



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

**Thursday, March 30, 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 4:08p.m. Yessi Vasquez (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.**

Present: Songhai Armstead, Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Norma Garcia, Clemens Hong (as an alternate for Christina Ghaly), Frieda Hovsepian, Jackie Contreras, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Rosa Soto, Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Dereck Smith (as an alternate for April Verrett), Tencha Espino (as an alternate for Joey Williams), Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)

Appeared

Remotely: Clemens Hong, Reba Stevens, Dereck Smith

Absent: Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien

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: Veronica Lewis, Clemens Hong

## 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. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meeting of March 23, 2023.

Attachment: [03.23.23 – Minutes](#)

Member Wesley Crunk moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from 03.23.23. Member Michelle Fuentes-Miranda seconded the motion.

Public Comment: No public comments

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the minutes from the March 23, 2023 CFCI Advisory Committee meeting was approved by the following vote:

<b>Yes:</b>	Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Norma Garcia, Frieda Hovsepian, Jackie Contreras, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Rosa Soto, Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)	<b>Total: 18</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>	Dereck Smith, Tencha Espino	<b>Total: 2</b>
<b>No:</b>		<b>Total: 0</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, Clemens Hong	<b>Total: 3</b>

## II. PRESENTATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

4. Presentation from CEO – Budget & Operations Division on CFCI Year Three Funding Allocation

Attachment: [CEO Budget Presentation](#)

Public Comment: No public comments

5. Discuss and take action on prioritizing Concept Recommendations to establish CFCI Advisory Committee Year Three Spending Plan.

Attachment: [Concept Recommendations](#)

Attachment: [Guiding Principles & Framework Document](#)

Member Stevens moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to move the threshold to 33% across the board as a foundation. Member Lewis seconded the motion.

Ad Hoc Committee members appointed by Chair Steele include members: Crunk, Castillo, Fuentes-Miranda, Ruiz, Chair Steele, Lewis, Hovsepian, Espino, LoBianco, Stevens.

Public Comment: Wade Dubble, Marc Maye, Baba Akili, Angela Lee, Jacob Toups, Meron Shita, Mya Hendrix

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to Vote on the motion to create an AD Hoc committee to go over the items 33% and above to bring back recommendations to the body for next week's meeting approved by the following vote:

<b>Yes:</b>	Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Norma Garcia, Clemens Hong (as an alternate for Christina Ghaly), Frieda Hovsepian, Jackie Contreras, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Rosa Soto, Chair Derek Steele, Derek Smith (as an alternate for April Verrett), Tencha Espino (as an alternate for Joseph Williams), Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)	<b>Total: 20</b>
<b>Abstain:</b>		<b>Total: 0</b>
<b>No:</b>		<b>Total: 0</b>
<b>Absent:</b>	Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, Reba Stevens	<b>Total: 3</b>

### **III. MISCELLANEOUS**

#### **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](mailto:JCOD@lacounty.gov).  
Deadline to submit written public comments will be Wednesday, April 5, 2023, by 5:00 p.m.

Attachment: [Written Correspondence](#)

### **IV. ADJOURNMENT**

- 7. Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, March 30, 2023.