (ZIP code: 91355)

192. Jazmarie Rhodes (*ZIP code: 91387*)

193. Michelle Freridge (ZIP code: 91776)

This funding is providing critical resources to support youth development and youth employment in very low-income and underserved communities.

194. LAUREN COSTA (*ZIP code: 90046*)

195. Wyneia Smith (*ZIP code: 90016*)

196. Janet McGraw (*ZIP code: 90301*)

197. Steven Mejia (*ZIP code:* 91387)

198. Simone Dilisser (ZIP code: 90745)

199. Jeffery Thomas (*ZIP code: 90807*)

200. Marla Morgan (*ZIP code: 913/-*)

201. Chrystani Heinrich (*ZIP code: 90059*)

Let's not reinvent the wheel! We have teams and processes already in place to continue and potentially expand our impact throughout LA County. These funds have created jobs, connected constituents with essential services, and held the organizations that utilize these funds accountable.

202. Makonnn Tendaji (ZIP code: 90011)

203. Ronnie Bonner (*ZIP code: 90220*)

204. Leslee Williams (ZIP code: 90746)

205. GABRIELA ARVIZU (ZIP code: 91356)

206. Jamecca Marshall (*ZIP code: 90003*)

Please protect the will of the voters and ensure that CFCI funds are spent on community investments and alternatives to incarceration — specifically not for law enforcement, jails, or prisons and not for the general fund.

207. Yvette Crayon (*ZIP code:* 93550)

208. Cesar Lluncor (*ZIP code: 90240*)

209. Phillip Hamilton (*ZIP code: 91790*)

210. Barak Bomani (*ZIP code: 90221*)

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 Unearth 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. Unearth and Empower Communities 1317 N Pearl Ave., Compton, Ca 90221

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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,

Barak Bomani Executive Director, Unearth and Empower Communities www.unearthandempower.org 323.803.9938

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211. Soma Snakeoil (*ZIP code:* 90021)

212. Devon Ivey (*ZIP code: 90813*)

213. Jun Shim (*ZIP code:* 91381)

214. Ethel Fimbres (*ZIP code: 90001*)

215. Jeanette Sanders (*ZIP code: 90805*)

216. Nickeya Hannah (*ZIP code: 90220*)

217. Carol Sanders (*ZIP code: 90805*)

218. Frank Williams (*ZIP code: 90059*)

219. Maria Smith (*ZIP code: 90043*)

220. Ryann Campuzano (*ZIP code:* 93534)

221. Charles Thornhill (*ZIP code: 90710*)

222. Shawnte Petetan (*ZIP code: 90717*)

Our organization, and others like it need these funds to operate and serve the community and those who may be underprivileged or at risk. To take away much needed funds that were set aside, and earmarked by voters to pour into the community is not only unfair, but a slap in the face to the voters who voted to invest in our community and community organizations.

223. Waunette Cullors (*ZIP code: 93552*)

I definitely support to continue with the CI funding to be allocated within communities to organizations join the Self doing the work like my organization and we would not be able to drive without this Funding

224. LaNear Montgomery (*ZIP code: 90003*)

225. Akuyoe Graham (*ZIP code: 90295*)

226. Adrienne Wilson (*ZIP code: 90008*)

227. Raquel Derfler (*ZIP code:* 93550)

228. dawn Osborne (*ZIP code: 90045*)

First name	Last name	City	State/Pro State/Pro Zip	code Country
Bridge Fo	Alliance	Long Bea	California CA	90805US
Latora	Green	Sherman	California CA	91403US
Liz	Rios	Montebell	California CA	90640US
Suzanne	Phillips	Los Ange	California CA	90027US
Jasmond	Nelson	Los Ange	California CA	90037US
Steven	Richard	South Ga	California CA	90280US
Jason	Dillard	Pomon	California CA	91767US
Kristi	Ambriz	Glendora	California CA	91740US
Yongsuk	Lee	Lancaster	California CA	93535US
Quentin	Myers	Carson	California CA	90746US
Megai	Anderson	Claremon	California CA	91711US
Roxana	Acevedo	Los Ange	California CA	90039US
Danielle	Ferrell	Pomon	California CA	91768US
Janie	Hodge	Lancaster	California CA 935	534-31 US
Amand	Delgado	Van Nuys	California CA	91405US

MARI	LEYV,	Pacoima California CA	91331US
Robert	Hassebrock	Van Nuys California CA	91405US
Jennifer	Gaeta	Encino California CA	91436US
Rosa	Espitia	Los Ange California CA	90033US
Melinda	Parra	Los Ange California CA	90033US
Jasmine	Sanchez	Los Ange California CA	90033US
Kevin	Orange	Los Ange California CA	90044US
Maria	Mora	Winnetka California CA	91306US
Kevin	Orange	Los Ange California CA	90044US
Nicole	Medina	Winnetka California CA	91306US
Juan-Pal	o Mora	Winnetka California CA	91306US
Carolyn	Ferguson	Long Bea California CA	90805US
Carlyn	Oropez	Los Ange California CA	90031US
Linda	Kelly	Los Ange California CA	90044US
Mona	Evans-Grahar	Los Ange California CA	90043US
Syd	Stewart	Los Ange California CA	90028 an US

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Tyesha	Cherry	Redlands California CA	92373US
Jamie	Blake-Hill	Castaic California CA	91384US
JoEllen	Kitchen	Pasaden: California CA	91107US
Araceli	Simeón	West Cov California CA	91792US
Gabriela	Ocamp	Los Ange California CA	90066US
Lindsay	Ferguson	Los Ange California CA	90008US
Gabriela	Contreras	Pomon California CA	91767US
MATTHE	OTASOW	Palmdale California CA	93550US
Sabriyya	Abdur-Rauf		01119 CF
Bishop E	Somith	Whittier California CA	90604US
Jarret	Keith	Rancho PCalifornia CA	90275US
Renee	Krumweide	Pasaden: California CA	91105US
Shannor	Royster	InglewoodCalifornia CA	90301US
Renee	Bizer	Los Ange California CA	90044US
Eric	Hultman	Newhall California CA	91321US
Jeffery	Hendersor	Los Ange California CA	90045US
Martina	Gladney	Los Ange California CA	90061US
Martina	Gladney	Long Bea California CA	90802US
Carolina	Chavez	Covina California CA	91724US
david	wohlmar	Los Ange California CA	90044US

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90047US

Dr. Etta Clark

Catherine Butler

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