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**Supporting Youth-Centered Programming and Advocacy on the Care First
Community Investment Committee**

Recently, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) reaffirmed its commitment to care first principles by ensuring that the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee remain central to all administrative funding processes related to CFCI funds, both allocated and unspent. CFCI continues to represent the will of the voters to equitably distribute locally generated funds to communities and individuals experiencing racial and social inequities.

When the Board established the CFCI Advisory Committee (Measure J Advisory Committee), it prioritized the creation of a body that reflected the County, and the important streams of work focused on improving the quality of life for those most in need. Along with designating County departments, community representatives were selected to ensure their voices were central to the development of funding recommendations. Youth were not directly included in the membership. As such, there is limited representation of the unique interests of young people across the County.

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The original membership of 15 CFCI Advisory Committee members was increased to 23 with the renaming of the advisory committee from Measure J to Care First Community Investment. The expanded committee reemphasized the Board's intent to ensure strong community voices and involvement in the funding recommendations by also including two youth members. However, the effectiveness of the current structure of youth representation on the Advisory Committee has been challenged by the meeting time requirements coupled with the lack of flexibility to accommodate the barriers young people experience to participation in this type of body, despite the County's attempts to increase involvement by offering compensation for members for their time and participation.

On July 1, 2022, the Board established the Department of Youth Development (DYD) to support the development of young people in Los Angeles County by coordinating and building capacity for a wide range of youth development services, opportunities, support, and other care-first efforts with a goal of equitably reducing youth justice system involvement. DYD did not exist when the Board last revisited the makeup of the CFCI Advisory Committee's members. Over the last three years, DYD has established infrastructure and demonstrated success in coordinating a continuum of youth services and advancing authentic youth engagement, reflecting the strengths, needs, and lived experience of the County's most vulnerable young people. While DYD has received CFCI funding and provided youth development expertise, DYD's ability to represent the unique interests of young people is limited by its not being a voting member of the CFCI Advisory Committee. Given the community and County's commitment to youth development and justice, and the explicit reference to youth in the Measure J ballot

measure, adding DYD to the CFCI Advisory Committee will continue the Board's vision of "Youth Justice Reimagined" and deepen the County's "Care First" infrastructure to support our most vulnerable youth.

I, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Amend and expand the Care First Community Investment Committee to include the Director of the Department of Youth Development, or their designee.
2. Direct the Director of the Department of Youth Development, or their designee, to consult with and support the current youth representatives on the Care First Community Investment Committee to strengthen their ability to substantively participate in the work of the committee.

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