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>> VERONICA LEWIS: Good afternoon, everyone. Thank you for being here. Thank you to the regular meeting for the Care First Community Investment Advisory Committee. Please read the disclaimer.

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>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you, Myles. Do you mind repeating one more time how folks can access closed captioning? Just to make sure people got it.

>> MYLES MESHACK: Sure. There's a link, a StreamText link in the chat. Please click that link and it will enable you to access the closed caption.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you, Myles! Taylor, please call the roll.

>> Absolutely. Hi everybody. Okay. I'm going to go through the names of the members in alphabetical order. Please respond I if you're present. If you're an alternate for a member, also.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Present.

>> Present.

>> Castillo?

>> Present.

>> Member Crunk?

>> Present.

>> Member Franklin or alternate -- they're going to be absent. Just to check. Okay. Hearing none, member early? Dr. Sigh? I see Dr. Sigh's hand. Myles, I don't know if you're able to let him unmute.

>> Hi. Present.

>> Thank you. Member Garcia? Okay. We'll come back. Member Ghaly?

>> Present?

>> Thank you. Hernandez?

>> Present.

>> Lewis?

>> Present.

>> Nijama (phonetic).

>> Present.

>> Thank you. Member O'Brien? Okay. We'll come back. Member Perez?

Member Perez, are you there?

>> Dr. Perez is here now.

>> I couldn't get unmuted. Sorry (laughs).

>> Thank you, welcome. Member Schoonover?

>> Here.

>> Thank you. Member Scorza?

>> I just admitted him.

>> We'll give him a second. Member Sharon?

>> Here.

>> Member Soto? All right. Member steel?

>> Present.

>> Thanks. Member Stevens?

>> Present.

>> Member Varet? Member Williams?

>> Present.

>> Thank you. Okay. Just to quickly go back through folks that I missed because there were a couple alternates raising their hand. Early or alternate Betsy?

>> Alina for Garcia. Thank you.

>> Thank you. I'll quickly go through the absences in case other folks trickled in.

Member O'Brien, are you present? Member Perez, I see you.

>> I'm unmuted. I'm present. Thank you.

>> Thank you. Member Scorza?

>> I'm present. Thank you.

>> Thank you. And then I see Jose Ruiz, your hand is raised. Are you present for member Soto?

>> Correct. I'm here for member Soto.

>> Thank you. And then one more member, Varet or her alternate, Derek Smith?

Okay. We have 18 members present, 3 alternates. We're ready to go.

>> I think I'm unmuted now. Early is unmuted. I couldn't unmute.

>> Thank you.

>> Thank you.

>> 19 members present.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you. It would be helpful if you could send me an email really quick of everybody that's here because I don't know all the alternate's names and I want to make sure I'm calling on alternates only.

>> Absolutely.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Welcome again everyone. Thank you for being here.

>> Hello? Yes.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Our first order of business is to review and take action on the minutes from the CFCI committee meeting took place on September 22nd. Is there any discussion or corrections or comments about the minutes from the members at this time?

Okay. Seeing none -- George, did you want to say something?

>> I'd like to make a motion to approve the minutes.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you. Is there a second to that motion?

>> Second.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you, Wesley. We have a motion on the floor. Are there any comments from the members before we open up this agenda item to public comment? Seeing and hearing none, please open up public comment specifically on agenda item Number 1 only.

>> MYLES MESHACK: I'm sorry. Yes. We've reached the public comment period. You have one minute to comment. Please limit your comments to the specific item, which is the minutes. Those online who would like to provide public comment, please use the raise-hand function. We will call on you in the order you raised your hand. Please state your full name for the minutes before beginning the comment. I will lower your hand after the public comment. For those on the telephone, * 9 to raise your hand. We will call out the last digits of the telephone when it's your turn. * 6 to unmute yourself. Please state your full name for the minutes. I will lower your hand once you've completed your public comment. Okay.

And I am not seeing any hands raised. Does not look like there's any public comment for this item, so back to you, Chair Lewis.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you, Myles! Moving onto agenda item 2, presentation from the LA (unintelligible) office. On the history and overview of the CFCI Advisory Committee. Judge Armstead and her team?

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Do we need a vote to approve the minutes or no? You're muted, Veronica. We can't hear you.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Yes. Any additional comment before we call for the vote for the motion on the table? Seeing no comments, Taylor, please call for the roll. Please state the motion before you call for it please.

>> Okay. I'll call for a vote on the motion to approve the minutes from the last meeting. Again, in alphabetical order. Member Andrews, how do you vote?

>> Aye.

>> Member Carbajal?

>> Aye.

>> Member Castillo?

>> Aye.

>> Member Crunk?

>> Aye.

>> Early?

>> Aye.

>> Ferer?

>> Aye.

>> Alina?

>> Aye.

>> Ghale?

>> Aye.

>> Hernandez?

>> Aye.

>> Jimenez?

>> (unintelligible).

>> Aye.

>> Member O'Brien. Just checking if he's joined since we've called the roll.

Member Perez?

>> Aye.

>> Scoover?

>> I must abstain because I wasn't at the last meeting.

>> Sharon?

>> Aye.

>> Jose for Soto.

>> Aye? Thank you. Member Steele.

>> Aye.

>> Member Stevens?

>> Aye.

>> Member Derek Smith, are you here? Checking in for roll. Okay. And member Williams?

>> Aye.

>> Okay. Passes for 17 votes and 1 abstain.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you, Taylor. We'll move onto the presentation from the ATI Office.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Okay. We're going to make this available online and we'll post it momentarily. We made a few edits, so that's why you don't have it now. We're going to do a quick overview of the history of CFCI, the processes going forward. Other people will chime in and we'll answer questions!

Let's see. It's not working. Here it is.

Okay. So, we're going to go -- I think I already said that. Go over the history, go over the first-year spending plan, any updates on implementation so far, timeline, reflections on lessons learned and any questions and discussion.

Here we go. November of last year voters voted for Measure J, which was to amend the county charter such that 10%, at least 10% of the locally generated unrestricted revenue would be reinvested back into community development and Alternatives to Incarceration to address the impact of racial and social injustice.

December of last year, the 17-member Measure J reimagine LA Advisory Committee was formed. February, the committee decided to form five subcommittees, categorized as reentry -- economic opportunity and sustainability. Education access and youth development and housing.

Met several times. I believe there was -- every group met every week for five consecutive weeks. There was also some additional listening sessions, and then in June 2021, the Advisory Committee submitted a one-year spending plan, recommendations for \$170.9 million, 351.9 tiered 2 proposals -- (unintelligible).

The 351.9 -- and (unintelligible). All submitted to the CEO's office. August 2021, the CEO submitted to the Board and the board approved \$187.7 million of tier 1 proposals. There was 100 million identified for the CFCI.

Additionally, the board put \$87.7 million from funding to help supplement the down payment for -- million dollars. To follow what the Measure J committee wanted and what their recommendations were.

Then things happened in court, right?

The board instructed a new committee of 24 members and committee investment CFCI Advisory Committee and that's what you have here now. This is our second meet. The job is to continue the work from year 1 and also develop a year 2 spending plan recommendations.

This is just an example of -- well this is what the recommendations were, the first column, second column is what was requested. The second column, what was approved. Breaks down the departments with the administrators and what was requested as administrator and who the CEO recommended as the administrator. This will be available to everyone so you can go through it.

All this information is already on our web page as well. The first one is for departments. The second chart here is just showing the funding that will go to the TPA. It's the amount requested and for what categories or what sort of program and then the second one, what's approved. Then where the recommendation was and what the CEO recommended. That would be for TPAs.

This chart here shows what was recommended. There were five committees that -- subcommittees that last year's Measure J -- I guess earlier this year. The Measure J

committee recommended, but at the very end, there was an addition of the close central jails, so made a sixth category. You can see what was recommended and what actually happened. You'll see that between the two doughnut charts here.

Let's talk about how the funding is going to happen through the TPA. There's two places that funding will go to TPA. One from the CFCI funds. Everything allocated in the TPA is going to be funding for three years. Every year out of the Measure J funds are the same amount going to the TPA category was. They will not begin evaluation because this is not a full year, until the second year and the third year. Then in June 30th, 2024, this committee will have to decide do they want that program to continue being funded at that rate, but they will get funding for three years.

This is actually not just for the TPA. This is for all of the CFCI funding streams. Then for things funded through the American rescue plan, they'll get funding for two years. The third year, this committee will need to decide do they want to -- they will have evaluations starting the second year. You'll have evaluations the second year so the committee can make an informed decision about whether programs should be continued to be funded the previous two years.

The third-party administrator will receive additional funding. They'll get the \$17 million from CFCI with later priorities that the Measure J committee last year or the committee formally known as Measure J identified but they'll get an additional \$40 million going through the TPA, trauma prevention, committee resource grants, grants related to justice, grants for financial well-being -- and youth work and development. That's additional funding going to the third-party administrator not identified as tier 1 recommendations from the committee.

CFCI funding program reporting is required to go to this committee, the CEO, and also to the CEO budget. The ARP funding is required to go to CEO budget and also -- there was a motion and Dr. -- can speak to this. There was a motion basically -- equitable way. There are requirements. We're going to use the same requirements for both funding streams to make sure the funds are distributed in an equitable way.

Some of the requirements are listed here. We're asking for all the reporting to be done to provide quarterly updates. We want to know what types of services -- zip codes. We have lots of data related to zip codes that need the most help and have

been impacted the most. We want to see pre and post outcomes on the programs. There will be an independent evaluator for all the programs.

We also are going to ask for information for youth for participants under the age of 18 as well. Those are the examples there. I don't know. I'll pause for a second.

Dr. Scorza, do you want to add anything about the guiding principles around the evaluations?

>> Yeah. I want to add that our funding specifically for the reporting will be monthly and we always had a conversation about how to make sure those dollars are being tracked effectively. There will be additional tracking requirements, and I think that motion that this committee called for the use of equity tools.

So, just note that our specific funded programs, there will be additional equity overlays and reporting requirements.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Okay. We're trying to stream that so that for both -- and CFCI, same amount of information so you'll be able to evaluate the programs in the same manner. These are some of the guiding questions. They're listed here, depending on the category, or I should say the subcommittee category, and some of the potential metrics are here as well.

I want to pause because we also have Kathy Hanks who is our contracts guru who is really handling -- been streamlining the third part administrator process. Also, who is going to be streamlining the process for the community engagement consultant. Also, streamlining contracting overall.

Let me go -- do you want me to start here or go to the grid, Kathy?

>> KATHY HANKS: We can go to the next slide, I think.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Okay. I can come back. Do you want this one?

>> KATHY HANKS: This is fine. So, something really disruptive in contracting with the whole team of folks I have related to the ATI engagement here as well as equity and contracting motion the board approved earlier this year.

We put together a streamlined contracting solicitation for the third-party administrator as well as a separate one for the CFCI consultant. The streamline document included submission electronically through a mailbox. We eliminated the 27

required forms. I was not able to blow up the contract and make it smaller, but we'll work on that. Put the solicitation out and received multiple responses earlier last month.

The review committee has made a recommendation and we were in active negotiations. We expect to have a contract approved I'd like by the end of this month. We have delegated -- one, make the award of that contract using a process that did not completely adhere to county policies and contracting. We have authority delegated to the CEO and designee, which could be county departments, to also enter into streamline contracting processes and resulting contracts for their CFCI money going out.

I know I'm not totally talking to this, but the overall process is working with the county department, of which the Native American Indian commission with the director at (unintelligible) is working on putting out her CFCI solicitation within the next couple weeks. It's also going to be an abbreviated solicitation that's much more user-friendly.

CFCI consultant closed I think yesterday. We have respondents being reviewed there. So, we got a lot of traction on being able to get things done quickly and very creatively.

We're looking forward to continue to streamline the process. The other piece I wanted to put out there because access is always an issue. There will be -- I don't think it's activated yet, but there will be a site activated shortly than ATI site that consolidates American recovery program contract solicitations as well as CFCI solicitations. Links for all department contracting opportunities using those funding sources.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Is that it?

>> KATHY HANKS: I'm good.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Okay. Don't go anywhere in case there's questions.

>> KATHY HANKS: I'm fine until 5:00.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Okay. Good. I want to go back a couple slides if I can. I just wanted to talk a little bit about the timeline. Departments will be able to receive funding for CFCI programs, the third-party administrator will be awarded the contract. ATI will finalize reporting process and tools this month.

Next month the community engagement -- departments will work to ensure that are program designs in line with the equity requirements, and the TPA will start engaging with stakeholders to inform their scope and approach for all the different funding categories, for November.

December, continue to engage with stakeholders and -- grants. Community-based organizations. When does the money come out to the community? By January, make sure everybody is in contract and making sure the money is making it to the community but the TPA and the departments, if not sooner. They'll continue -- at that point, the departments and the TPA will need to come back and they'll be giving regular report-backs to this committee about what's happening, where the funds are going, how things are happening, and they'll be giving monthly report-backs to this committee.

Also, we'll be preparing to bring in external evaluators to begin evaluating for the second year, which is July of 2022. Let me go forward. I think we covered all of that. Okay.

Some of the lessons learned from last year is that although we have open gauged with probably over 1,600 people, the numbers I've been given through the very truncated process last year, is barely begins to touch the 10 million that are in Los Angeles County.

So, this year we're hoping to do through the committee and all of you all, a more targeted approach to the committees that are the priority of this committee. That includes the folks we heard from that said they did not receive enough attention and engagement. That includes, you know, African Americans throughout Los Angeles County, more Native American representation and tribal communities, immigrant and refugee communities, Asian and Black immigrants, more youth, young adults, faith community, and mono-lingual community. We want to do a better job bringing them into the conversation.

Also, we want to consider all the options available for more participatory community engagement. We're hoping in the next month that the committee will be able to make a clear plan and timeline about how we're going to go through this process and how we're going to do the spending plan process. Anyone who went through the journey with us earlier this year to get through the spending plan for this last budget cycle probably

knows how much time, tears, and energy went into that and how it was a lot and how we can do it better and smarter this year. It's going to be hopefully better each year.

Last, there is dedicated funding for us to get staff for this committee. We'll start going through the government process of being able to identify folks, interview them and get them hired for the committee, and one person who's focus will be on primarily committee engagement.

That is it. With that, I will stop sharing and we can go to questions or comments. Hold on. There we go. I see Eunisses.

>> Thank you for this presentation. On the last slide you presented, there are a lot of communities that have been uplifted and it's a lot of the ones that have been outlined and uplifted in our year one Measure J process. A community I think we need to continuously lift up and that's missing on this list, but that was one of the top groups mentioned as needing to be uplifted, is Black trans-women, trans-people, gender nonconforming people, LGBTQ+ people. If we could put that on there explicitly, I think that would be great.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: That would be great. Taylor, can you make that edit before I make it live? Thank you. Got it. Absolutely. Dr. Scorza?

>> Thank you for the presentation, Judge. Really appreciate you capturing so well what's happened over the past year. I want to add that on our related programs, because these are federally funded programs, there are additional programs. Calling upon the county to conduct community engagement with a lens towards equity.

One of the things we're doing right now on those related programs is ensuring each program has a community engagement plan or an outreach plan to meet the needs of populations most impacted by the pandemic. There's additional layers here for the previously funded programs that I think will influence how we consider our recommendations moving forward for this year.

I want to acknowledge and keep in mind there are considerations like populations non-geographically concentrated. There's going to be considerations associated with people most impacted. One of the things we'll be doing this year is bringing those educators to the table. As this motion calls for the use of equity tools, in our decision-making processes.

I want to acknowledge and lift up the expectations to deeply engage the community, the expectations to utilize data in our decisions to identify the ways in which data may or may not work, such as participatory mapping, and other efforts to really strengthen our ability to meet the needs of over residents throughout all of the residents throughout LA County.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Thank you.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: So, sorry. My computer froze. I see Kathy's hand is up.

>> KATHY HANKS: Actually, I forgot to mention something that's really important with regards to the third-party administrator contracting. We set it up so when we're working with the third-party administrator to do what we're calling the competitive solicitations, there will be options for not just cost reimbursement contracts, but fee for service, grant contracts and other permeations. In concert with that, if we're going to be looking at relaxing certain times of insurance requirements. Some grants probably don't need county insurance requirements. Other programs, if the service provider is providing direct services to vulnerable populations and they need to have additional insurance to meet requirements, the county will be paying for that because we realize that's an additional cost for doing business with the country. We do want to make sure that you understand that we are trying to look at this from an equity lens.

This is going to inform some of the other work we're doing across the country and contracting. I wanted to add that.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: I see your hand. I think we're moving in a good direction, but I want to -- you said there were other things you were working on, Kathy, and we appreciate you figuring out how to push through the bureaucracy of the county. Is it possible to get a list of the deletions -- what's been done to shift the county contracting process? The second piece to that is... are all departments that are going to be doing solicitations as it relates to CFCI dollars going to be required to follow those? Two-part question.

>> KATHY HANKS: I'll take the second one which is easier. The expectation is that the department is pushing their money out will be doing it with the same model. They'll be doing this in consultation and the other folks working on the solicitations for ATI. I'm sorry. The first question? It's been a long day.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: A list -- for the --

>> KATHY HANKS: We can do --

(Overlapping speakers)

>> KATHY HANKS: We can do that after we ink the contract. If anybody looked at the solicitation, they will see that we did discuss the insurance requirement and we also have -- we're differentiating between service providers. The community organizations that actually get the money are going to be service providers. They're not going to be subcontractors. Subcontractor terms and conditions will not flow down to them.

We can certainly finalize this after we finish the contract negotiations and that's on my to-do list.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay. When you say contract negotiations, that sounds to me language in reference to the third-party administrator.

>> KATHY HANKS: Yes.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I'm asking about the county -- I thought I understood you to say the streamlining will be applicable -- can we get a list of all of the adjustments made to contracting that will be applicable to all of the county departments? That's my request.

>> KATHY HANKS: Okay. We'll take that back.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you. Derek?

>> You definitely hit it on the head. One of the things I wanted to address, I definitely appreciate you for that, Chair Lewis. I wanted to also ask about the reporting piece. There's a report-back that will be coming to us every month, but the community-based organizations are reporting quarterly, right? Just in alignment of how the information is going to be flowing or what information we're getting reported back to that is not necessarily the information that the community-based organizations are presenting to their various contract responsibilities.

I just want to get a clarification on the reporting piece because I got a little confused as we got to that part and I saw the timelines of the different types of report. I want to make sure I understand what that looks like.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: I'll get Dr. Scorza start.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Member Soto is here. Mark her present. Alternate stepped in. Member Soto is present. I wanted to note that for the record. Dr. Scorza?

>> Yeah. Can you clarify the question for me please?

>> When you were giving your comments earlier, you were talking about from the ARP dollars standpoint or the out dollars. They will be reporting to this committee so that we have information every month? Monthly reporting for us? But then I was looking at the timeline, and the breakdown. The report that the community-based organizations are doing is quarterly.

I'm trying to get a differentiation of that information is being reported to us versus what is actually happening on the ground. Are we going to get live of what impact those dollars are having? If they're only reporting quarterly, what information are we getting monthly?

>> Yeah. Thank you for that question. I appreciate that. Just want to clarify. The monthly reporting is to the county, irrespective of this committee. So, it is any and all ARP related dollars on a monthly basis. You know, even for those of organizations expected to report quarterly, if it is ARP-specific, it will be monthly. It is not the same for those funds, and I think Taylor could add more context to this as well.

I wanted to make that distinction (unintelligible). Since there are CFCI projects that are funded by ARP, the reporting for the CFCI projects will be reported through that dashboard. The committee will be able to access it, but it will not be a specific report for the committee. It will be publicly available.

>> I appreciate that. Thank you.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Is it possible -- because I noticed the same tabs for the CEO budget office versus us. Is it possible, given the large amount of money going into CFCI from -- for our community to get a quarterly report from them.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: That reporting is the same. We're trying to make the reporting the same across the board. It's just a little bit of a technical thing that they haven't figured out, but our team is working on it. We're trying to make it streamlined across the board. It's all about giving equity. Some have federal requirements and some have local requirements and we're trying to streamline it but

also not overwhelm folks receiving the funds. You guys will get monthly reports back. We'll have more clarity. Taylor, do you want to add anything to what I just said?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Well, let me clarify to be clear. Not the same for ARP.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: You'll get it for both.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: All right.

>> That's right.

(Overlapping speakers)

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Members, if you have comments or questions please raise your hand in the Zoom function. I have one more question about the -- if there's other comments.

As a reminder, the members or their alternates present for them in their absence are the only ones we're allowed to engage with in the member discussion. Any alternate here is welcome to make public comment just to give that clarification for alternates who are here.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Kathy has her hand up again.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Her hand stayed up.

>> KATHY HANKS: I didn't take it down.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: About the reporting piece. There was a guiding question and measures. Who developed that? Who developed those guiding questions and the measures to determine whether or not we're meeting those objectives?

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: The team worked on it with Ardy. They're working on that together. But --

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: It's presented so you all can add to it or take away or whatever. It's a starting point.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay. I want to make sure there was an opportunity for everybody to weigh in.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: Absolutely. Yeah.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: All right. Members, do you have any additional comments and questions? Okay. Seeing none -- I'm sorry. I have one more. Maybe Eunisses

covered this. Grateful to see the focus on equity built in and the term equity has a broad definition, but I want to make sure.

In the report from the previous committee, there were several requests to prioritize certain things as we looked at how the money is distributed. I don't know if all of those pieces are being captured under the term equity lens, but for me, it would be helpful to understand what portions of the spending plan request for certain things to govern how we distribute the money are actually being captured in your definition of equity.

Because that's not clear to me. When I think of equity, I think of one thing, but there's specific things requested. What do you mean when you say equity? Are you look at racial disparities? Gender disparities? Communities? That's fine but there's other pieces to be requested to be covered.

>> JUDGE SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: That's been done with Arty.

>> Just to be clear, it's to acknowledge people are starting from a different place and different backgrounds and as a result have different needs. If your needs are different than your resources and/or the interventions, the investments, the programs and services provided or tailored towards your needs based upon your circumstances.

As it relates to how we're operationalizing that, the teams are working now on a program reporting tool that will help align and capture data from departments. So, you all have your specific outcomes that you're looking to achieve. That we're looking to do is work to align those outcomes with indicators and/or metrics that are then passed on to either the TPA or the recipients or the CBOs so that they are able to capture that data in their work.

It's not just good enough to say we're going to focus on equity and you don't actually demonstrate outcomes or how you're achieving it. If you all as a committee last year said we want to target populations or -- needs of those populations. That data has to be captured. The functional way we're going to do that through a set of tools -- gather data from any subcontractor or third-party administrator that is funded through this project.

Mirror the indicators and data with the outcomes identified as well as overlay that our -- for the specific funded prongs, align that with the federal governments requirements. I know I'm saying a lot right now. Suffice to say, there is a lot of data that will need to be collected to help demonstrate and present and produce outcomes and

ARP funded specifically and CFCI funded and align projects will be responsible for reporting on those outcomes.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: That's helpful. I thought that's what it meant. Next couple months it would be helpful, given there were so much community feedback about how to money rolls out, especially in relation to equity, which is different. The equity for the people we serve is related but it's different. I think some of the contracting adjustments may get at. It would be helpful if we can understand and take a look back in the next couple of months, how many of the key principles that were asked for are actually implemented at some point.

>> Absolutely. I can commit to making that happen.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Okay. Some of you it under you and some of it isn't. I wanted to get complete clarity. There's other pieces to this puzzle we requested and I want to make sure those don't get left out. The community was very clear about those other pieces as well.

Eunisses?

>> Thank you for bringing this up. I really appreciate it because oftentimes implementation is just so hard to follow through with, and we're getting into year 2, while still seeing implementation -- year 1 rolling out and the money hasn't even rolled out to actually provide services yet. So, I wonder if there's a way where we can incorporate a regular report-back of implementation efforts into our meetings. It maybe it's every other meeting or at every other meeting we set up minutes for that. So much labor was put into that. I'm sure people would really appreciate learning how their work is being implemented or how it's being taken into consideration.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you. Before I open up to the public comment, are there any other thoughts, questions, or comments from the members?

>> MYLES MESHACK: Chair Lewis, excuse me. I received a request -- for the CART. It is difficult to understand or translate the acronyms. If we could be mindful to not use acronyms to everyone can understand. Thank you.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you Myles for raising that. I'll ask the committee's patience with me. As I hear acronyms, I will ask you to stop and say what they are and

try to be mindful everybody here can have full comprehension of the full discussion. Thank you for raising that.

Seeing no hands from the members, Myles, please open up public comment, agenda number 2 on the presentation we just received 678.

>> MYLES MESHACK: Sure. We will now begin public comment. You will have one minute to comment. Please limit your comment to the specific item which is what we have just covered. For those online who would like to provide public comment, please use the raise-hand function. We will call on you in the order you raised your hand. When you're called upon, state your full name. I will lower your hand once you've completed your comment. On the telephone, * 9 to raise your hand. Dial * 6 to unmute yourself. Please state your full name for the minutes before beginning your public comment. I will lower your hand once you've completed your comment.

So, first we have looks like Hector Ramirez is ready to give comment. Hector, can you unmute yourself?

>> Yes. Thank you. I really appreciate Myles that the recognition for the disability culture. I really appreciate that. That feedback. I just wanted to remind as we talked about priority populations, one of the ones that I really advocated for and we talked about in our work was really people with disabilities, particularly consumers of the Los Angeles County department of mental health. I'm glad we have our commissioner on the board, but given the fact that the majority of the people that you are referring to are people are psychiatric disabilities, I want to emphasize that if we're talking about equity, we really need to put people with disabilities, LAPD consumers, top of the list. As we talked about in the previous meeting. I look forward to this continued work, and really glad the response to all of you are doing to the committee. Again, I really want to overemphasize from my population, my peers, the ones that all of you are also really working to help uplift. So, thank you very much and don't forget that we are the ones that actually help all of you work together in this. Thank you.

>> MYLES MESHACK: Thank you, Hector. Our next public comment is from Bamby. Are you able to unmute yourself?

>> Yes. Thank you so much and greetings everyone. My name is Bamby, President of the (unintelligible) coalition, which is a local translator organization that is providing licensing support to our community.

I want to obviously express my gratitude and appreciation of how things are working out. I'm glad that things -- that people are listening to some of the recommendations and the contracting process and all of those things. I'm really grateful that is taking place.

I also want to highlight the importance of continuing to be intentional by including the different populations that make up Los Angeles and that obviously includes young people. I respectfully don't see young people, younger than probably 20, and also, I don't see, in my opinion, openly trans and nonconforming individuals. Please keep that in mind as we go through this process. Thank you.

>> MYLES MESHACK: Oh, I'm sorry. I was on mute. Thank you. Next comment is a dial in, last numbers 856. You're up, can you unmute yourself? We have a telephone call-in. Last numbers are 856 with a hand raised.

>> Yeah. This is Mitchell from the community, actually. We are most definitely a historic underserved community, especially 93550, what are you doing to make it reach the grassroots organization that is doing the foot work? All the foot work in our community. That's doing the hard work and making sure you guys are reaching out to organizations like ours to be able to make sure we are part of this process. Thank you.

>> MYLES MESHACK: Thank you. Do we have any other public comments? Anybody else wishing to make a comment on this item? We have a comment from Loray. Are you able to unmute yourself?

>> Good day everyone. Social justice activist. I'm listening to what the last comment brought to my attention, as well as understanding that the bulk of the money would have to trickle down from the different levels of agencies, grants, RFQs.

I'm wondering, how can we use models? I know the department of mental health has done things like many grants, but there's still that process of folks having to apply. What's happening to put money in the hands of those who aren't going to apply because they already know that the challenges with the system, which causes inequities, is just a process that they don't want to go through?

How are we making certain that those trusted credible relationships that ensures that the gaps --

>> MYLES MESHACK: Thank you. Your time is up. Sorry. Thank you. Moving on. Next commenter is Christian Greene. Christian, are you able to unmute yourself?

>> Absolutely. Good afternoon everyone. My name is Christian green. Campaign - (unintelligible) Palmdale. I want to lift up was Mitchell was saying earlier. Gratitude to you guys for investing into the (unintelligible) valley. A lot of different legwork on the ground, so these underrepresented -- these different communities are especially with the nonprofits out there in the trenches, are just lifted and center in these conversations.

I'm a former foster youth. I'm a professor. I've been out here in the valley since 1998. Thank you guys and thank you all for just continuing to looking at the valley. Appreciate it.

>> MYLES MESHACK: Thank you, Christian. Do we have any other people wishing to make comment? Okay. Seeing none, back to you, Chair Lewis.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you, Myles! So, we're not taking action on this agenda item, but just wanted to give one more chance for any member to add anything to this discussion before we move on. Please raise your hand in the chat if you'd like to comment. All right. Thank you!

Moving on to agenda item number 3. We're going to review and hopefully move forward to approve the Advisory Committee by laws. Naturally, to recognize that we have two vice chairs, myself, the two vice chairs -- met last week and we determined we are not going to do a first and second vice chair. I know it was lifted up as a suggestion. Instead, the language you'll see in the bylaws references in the instance where I am unable to perform my duty, there will be a rotating schedule as it relates to the meeting facilitation, which was the main concern. So, with that said, we'll open up for comments, questions, or suggested modifications from the members.

Please use the Zoom function to raise your hand at this time.

Megan?

>> Thank you, Chair Lewis. Something that's coming up for me and I really want to drive home. In the spirit of some of the clearing cause coming from public comment for equity and inclusivity and the lessons that we learned that were raised in a presentation

Judge Armstead shared, I think it would be to our benefit to consider all options available for more participatory community engagement, beginning with the advisory body. One of the things sticking out for me is the use of our alternate seats. I think we should consider what are some of the ways we can begin to expand the Advisory Committee to ensure that the voices that are underrepresented, specifically LGBTQI+ and representation is at the table.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Thank you. George?

>> Can you hear me? Hello?

>> MYLES MESHACK: Yes, we can hear you George.

>> Thank you for sending that around. I just had one question for council. One thing I found amazing during the Measure J process and this new process is the participatory democracy. Because we've been forced to do this virtually because of Zoom. It's an amazing experiment in political science, almost. We've all been forced to do this meeting this way.

[CAPTIONERS SWITCHED AT 5:00 PM]

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>> That member would have to allow members of the public to come to his home and it would trigger several other recommendations and my recommendation is to leave the bylaws as they are and address that situation, if and when the emergency situation changes we can examine it, to see if there have been additional amendments to the Brown act that might make it easier to conduct telephonic meetings at that point.

>> GEORGE ANDREWS: Thank you because of the pandemic the Antelope Valley was able to have more than two people during public testimony in the left agenda items and I have done things for years in the county and that does not happen because the Antelope Valley is miles away and this is huge; I want to throw that out there in terms of my position which has evolved on this at first I was a big believer in making should we cross each other but it is good for democracy.

>> There may be other ways of addressing your situation you described, which we can talk about on the road for example if all of the members were in one location and the public access and was able to provide comments from other locations; that may be something we can do, we should examine it when and if the emergency order goes away.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Eunisses.

>> Thank you Chairman Lewis my comment is an agreement what was mentioned about the alternate; there's a couple of miles that I think about when it comes to including alternates in the conversation; I am the chair of the general responsive advisory committee, the GRAD, there were not enough directly impact women, transgender, nonconforming folks on the committee. But most of them were alternates and what we did is to ensure that as a Band-Aid, because we were not able to change the motion to add more folks because we tried but as a way to repair some of the harm of them not being able to participate in the conversation and having a way for public comment what we did is that in the bylaws we added the alternate to where we are attending the meeting, could be a part of the conversation they just were not able to vote if they were not there in place of the member and so thinking about the voices that are missing in our space, if we made a small change we would be much more inclusive and be able to have some folks like -- Not have to wait till public comment to be a part of the conversation and so in the GRAD, it has been successful and it is not as large of a body and I understand that could be a hesitation but in our ATI meetings and those in person we had to develop this recommendation with 50-75 people in the room all talking at the same time and we still developed a rapport with phenomenal recommendations so I would ask that our team considers it, and again alternates will be able to be a part of the conversation and not have to wait until public comment to participate in that but if they are not there representing the member, they will not be able to vote unless they are representing the member.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: thank you. Any other comments? As a reminder, we are currently in the process of reviewing and taking action on the bylaws. You heard from the colleagues. Any additional comments or thoughts as it relates to the bylaws?

We will open it up to public comment, but I will say that having a discussion with 48 people will be difficult; our next phase of work that will start very soon it's going to be to ensure that we hold true to

the robust and comprehensive community engagement process, to ensure that all voices are heard. That is my take on it, 48 people being able to talk would make it very difficult and so I think that we need to be thoughtful and intentional about ensuring that we hear our voices. And also, I'm grateful that at least this year is different than the previous year every member of the advisory committee has an opportunity to have an alternate, so I think that was the true intention. So any other Thoughts or comments?

Hearing none, Myles, you will still have time to comment after the public comment, but we are as a reminder taking action to approve or not the bylaws that are before you; I want to make note prior to taking action. Myles please open up the public comment.

>> MYLES: We will now begin public comment on deciding whether to approve the bylaws and discussion of the bylaws and again if you are online, raise the hand function; for those on the telephone star 9 to raise your hand and star 6 to unmute yourself. Looking for public comments we have Hector Ramirez. Go ahead Hector.

>> HECTOR RAMIREZ: Hi, thank you my comment on this issue was to make a recommendation but definitely so glad that everybody has an alternative. Given the fact that there is such a need to have community representation would really encourage folks that the selection of the alternates really be people who are directly impacted members of the community and that could help to offer more presentation particular from the districts in the Antelope Valley particularly and being from there, I was very surprised that the ball would get dropped if it were not for people like me speaking up at the last minute some of the facilities would not have been taking care of so I think this could also be a possible solution and definitely shout out to Bamby she should have been there at the beginning.

>> MYLES: next we have Bamby Salcedo. Go ahead.

>> BAMBY: As you go through this process I am assuming that members got the bylaws beforehand, and you were able to study but I am looking for and that there were a couple of comments and suggestions raised; it does not seem like they are going to be included or even taking into consideration since you are all going to vote to adopt these bylaws. So this is concerning to me; and it is not easily you know the deterioration of the process. So I would encourage for all of us to really think about those things and for things to be included, as most of the process in other groups I would recommend including individuals geographically.

>> MYLES: Thank you Bamby. Your time is up. Moving to Laura -- Are you able to unmute yourself?

>> Thank you my name is Laura -- from La Defensa and I use they pronounce and I want to emphasize my support for what Eunice Castillo and -- Have shared allowing alternates to share their insight and expanded table and to make sure we have trans presentation invoices highlighted at this advisory level, and I want to amplify what Hector just said, Bamby's voice is essential in the space and should not have to wait for public comment because she has breadth and depth of experienced which is essential as we make these budget decisions and recommendations. The reimagine LA coalition is in full support of Bamby being able to have full support and I want this group to slow down and reconsider that it is difficult For alternates to speak as other county commissioners have figured out.

>> MYLES: Sophia?

>> I want to echo everything that Laura just said. And what you Eunice and -- Brought up, not only making should we have trans representation in the space and what Bamby shared. But there are other perspectives that are alternates have made; I am not even referring to Mounties parties, I'm talking about the other members. And again as I mentioned and as Hector mentioned they should not have to wait until public comment.

>> MYLES: Thank you Sophia. Does anybody wish to make public comment? Anybody on the telephone? OKC no more hands I will pass it back to you Chair Lewis.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you also again I will open up the opportunity for the members to comment on perspectives or ideas that previous members have shared, either in support of or to offer additional considerations. And as a reminder again we are currently voting on an open motion so we can have discussion but ultimately we will take a vote if there is not a natural amendment or suggested amendment about the current bylaws. Joey?

>> JOEY: I don't know about the proper way to do it; it is overwhelming in public comment, and even taking that 48 people are going to talk about the same thing at the same time is probably not going to happen but from the Native American perspective I have -- Who is my alternate and has been showing up for every meeting and that is Those of the only Native Americans on this body and her input has directly impacted us along with the other folks. Long story to make this short is I would like to make an amendment or a motion to allow what has been recommended for -- Castillo to allow alternates to be able to speak and only to vote if there member is not present.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: A couple of things. One, obviously let's see there is a second first and then I will make comments. Actually I don't even know if the motion is valid. Is there a specific part of the bylaws that you want to modify? Because the motion currently on the tables to approve the bylaws as they are. You can weigh in council; we need something related to voting as they are. Do you have a specific section of the bylaws that you want changed?

>> Veronica this is Tyson Nelson with counsel. I want to point out that the board motion states that "alternatives can participate and vote in place of the lead appointee only when the lead appointee is absent." I just want indicate that the board has given that directive to the group.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you for that. With his body not having the ability to adjust.

>> TYSON: Because the board has ruled on that point the board would have to change its direction.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you. Joey do you have an additional comment before we moved to Meghan?

>> What will be the appropriate avenue for us to ask the board to make that directive?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I will refer to County Counsel to respond to that.

>> TYSON: I'm sorry Veronica, can that be repeated?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Can you repeat your question?

>> Can everyone hear me clearly?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Yes.

>> Thank you. Is there a way to address this to the board to ask them to make the amendment? What is the proper avenue for making that directive?

>> TYSON: The committee can discuss with the CEO's office to reach out to the board, To communicate with the board directly on that. But other than that, that will be the avenue to reach out to the board and discuss it with the CEO's office who may want to raise it with the board or not.

>> JOEY: and I believe from reading the bylaws of the only person they can communicate with the CEO is the chair of the board, is that right?

>> TYSON: Communications do need to be funneled to the chair and I believe the vice chair.

>> JOEY: okay so approving the bylaws now would not rule out any opportunity to change that directive and allow alternates to speak when their members are not present.

>> TYSON:

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Was that a question?

>> You would take action to approve the bylaws a directive can still be changed to the CEO in allowing the alternates to speak if the member is not present.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Tyson can you respond to that?

>> TYSON: So the question is if the board does change that directive, can you change the bylaws to reflect that? Yes, the answer would be yes. If the board does change their directive you would then follow the bylaws that indicate how to modify the bylaws to then allow the alternates to participate in that would also be laid out in the bylaws about how to amend and to allow that to occur.

>> JOEY: Could I change that, whatever the amendment is, counsel with the CEO about the directives that we could change that to allow folks to be able to speak, alternates?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I don't think that is valid given that the directive that we are under does not allow us to take that type of action. Should the board allow for alternates to participate in the conversation? And then we can adjust the bylaws. That is what I understood.

>> Got it.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Eunisses and then Meghan.

>> EUNISSES: Tyson is this language in section 2 straight from the motion? We were able to just add that folks were able to participate in the conversation, did not mean that he could vote or anything like that and send along which over the folks we are pushing hard in this but this is our last effort to try to get as many voices as possible to be part of this table, and as we are discussing the framework and think

because we tried other methods and try to get openly transgender and nonconforming folks on this committee and we tried other ways. Apologies if we are pushing hard.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: When you say section 2 to be clear, are you referring to the bylaws?

>> Yes, I believe that is what Tyson was reading where it says section 2, alternates may participate in the meetings when the committee members absent. We wanted to add that they made dissipation in a part of the conversation, but they cannot be part of the meetings.

>> TYSON: I was talking about the board motion that created this committee that is where I was quoting the language. And Eunisses, you are great at pushing, never apologize.

>> EUNISSES: Thank you Tyson I appreciate that.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Did you get the answer you wanted Eunisses. ?

>> EUNISSES: No I would like more clarity why we can't do it; I think I got it because it is written that way in the board and so we cannot change it unless we go to the board?

>> TYSON: Yes. I am reading you the language from the motion. Yes. And I will read it again for everybody in case anyone is confused. It does state, it is the number one, very last sentence number one in the motion just about number two. Alternatives can participate and vote in place of the lead appointee only when the lead appointee is absent. And that is how the board has ruled that alternatives can participate.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Participate and vote only if the member is not there and that is the rub, which is what I am hearing. Rosa?

>> ROSA: Is it possible for us to consider an amendment THAT ADDS THE opportunity for geographic-focused committee meetings to engage the committee for future evaluation so that as we develop sort of future years of funding we take into account any changing needs and priorities for geographic areas of the county. I don't see enough community input. It feels like the assumption is that the work has been done and I am wondering if there is a desire by committee members to explore if that can be done not in the robust way you did it early on but still continue through the process of funding and identifying priorities in future years.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: To clarify, even with all of the community engagement as you heard the judge presented lessons learned; and there will still be a robust community engagement process Rosa. The previous work will not negate what has been done. And the geographic distribution the George brought to us all the time as part of that considerations all of those conversations are part of the community engagement piece at this body is responsible for working on.

>> ROSA: I think it is important Chair Lewis to recognize this in the bylaws as important to the structure and design of what we do.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Can specify what section you are offering a potential adjustment to?

>> ROSA: I don't think I even saw a section for it; I apologize I am a new member.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: No need for apology.

>> ROSA: But as I was looking through it I don't see a section for that.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Can you restate the section that you are proposing to add and the language?

>> ROSA: I would call it representation I would call it community engagement, and I would say that as part of our desire to represent community/diversity/inclusion the communities desire to learn directly from the community would identify 4-6 geographic meetings to engage community input. At least once a year, once every two years.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I'm a part of another County commission; we are actually in the process -- We have a subcommittee working on bylaws to add a section and language in I don't know that it should be specific to geographic because there are so many other parts to inclusion that many members of the body wants to lift up so section like that might be great and very specific; I don't know that would be appropriate. We need to include a variety of the key priorities that we want to ensure here. So I don't get the sense that we will develop the language here and move forward depending on the remaining comments, if there is support for what you are saying. We probably need to flesh it out; we don't want to create arbitrary language without having a thoughtful discussion so let's see if there is support for what you said. Are you formally offering an amendment to the current motion of the table? Or raising it as consideration?

>> ROSA: Raising it as a consideration.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: So members take heed to the consideration, the additional consideration that was raised in addition to obviously the conversation about alternates participating. Meghan and then --.

>> MEGAN: thank you chair Lewis; I am a new member too; and I am hearing that folks do not agree with the bylaws as is so where do we go from here? So I think that what folks are raising is critical and what is coming out in the comments Space is critical and if we are learning from our mistakes during year one of implementation, I think we should be able to make this amendment and I am going to take into consideration inclusivity and equity at the stable so wanted to offer that. And also ask the question again if folks are uncomfortable with the bile as is, what do we go from here?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: There's a couple of things that can happen; we currently still have an active motion and we heard from some people with requests to make adaptations and we heard from counsel about What adaptations we are allowed to make and not to make in addition to the comments that Eunisses offered, and the need to specifically stated this is our focus, inclusion, etc. We can say that we can table it or take a vote and as you know when we vote, the majority vote will decide whether or not the motion passes, so those are really the two options we are looking at and there are several more comments; so we can have a discussion and ultimately as a group determine what the best course of action is, whether to move forward to take another course of action. Does that answer your question Megan?

>> MEGAN: Sort of.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Either will vote on it as is or we want to continue to talk about it? Those are the two options or sublimates an amendment to the current bylaws and we can vote on that amended as well. Those are really probably the most likely outcomes, one of the most likely outcomes. Dr. Scorza?

>> DR. SCORZA: thank you so much I want to make sure I am understanding where we are in this process and in this conversation right now and if counsel could provide some clarity as well. So right now we have a motion on the table. And right now we are being asked to vote on whether or not we want to prove these bylaws, is that correct?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: That is correct. There is a motion and was seconded on the floor at this time. Yes.

>> So we are talking about whether or not to approve the bylaws and if I am understanding correctly the question is whether or not to representation in the bylaws reflex and inclusive number of participants -- but Tyson and/or Melody to confirm a thing we heard you say that the board has already ruled on this issue, correct?

>> TYSON: Hi Dr. Scorza. They have already spoken on the participants of the alternatives. What I'm trying to get some clarity on is what the actual ask? What are we asking to be done? There is a vote on the floor to vote on the bylaws. Do we change the composition of the authority of the committee? Do we include voices from different populations? If so, how? And whether or not the mechanisms and bylaws -- I am trying to figure out exactly what the as is so we can determine whether or not this vote is the appropriate vote by which to answer and respond to the ask.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Good question and I'm going to try to summarize to move us forward. One of the requests from a couple of members is that the alternates be able to participate even when the members present and not vote. County Counsel has told her that at this time our body does not have the authority to make such a change in the bylaws.

Secondly there was a consideration -- There is no formal amended because we can't do it under the current order of the board of supervisors -- There was consideration for adding specific language. You just mentioned that there is limited says we will have robust community engagement, and raises the possibility about adding language of geographic inclusion, etc. And so yes, we will move us towards the vote soon, but we need to make sure the members express himself given how the bylaws are worded. I am allowing members to share their thoughts about however body feels, and whether or not there can be amends to the current motion versus a consideration for later discussion. That is where we are. I don't know that answers your question. Did you have something us to say Dr. Scorza? Thumbs up.

>> DR. SCORZA: Thank you so much. I appreciate your making that clear; I guess what I am trying to get a good sense of is, there's a couple of things that are going to happen outlining the motion. One, is we are going to use equity tools to ensure there is robust community engagement and there are opportunities for people to participate so that is going to happen. The other I think consideration here is what is a mechanism for doing that? And I am wondering if going through or changing the bylaws of the mechanism or there is a community engagement plan that will be the mechanism. In other words is this the mechanism by which we incorporate the recommendations that have come before the body through the community members we spoke of? Or is there a different mechanism that will ensure that we can achieve what folks are trying to achieve, i.e., to the development of the community engagement plan. I want to get some clarity on what the best way is to do the things that people are

asking us to do, so we can make a determination about whether or not changing the bylaws is the appropriate next step or if it is done through a different process.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: And the beautiful part of our different perspectives is there is a difference of opinion about whether or not stating that we are going to have a community engagement plan is sufficient or what the language will include. That is what is happening right now because there is a difference of opinion as to whether or not it is sufficient to say that we are going to have robust community engagement as opposed to putting it in the bylaws. So we will take the comments from you, Eunisses, Derek, and then make a vote. Eunisses?

>> EUNISSES: Thank you Chair Lewis. Dr. Scorza, one thing about us is that we have been advised that the board has made the decision but we could approach the board and say that this body feels that we need to add a couple of sentences to give more robust representation as a committee and we should update the bylaws, And making sure that we use devalues the relatively measure J process and making sure that our community engagement is unintentionally so we don't have any gaps in engagement, so I would say that we should probably do both and if it is just about you know it being written in a motion, the board has amended much as in the past, this would be about adding a couple of lines that could transform our work in a positive way and give an example of inclusion in doing our best to reflect inclusion at all levels so I would add that what Joey said, if 48 member spoke, that will be a lot of perspectives but I doubt that will happen and I want to say that with us moving forward it is not just about approaching the board and asked to amend the motion to include a couple of lines. It says the People's participation means they can be a part of the conversation as well.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you. Derek?

>> DEREK: I want to add to this. In our last meeting, Eunisses set an example of the way we can approach this. The decisions that we can make right now. The inclusion does not only work within widening the tent, which is something we have to work through, but I think in this moment we also can put ourselves in a posture of stepping aside for the voices to be elevated to the representative seat, right? What do I mean by that? For my alternate, Kim Watson is from Antelope Valley, an intentional thing to do. One, because we wanted to be in a thought leadership with black organizations but also to make sure that it was representative of the widespread point of view that does exist in LA County. And in addition to everything that has been said, I have been having a discussion with her to figure out how we want to show up in the meetings. Do I come late to a meeting so she can be the voice that is there a certain issue depending on what issue is on the table to be able to speak? I am just saying that there's other ways we can approach this to meet the same objectives that we are talking about especially with the idea as was mentioned -- She is an alternate for someone who is already in the chair. The gentleman who was speaking I think he is an alternate as well so as members of this body we have the ability to make sure that those voices can be heard within the confines until we can broaden the tent, within the confines we have in front of us to move forward.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you. Okay. So, County Counsel is reminding me -- I keep thinking about the motion, but there is the minutes approval, I don't think there is an actual motion on the floor. Nevertheless before us is the opportunity to take Action on the current bylaws as they stand with consideration for all the things that I mention here, and it sounds like they will be movement to request for the board of supervisors to make a change. That process at this time is separate and apart from our bylaws. County Counsel can you tell us whether our bylaws need to be approved if we can

move with our work together? I want to clarify depending on which direction the group wants to go. Tyson or Melodie.

>> MELODIE: ideally they should be approved but we could go forward under Roberts rules of orders if we needed to.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I just wanted to understand where we are. George?

>> Have a strong opinion about this one; I will be voting on yes on this one because I am a big believer of following the process. As a former member of the J committee that got axed because the process was not followed. Let's not screw around with this. Let's get portion approved and will support a motion in future to allow the alternates to communicate. But let's not mess up this current thing right now that we have on the floor.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you, George are you offering a motion?

>> I am offering a motion to approve the motion as is.

>> I will second, it's Bob.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: We will take from a few more folks and then move forward with the vote. The one thing I want to offer as well -- I don't want to rush these conversations and we need to get to the meeting agenda but because of the folks that are with us who are utilizing close captioning and interpretation services that end at 6 six o'clock it is important that we don't continue discussions after six o'clock, and I want to use the time to satisfy that. Reba?

>> REBA: I want to acknowledge the concerns and comments from everyone who is present today but also living structure and support George and us moving forward and at the same time I'm curious to know the difference between bylaws and charters and if this is a living document and can there later be adjustments that can satisfy the numbers that are present here today if they were aware that although we may vote yes now that there is still room for later adjustments if approved.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: County Counsel can you briefly provide clarification about the distinction between bylaws and the charter? I would say Reba there is always opportunity to make modifications to the bylaws.

>> MELODIE: Yes, Veronica is right. If the board approved the motion it will trump the bylaws and the bylaws will be changed.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you. As a reminder we have already taken public comment on this matter; these are just the comes after that. Are there additional comment before we have a motion that has been seconded, before we call for the vote?

Thank you all for your thoughts, your ideas, your passions and we'll continue processing and making sure that folks' voices are heard as we move forward with the business of the CFCI advisory committee. Taylor please call for the vote.

>> Thank you so much Chair Lewis. I will call the vote to approve file assesses starting with the political order. (correction) alphabetical order.

>> (Roll call)

>> Aye.

>> Castillo?

>> No.

>> Member Cronk?

>> Aye.

>> Member Early? Are you present?

>> Bokde?

>> Aye.

>> GHALY: Aye.

>> HERNANDEZ:

>> Are you there?

>> Yes.

>> Thank you.

>> JIMENEZ: Aye.

>> -- are you there? Member O'Brien? Member Perez?

>> PEREZ: Aye.

>> SCORZA: Yes.

>> SHERIN: Aye.

>> SOTO: Aye.

>> VICE CHAIR STEELE: Derek, are you there? I'll come back to you. Member Stevens.

>> Aye.

>> VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS: Nay.

>> Vice Chair Steele?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Did you call on (indiscernible) .

>> I believe I did; I captured a yes vote.

>> TAYLOR: I'm getting a chat that Member Early is having trouble unmuting herself, but she votes aye.

>> MELODIE: Can we get her unmuted so she can enter her vote.

>> MYLES: I am back but I'm having a hard time finding her.

>> I'm Kim Watson alternate to Derek, he had to leave I will be voting on his behalf.

>> TAYLOR: I want to make sure we hear from member Early.

>> MYLES: I made Betsey a co-host, she should be able to vote.

>> The vote is aye.

>> TAYLOR: How do you vote for member Steele?

>> I vote yes.

>> TAYLOR: Okay, with that, the vote passes with 17 yes votes, 2 no votes.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you Taylor thank you everyone for listening to one another. Moving to item 4. The ATI office, can you pull up the meeting schedule of what was proposed? The ATI officer proposing for the next several months that this body meet twice a month; I don't know that was something clear to you all, so we want to ensure that there is time for you to weigh in on that, so pull up the meeting schedule. We will take comments at this time from the members if there are any about the meeting schedule and then we will also need somebody to call for emotion if we are going to move it forward. Please raise your hand using the Zoom function if you have any questions comments or thoughts about the proposed meeting schedule.

>> GEORGE: I will make one comment that make a motion, I would like to make a motion urging the board supervisors to amend the ultra process so that alternates are able to speak. Would that be appropriate in a subsequent motion after this?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I'm going to let County Counsel respond to you. Tyler or Melody?

>> MELODIE: I think that would have to be agendized.

>> GEORGE: I make a motion to approve the committee schedule as presented.

>> DR. SCORZA: I second.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you. Any comments or questions? If not, we will take public comment on this item only, agenda item 4, specifically about the meeting schedule only.

>> MYLES: We will now begin public comment and again you have a minute to comment please limit your comments to the specific item which is the schedule for this advisory committee.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I am sorry, melody can I do with agenda item four and public comment?

>> MYLES: This is general public comment as well at the end that we are discussing now which is the advisory committee schedule. Again if you are online please use the raise and functioning for those calling in star 9 to raise your hand and star 6 to unmute yourself. We will begin public comment now. The first is Hector. Go ahead.

>> HECTOR: Yes, thank you. Once again I appreciate the schedule, but the time issue was one that we significantly talked about in our previous meetings. The fact that it meets too late in the afternoon really leaves out the opportunity for our younger stakeholder communities and even our parents who have certain requirements. That was one of the things I was missing; one of the things we discussed in the pages meeting is to have meetings in different days and times to be able to facilitate, that something that a lot of the people requested but I don't see it reflected in this particular item it is also for many people an access ability issue people have to take medications.

>> MYLES: Thank you Hector your time is up. Moving onto Bamby. Go ahead you are up.

>> BAMBY: Thank you once again for the opportunity. I just want to say that although having been scheduled as great a people can plan but really my concern is why are we having meetings like this? When what people are asking and requesting for is not taking into consideration. I understand that there are processes set in place but once again we continue to be complacent about how the system is set up and many of us continue to vote "yes" just to vote. And we don't do anything to create the changes that need to happen. So you know, whatever County Counsel says that's what he goes nervously the system is rigged and we need to do something.

>> MYLES: Thank you Bamby. The next commenter is --.

>> MEETRA: Hi everyone I'm here with -- Community arts and I was wondering -- I would love to attend more of these meetings and I'm excited to hear that they will be meeting twice a month and my question is that these means were not posted we were invited by -- And I wanted to know there was a schedule posted. Thank you for your time.

>> MYLES: Thank you Meetra, do we have any other public comments anybody else looking to make a public comment? Anybody on the telephone? Remember star 9 to raise your hand if you are on the telephone. Okay, seeing none, back to you chair.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Once the committee confirms schedule it will be publicly available on the ATI website, and it would be great if somebody from the ATI could drop a link in the chat the participants can see where to access the information. So there is a current motion on the table. Any additional comments or questions or requests to make modifications to the schedule? Reba?

>> REBA: Can we placed the schedule again; I don't recall seeing it. Seems like it is every other Thursday? Is that correct?

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Yes. What are the recurring weeks?

>> MYLES: First and third Thursday for the months that have two meetings, if there is one meeting it occurs on the third Thursday.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Joey?

>> Yet this may not be a popular opinion but as community organizer for 15 years you get the best participation and input after five o'clock so hear from folks who are on the clock until five or six there may be, other folks may have trouble I Think we should consider moving the meetings back in hour For people to make comments.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Which you like to make an amendment or see if there is support?

>> JOEY: I will see if there is support and then I will make an amendment.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Member Williams has made a suggestion. Does anybody have comments on that? Does anybody support the suggestion to move the meeting from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m.? Please speak up, raise your hand now if you do.

So we have Reba and Eunisses.

>> REBA: I was raising my hand because I support ensuring that we are thoughtful about the time where the community can be more involved. I support the majority.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I will say Joey, even if this is not move forward I think what you said is important consideration as we actually start the community engagement activities outside of the space; so regardless of what happens here it is an important insight from you. Eunisses?

>> EUNISSES: Yeah, I was going to say that Chair Lewis, I agree with you, especially to lift what Hector said around folks who would do better and earlier in the day. I don't know how committee schedules are. Acting we are blocked into one hour, in a certain schedule but if the respectability it would be great if we could do a little bit of a rotating schedule and if not we should consider it in our community engagement.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Okay. Yeah because we heard both early and later, so making sure that the pieces are in multiple times. Is there any support specifically for changing this committee's meeting time from 4 to 5? If so please speak up now. Vice chair Williams there does not seem to be supported that does not stop you from making amendment.

>> JOEY: What there seems to be supported for an alternate schedule. The amendment and make is that the meeting schedules alternate with the earlier meeting started in an earlier afternoon time and then one starting at 5:30 in the evening.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Obviously there is staff support involved with this; we would need to consult with them and Eunisses, I don't know if she was talking about our meeting with public meetings, or the community engaging means but there's a couple things we can do. Again the meeting schedule subject to change. I think we need to consult with the ATI team who staffs this meeting. I don't have you want to weigh in. I see Reba's hand. Reba?

>> REBA: If I'm not mistaking it was -- Who made mention and correct me if I'm wrong that there will be staff of this committee to ensure, the word was "ensure," so I am thinking that if there is staff assigned to the work that occurs, that we have an early meeting and I am a community advocate must meet the community where they are versus where we want to be so that is my thought and I am hoping there is a lot of support around being flexible so that people can actually participate in meetings and be informed. Thank you.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Excuse me Joey you offered and amended in any to see if there is a second. Stager amended one more time and see if there is a second if not we will call a vote on the original motion.

>> JOEY: My moment is that we amend the schedule to have an afternoon meeting starting at two o'clock to four o'clock and the rotating one at 5:30 to 7:30. And rotate back.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: ATI, our services scheduled little bit past six o'clock? Where are we?

>> For CART I think we scheduled to 6:30. I want to respond couple of things. There is a lot of coordination that happens had the scenes, so we have to do invoices like way ahead of time to schedule meetings and other things have to be adjusted. The second part is we don't have -- Reba you're correct -- The staff is not hired yet because the funding is not available yet. So now we have to move the money for the people we have to hire service people are not hired and the people that are supporting this start at eight o'clock in the morning everyday so we don't have the staff dedicated to this committee yet; we would have to hire them so I would ask for grace before we moved to that. So if you guys say you want to do it now, it would not be fair to all of our team because by the time they get to this meeting the work 14 hour days most of them server could wait until we get the staff hired maybe we could support that will be better and that is my request; we are building this from scratch. That is my one response.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Is there a second?

>> DEREK: I want to make sure that it makes sense with background you are talking about Chair Lewis. So the process is thought through.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Joey made the amendment he would need to respond to you. I don't think it is appropriate for us to vote on something specific to the times and days of the week until one, I want more information, and we heard public comment and I want to make sure that whatever we do is the most effective for folks to be here so we want to make sure to be thoughtful even about deciding those days and times and when it alternates; and even if there would be an amended I was strong suggest that we can offer an amendment to approve this for now and do a little discovery to figure out the best days and times and that can align which is appropriate as opposed to specifying specific times when we haven't even done our homework specifically mixture it will meet the needs of the folks that want to be here. So they are asking for, would you consider shifting your language to your amendment?

>> VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS: Yeah, welcomes the latter community organizer in 14 hour days. The amendment is to alternate in the afternoon and evenings and if we could put pending availability of staff. ATI?

>> ATI staff.

>> VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS: All the acronyms.

>> DEREK: Second.

>> MELODIE: Can I make a comment here? Under Roberts rules at this point the motion was initially made by member Andrews; he would have to adopt the proposed friendly amendment. Otherwise you would vote on member Andrew's motion first and the other motion cannot be voted on in the first motion failed.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you. George? Is he still present? George can you hear me? You accept the amendment offered by Joey?

>> GEORGE: Why did I have to do this. No, sorry Joey.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: So we will vote on the original motion as is and if it does not pass then Joey can offer his motion.

>> GEORGE: It just happens to be the wrong guy; it is my calendar.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: I want to make sure I am clear. Taylor, I will restate motion and call for the vote.

>> TAYLOR: I'm going to call for a vote on the motion to approve the calendar as is, starting with member Andrews.

>> GEORGE: Aye.

>> CARBAJAL: Aye.

>> CASTILLO: Aye.

>> Aye.

>> EARLY: Aye.

>> Ferrar?

>> Can I abstain. I don't really care; this is the schedule for the whole year, and it is confusing for me if we decide to change it we can change it later on?

>> TAYLOR: So you would like to abstain?

>> I will abstain.

>> TAYLOR: Noted. For member Garcia?

>> Aye.

>> GHALY: Aye.

>> Hernandez: Aye but also I want to say that I think what Joey said is important and will think about special meetings we should consider access and availability, but I will aye.

>> JIMENEZ: No. If we're going to hear the public we have to give them an opportunity to be present.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Aye.

>> PEREZ: Aye.

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>> DR. SCORZA: Aye and I also agree that when to take into consideration's we need childcare and other things that go into making the decisions we should be thoughtful moving forward.

>> SHARIN: Aye.

>> SOTO: Aye.

>> VICE-CHAIR STEELE: Aye.

>> STEVENS: Aye, with intention to advocate for an adjustment.

>> VICE CHAIR WILLIAMS: Aye with what Reba said.

>> TAYLOR: And I will go back to the folks that I have listed as absent to make sure (repeating names of members who did not respond).

Thank you all. The motion passes with 16 yes votes, 1 abstention, 1 no.

>> CHAIR LEWIS: Thank you this is a schedule that is fluid and can change and we will engage in a thoughtful process to ensure that our meetings and community engagement specific sessions are done on days and times that make sense to get the most feedback and that don't cause access issues and essentially that means we will have to have at all times of the day. Thank you so much and as a reminder of the bottom of the meeting schedule it says it will change. I look forward to figuring out what makes the most sense to get the greatest level of community engagement.

With that said are there any final comments? And if not, thank you so much for your time. This meeting is adjourned.

>> [End]

>> Thank you everyone stay safe.

>> See you in a couple of weeks.

>> Thank you.