



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

**Thursday, April 13, 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, Joey Ayala (as an alternate for member Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for member Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde (as an alternate for Norma Garcia), Frieda Hovsepian, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for member Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for member Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencha Chavez (as an alternate for member Joey Williams), Crystal Kibby (as an alternate for Lisa Wong)

Appeared

Remotely: Alina Bokde, Crystal Kibby

Absent:

Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Christina Ghaly, 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: Veronica Lewis, Lisa Wong

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**1. Review CFCI Advisory Committee Land Acknowledgement.**

Various members shared the Land Acknowledgment for the meeting, recognizing 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 April 6, 2023.

Attachment: [4.6.23 Meeting Minutes](#)

Member Stevens moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from 4.6.23 meeting, with the correction of adding the missing vote. Member Ruiz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: No public comments

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the minutes from the April 6, 2023 meeting, with the correction of adding the missing vote, CFCI Advisory Committee meeting was approved by the following vote:

YES	Joel Ayala (as an alternate for member Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for member Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde (as an alternate for Norma Garcia), Frieda Hovsepian, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for member Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for member Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencha Chavez (as an alternate for member Joey Williams)	TOTAL: 16
ABSTAIN		TOTAL: 0
NO		TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Christina Ghaly, Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, April Verrett, Lisa Wong	TOTAL: 7

II. PRESENTATIONS/ACTION ITEMS

4. Update from JCOD regarding Amity Foundation & Year 2 Concept Recommendations.

MOVED TO FUTURE MEETING AS YET UNDETERMINED.

5. Review and take appropriate action on update from CFCI Ad Hoc Committee regarding prioritization of concept recommendations.

Attachment 1: [Ad Hoc Committee Approved Concepts & Advisory Committee Additions](#)

Attachment 2: [Advisory Committee Concepts Ranked under 33% Suggestions](#)

Member Chavez moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to accept the Advisory Committee recommendations and also remove the approved skid row item #137. Member Lewis seconded the motion.

Public Comment:

Hector Ramirez, Phillip Kim, Neighborhood Economic Development agency, Byron Jose

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to accept the Advisory Committee recommendations and also remove the approved skid row item #137 was approved by the following vote:

YES	Joel Ayala (as an alternate for member Rafael Carbajal), Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for member Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde, Frieda Hovsepian, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for member Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for member Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencia Chavez (as an alternate for member Joey Williams), Lisa Wong	TOTAL: 16
ABSTAIN	Megan Castillo	TOTAL: 1
NO		TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Christina Ghaly, Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, April Verrett	TOTAL: 6

6. Add remaining \$973,486 and splitting it between with people attached to job programs and also flex funds for people attached to CFCI/ARP programs

Member Lewis moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to add remaining funds to job programs and flex funds. Member Chavez seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Theodora, Byron Jose, Hector Hernandez, Neighborhood Economic Development agency

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to add remaining \$973,486 and splitting in between with people attached to job programs and also flex funds for people attached to CFCI/ARP programs was approved by the following vote:

YES	Joel Ayala (as an alternate for member Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for member Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Frieda Hovsepian, Alina Bokde, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for member Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for member Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Tencha Chavez (as an alternate for member Joey Williams), Lisa Wong	TOTAL: 17
ABSTAIN		TOTAL: 0
NO		TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Christina Ghaly, Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, April Verrett	TOTAL: 6

7. Review and take appropriate action to accept recommendations for tiering to move item #141 and combined items #68 and #128 to Tier 2. As well as \$1.7 million of item #50 to Tier 2.

Member Lewis moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to accept the tiering and move items to tier 2. Member Ruiz seconded the motion.

Public Comment: Hector Hernandez

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to move items to tier 2 were approved by the following vote:

YES	Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for member Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for member Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Lisa Wong	TOTAL: 12
ABSTAIN	Joel Ayala (as an alternate for member Rafael Carbajal), Megan Castillo, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for member Bob Schoonover),	TOTAL: 3
NO		TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Christina Ghaly, Frieda Hovsepian, Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, Tencha Chavez, April Verrett	TOTAL: 8

8. Discuss and take appropriate action on accepting the recommendation on combining concepts into general access to funding with indicated County Departments and TPA's.

Attachments: [Concept Recommendations](#)

[Guiding Principles & Framework Document](#)

Member Stevens moved for the CFCI Advisory Committee to accept the recommendation of combining concepts. Member Fuentes-Miranda seconded the motion.

Member Stevens made a friendly amendment to accept items with additional language of making sure that the barrier for the implementation of this work is low barrier, and it does not continue on with harmful practices that some Federal and State programs implement.

Public Comment: Byron Jose, Hector Hernandez

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to accept the recommendation of combining concepts with friendly amendment were approved by the following vote:

YES	Megan Castillo, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Twima Earley, Gary Tsai (as an alternate for member Barbara Ferrer), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight (as an alternate for member Bob Schoonover), D'Artagnan Scorza, Jose Ruiz (as an alternate for member Rosa Soto), Chair Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Lisa Wong	TOTAL: 13
ABSTAIN		TOTAL: 0
NO		TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Joel Ayala (as an alternate for member Rafael Carbajal), Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Alina Bokde, Christina Ghaly, Frieda Hovsepian, Ezekiel Nishiyama, Jared O'Brien, Tencha Chavez, April Verrett	TOTAL: 10

III. ADJOURNMENT

8. Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, April 13, 2023.