



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
1.		Favor	Clinton Drummer	Financial Liberation Training Academy (FLTA) is a proud supporter of the Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD) and fully support JCOD's receipt of CFCI funding to expand vital resources and supports for communities that need them most. As a former participant in the JCOD Incubation Academy, FLTA has benefited from the training, guidance, and ecosystem of support that strengthened our organizational capacity and helped better position us to serve our community more effectively—advancing practical pathways to stability, opportunity, and long-term success.
			Patricia Byrdsell	
			Reza Chapel	<p>I am in strong support of the proposed budget, particularly the allocation for the Public Defender's Office and its holistic advocacy model.</p> <p>The holistic advocacy program has proven to be both highly efficient and highly effective at reducing recidivism and helping people achieve sustainable, long-term goals. It fills a critical gap that traditional systems did not previously address. This is not general case management. It is a comprehensive, state of the art approach that integrates mitigation, progress reporting, and direct connection to housing, employment, education, medical and mental health care, and other essential services.</p> <p>Through this model, clients receive support not only on their legal case, but in the underlying life circumstances that bring them into the system in the first place. That is what produces real public safety outcomes and real fiscal responsibility for the County.</p> <p>I urge the Board to increase overall funding for public defense and community based services and to expand the Partners for Justice holistic advocacy program to every courthouse across Los Angeles County.</p> <p>This investment reduces future system costs, strengthens families and communities, and makes our justice system more effective and more humane.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Roy L Humphreys	1) Critical Sheriff Department issue is the Failure of The County to get the State Code changed to separate Jails from Enforcement. 2) Tens of Billions of dollars is necessary to Correct Decades of DA, Courts, and Confinement Criminal Negligence. Men's Jail is a Crime and the 4 Democrats of this Board are Guilty as Should be Charged.
		Oppose	Megan Castillo	Dear Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, We find ourselves at yet another budget year — and yet another opportunity



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While I support workforce development and reentry programs, these initiatives should not be tied to or dependent upon the cannabis industry and no funds be allocated from taxpayers.

There is increasing research linking high-concentration THC products to cannabis-induced psychosis, especially among adolescents and young adults. Studies have shown that frequent use of high-potency cannabis significantly increases the risk of psychotic disorders. In addition, nationwide public health data have raised concerns about associations between heavy cannabis use, depression, and increased suicide risk among young people. These are serious matters that require transparent discussion and responsible policy decisions.

For example, millions of taxpayer dollars in grants have been awarded to universities and local agencies, including programs such as the USC Social Work workforce initiatives. What exactly is that money being used for? Further, many of the USC graduates sat or wrote recommendations to bring cannabis in the Latino community for profit. The Los Angeles County Cannabis Office is tasked with enforcing regulations and shutting down illegal cannabis shops. Yet illegal shops continue to operate in many communities, and public comment opportunities at taxpayer-funded events have often been limited to select nonprofit and social justice organizations to convince people that cannabis is good for health. With respect to the legal cannabis and presentations coming into our communities, the presenters only presented on CBD and benefits and were not able to answer any questions or comment on Cannabis Induced Psychosis.

At the same time, high-concentration THC products continue to be widely available. The expansion of the cannabis industry should not come at the expense of community mental health, and be used as a reentry program. There are legitimate concerns that increased access to high-potency products contributes to cannabis-induced psychosis diagnoses and substance use disorders, which in turn expand the demand for publicly funded treatment programs.

Reentry Program

Therefore, no reentry program — including those coordinated through the District Attorney's Office, Public Defender, Alternate Defender, Probation, Justice Care and Opportunity initiatives, or Youth Development programs — should condition probation or diversion agreements (particularly for individuals ages 16–30) on employment within the cannabis industry.

Workforce development opportunities should exist independently of THC-related businesses. Employment placements can be created in industries that do not involve the production or sale of psychoactive substances. For example, reentry participants could be offered training in financial literacy, investment fundamentals, stock market education, skilled trades, technology, public service, infrastructure, or other sectors that promote long-term



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			<p>economic stability or THC-free establishments.</p> <p>Transparency</p> <p>More transparency is needed regarding the types of workforce and labor jobs being created through reentry partnerships with local officials. Communities deserve to know whether these programs are truly expanding opportunity or steering young adults into industries that may pose health risks.</p> <p>Reentry and workforce development programs should empower individuals to build sustainable futures — not place them in environments that may contribute to or promote addiction, mental health challenges, or long-term dependency on publicly funded systems.</p> <p>Public policy must prioritize prevention, accountability, and the well-being of our youth and young adult communities above all else.</p> <p>Respectfully</p> <p>SP</p>
	Other	Daniel Rodriguez	
		Jared M Villery	<p>My name is Jared Villery, and as an advocate with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition running our Expungement Program, everyday I witness the impact that County funding plays in ensuring that individuals in the system-impacted community don't return to incarceration. Through funding from JCOD and the DYD, opportunities are created for the formerly incarcerated to pursue meaningful careers, obtain safe housing, pursue higher education, etc.</p> <p>I am writing today to advocate for the continued funding of JCOD and DYD to make sure we do not turn in the wrong direction with criminal justice reform. We cannot go back to a past where funding goes overwhelmingly to law enforcement entities, which often create more problems than they solve. Funding going to Community Based Organizations through JCOD and DYD act as effective investments in programs that have proven effective in reducing recidivism within our communities, and it would be a great disservice to the population of Los Angeles County to cut funding for these organizations in any way.</p> <p>In fact, it is imperative that funding be increased for these entities, because they have a proven track record of investing in programs that make a true difference in making our communities safer. The whole point is safer communities, but if we pull back from such investments, we are harming our own people and communities.</p> <p>As such, I implore this Board to invest in the people making a true difference in our community by maintaining and increasing funding for JCOD and the DYD. Thank you.</p>

		Jayda Arrington	LA Commission on HIV New Cohort Membership Roster
		Nicole Brown	Please protect CFCI funding, and make sure the CFCI Advisory Body continues to lead on recommendations for how funding is allocated. Measure J was supported by a large majority of LA County voters. CFCI has brought critical resources to communities and CBOs, and communities need these supports now more than ever. I urge you to protect CFCI.
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Greetings, Supervisor and Chair Solis and Members of the Board,
My name is ex-commissioner, Jayda Arrington. I served on the Los Angeles County Commission on HIV (LAC COH) as an unaffiliated consumer. I write to you today as a concerned community member about the results from the Commission on HIV new membership cohort roster. The meeting was held on 2/12/2026 and I voted NO on motion 4 because there is no fair or meaningful reflective representation of heterosexual Black/African American women with lived experience as part of the new membership. There are notable and historic HIV and STI burdens among Black women, so this lack of representation represents a clear and present danger to women who look like me. I know for certain that a Ryan White Part A planning body must have fair reflective unaffiliated consumer input. Why there is a glaring exclusion of Black heterosexual women is unknown to me and there is not sufficient transparency by COH staff. Black women w/lived experience will not have a voice. DHSP does not have good leadership. I feel DHSP took this opportunity to backdoor some passionate and loyal community members and workers who spoke out critically against backwards actions of DHSP. DHSP took the opportunity to boot out, outspoken, caring and dedicated leadership of people living with HIV and wonderful community workers who supported us. DSPH should not be helping in the process of picking new members as DSPH workers have had issues with people in the HIV community. Using DHSP their staff as part of the re-newing membership process was a huge mistake. DHSP controls the whole COH now more than 50% of the people on the new cohort are known allies of the DHSP and not community reflection. DHSP should restructure its leadership and workers like the new restructuring of the COH. It is time for new leadership at DHSP for our community. Also, on the new membership roster they added people HRSA does not require the COH to have on the planning body who is not a person of lived experience but has a title of non elected community leader. As a person w/lived experience I would love to see a community leader of reflection and relation not unrelatable. Please ensure there is full and fair transparency with the unaffiliated consumer being involved. Thank you!



RE-IMAGINE L.A. COUNTY COALITION

Subject: FY 2026–2027 Budget: Do Not Increase Law Enforcement Funding – Fully Fund Care First Commitments

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As Senior Manager at **The Social Impact Center (TSIC)**, I have had the privilege of leading and strengthening initiatives that center compassion, self-determination, and trauma-informed care for individuals impacted by the criminal legal system. My professional journey has been deeply shaped by the meaningful partnership between TSIC and **Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD)**, whose services I have personally benefited from and continue to collaborate with in advancing equitable reentry support for our community.

As a proud member of **JCOD's Incubator Cohort 6**, TSIC participated in the Incubation Academy, which played a pivotal role in expanding our organizational capacity. Through this experience, we strengthened our infrastructure, sharpened our strategy, and built lasting relationships with like-minded, grassroots reentry organizations working on the front lines. The incubator experience reinforced our commitment to community-rooted leadership and collaborative ecosystem building.

Over the past several years, we have been in communication with Judge Armstead to discuss efforts to organize and reactivate JCOD incubator alumni, beginning with our cohort. These conversations reflect our shared vision of fostering deeper collaboration among reentry leaders and aligning our collective impact across Los Angeles County.

TSIC continues to play a pivotal role in reentry, expungement, and community care efforts. We actively advocate to ensure that resources remain accessible and responsive to those most impacted by incarceration. In recent years, our team has consistently shown up for community members—guiding them through the often complex and intimidating expungement process, providing supportive services, and creating safe spaces for healing and empowerment.

Through strategic partnership with JCOD and a steadfast commitment to equity and dignity, TSIC remains dedicated to advancing justice, expanding opportunity, and strengthening pathways home for our community.

Thank you,

Daniel Rodriguez
Sr. Manager of Community Engagement and Wellness