



**STATEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS FOR THE
CARE FIRST COMMUNITY INVESTMENT (CFCI)
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 23, 2023
4:00 p.m.**

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Prior to the start of the meeting Angela Luben of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department-Community First Community Investment (JCOD-CFCI) read the meeting disclosures.

Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Derek Steele (CFCI Chair) at 4:05p.m. Yessi Vasquez (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

Present: Songhai Armstead, Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Barbara Ferrer, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde, Christina Ghaly, Frieda Hovsepian, Veronica Lewis, Whitney Moore-White (as an alternate for Kelly LoBianco), Wendy Knight (as an alternate for Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)

Appeared Remotely: Rafael Carbajal, Frieda Hovsepian, Barbara Ferrer, Crystal Kibby

Absent: Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, April Verrett

Special Notes: Some members/alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early thus votes reflected some absences. At all times a quorum was present. Members that arrived after the roll call: Alina Bokde, Michelle Miranda-Fuentes, D'Artagnan Scorza, Kelly Lobianco (Alternate Whitney Moore-White was present during roll call)

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Review CFCI Advisory Committee Land Acknowledgement.

Chairman Derek Steele shared the land acknowledgment for the meeting, acknowledging the ancestral land and peoples of Los Angeles.

2. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement by various members.

Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)

3. MOVED TO MARCH 23, 2023 MEETING. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of March 9, 2023 and March 16, 2023.

Attachment: [03.09.23 – Minutes](#)
[03.16.23 - Minutes](#)

Member Veronica Lewis moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from 03.09.2023 and 03.16.2023. Member Jose Ruiz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: No public comments

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the minutes from the March 9, 2023 and March 16, 2023 CFCI Advisory Committee meeting was approved by the following vote:

Yes:	Megan Castillo, Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Barbara Ferrer, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Christina Ghaly, Frieda Hovsepian, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joseph Williams, Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)	Total: 18
Abstain:	Rafael Carbajal, Alina Bokde	Total: 2
No:		Total: 0
Absent:	Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, April Verrett	Total: 3

II. PRESENTATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

4. Presentation from Street Level Strategies on CFCI Survey results.

Attachment: [SLS Presentation](#)

5. Discuss and take action on prioritizing focus areas and taking next steps to establish CFCI Advisory Committee Year Three Spending Plan.

Attachment: [Concept Recommendations](#)

Member Reba Stevens moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to move the threshold to 33% across the board as a foundation. Member Veronica Lewis seconded the motion. *(Friendly second amendment to clearly identify which items were not voted on by the survey.)*

Public Comment: Hector Ramirez, Byron Jose, Gabriela Vasquez, Mya Hendrix, Laura, Jess Estes, Leah Perez, Brian Kaneda, Titilayo Rasaki

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to move the threshold to 33% across the board as a foundation with a friendly second amendment to clearly identify which items were not voted on by the survey was approved by the following vote:

Yes:	Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde, Christina Ghaly, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for Bob Schoonover), Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joseph Williams, Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)	Total: 16
Abstain:	D'Artagnan Scorza	Total: 1
No:	Jackie Contreras	Total: 1
Absent:	Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, April Verrett, Barbara Ferrer, Frieda Hovsepian	Total: 5

6. Public Comment

- a. Opportunity for members of the public to address the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- b. Public comment should not exceed one minute per participant.
- c. Please Note: General public comment is limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- d. Public comment can also be provided via email at JCOD@lacounty.gov.
Deadline to submit written public comments will be Wednesday, March 22, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

Attachment: [Written Correspondence](#)

III. ADJOURNMENT

- 7. Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 23, 2023.