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>> CART PROVIDER: Standing by.

>> Member Steele: I'll turn it on. Valeria, yes, okay. All right everybody. I know we don't have quorum yet but the voting comes later and I want to make sure we can get into the meeting so we can go, I know other folks are coming because I got notice. So with that said I'm going to call the meeting to order. It's a pleasure to have everyone here to welcome to another community investment advisory committee meeting. Sorry. It's okay I was going to let you finish. Just want to know we have some important conversations today, particularly about the budget and also helping to move forward with the review tool, the RFI and all the things to be able to move the report part forward as well. But I'm really glad to see you all, glad to be back in Magic Johnson Park, we get some community members when they know we are here so we'll probably have them trickling in today. Let's go ahead and do the meeting disclosures.

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>> Member Steele: Thank you very much. Do you want to take a moment real quick. Member Williams, I want to apologize for the various times that we have requested you to read the land acknowledgement balls that's not how this is supposed to go. The idea of acknowledging the land and also acknowledging the people it's not you who should be reading it really is us.

>> I know where I'm at.

>> Member Steele: Exactly. I just wanted to lift that up and actually make sure that you know that we publicly apologize for that, man, and moving forward it will always be one of us to make sure that we acknowledge the land. But with that said, the land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of the people who lived in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas for thousands and thousands of years. I would like for us to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva people, the Fernandeno Tatavium tribe, the Ventureno Chumash people. These native people understood and respected the land connected and respected the four legged creatures who once roamed the earth freely

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the winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them never to take more than they could use and always give back to mother earth. These amazing people are still here living together and living and breathing among us and still giving back to the community that surrounds us. Aheehe to our ancestors, thank you.

Also, today U.S. institutions have benefitted from the unaddressed stolen labor. We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people primarily of African descent whose labor built and grew the economy and infrastructure of our nation that refuses to recognize their humanity. The 13th amendment to the Constitution technically ended slavery in the U.S. we know that slavery is ongoing impact are still felt by countless people forced through violence threats and coercion to work in the U.S. we recognize our debt to exploited workers past and present whose labor was and continues to be stolen through unjust practices. We acknowledge our collective debt to the indigenous peoples of this land whose labor was forced and exploited the Chinese immigrants who built railroads and allowed for the western American development. Japanese Americans were incarcerated during World War II and migrant workers, who have worked Pacific Northwest can attest. The immigrant, American born workers of African, Asian, central, south American descent whose labor remains hidden in the shadows but still contributes to the well-being of our collective community. We recognize that our economy continues to rely on the

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exploited labor of incarcerated people largely people of color who earn pennies an hour who generate billions in goods and services each year. We know there are many people too numerous to mention who are prevented from reaping the true value of their labor by unjust systems and cruel practices. We mourn their loss of life, liberty and opportunity.

We acknowledge that the theft of labor is the theft of generational progress. Nearly all people of color have been robbed of the opportunity and wealth that their ancestors might otherwise have passed onto them.

Acknowledging both of these things I would love to move forward with a community agreement reading together. We want to make sure there is an atonement moving forward and to support people in this progress so we agree to these things. I don't know if really renewed and rejoiced in all of this today but I'll start. Be respectful of the diverse voices being represented and remain openminded.

>> Be mindful of power dynamics in this space, as well as the historical disenfranchisement of Black and indigenous communities. Accordingly, prioritize and defer to the community throughout this process.

>> Be mindful of the diverse audience you're presenting to and make sure you speak with clarity.

>> Be collaborative.

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>> Assume best intentions.

>> Challenge the idea, not the person.

>> Remember why we're here, to center the Black, Brown and indigenous communities and other communities that have been most impacted by the carceral system, low income communities, trans and gender nonconforming folks.

>> Defer to community.

>> Transparency and follow-through.

>> Be intentional about hearing and allowing space for additional voices to be uplifted.

>> Be an active participant and try to be succinct in your thoughts and contributions.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices.

>> As much as possible, allow community members to finish their sentences, thoughts during public comment.

>> Review community agreements before every meeting and amend them as needed.

>> Begin CFCI advisory committee meetings with a land acknowledgement statement recognizing and respecting the indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County.

>> Member Steele: Thank you so very much. All right. We have a room full can we please call the roll.

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>> We will do roll call. We will ask [indiscernible] Before your name is called so you can [indiscernible] If you are unmute yourself please raise your hand in the Zoom platform so we can assign cohost privileges to you. If you're calling for your phone, you can unmute yourself by pressing star 6, raise your hand with star 9 we will now begin the roll call by last name alphabetically. When your name is called please say present.

>> Judge Armstead.

>> Present.

>> Member Carbajal.

>> Joel Ayala alternate present.

>> Member Castillo.

>> Present.

>> Contreras.

>> Alternate present for Contreras.

>> Member Crunk.

>> Present.

>> Member Cyrus-Franklin.

>> Present.

>> Member Eakins.

>> Present.

>> Member Earley.

>> Member Ferrer.

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- >> Alternate Gary Tsai present.
- >> Member Fuentes-Miranda: Albert Melena alternate present.
- >> Member Garcia.
- >> Member Ghaly.
- >> Present.
- >> Member Hovsepian.
- >> Member Lewis.
- >> Present.
- >> Member LoBianco.
- >> Whitney Moore White for Member LoBianco.
- >> Member Nishiyama.
- >> Member O'Brien.
- >> Member Schoonover.
- >> Alternate present.
- >> Member Scorza.
- >> Member Soto.
- >> Member Steele.
- >> Present.
- >> Member Stevens.
- >> Present.
- >> Member Williams.
- >> Here present.
- >> Member Wong.

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>> Alternate Karen Bernstein present.

>> Thank you it meeting has reached quorum.

>> Member Steele: Fantastic. Move to the next parts of the agenda. Two things, first round of applause for new Member, Member Eakins representing district 2. Would you like to introduce yourself to your colleagues.

>> Member Eakins: I'm glad to be here today my name is Auleria Eakins. I represent district 2 live in district 2 worship in district 2 my kids go to school in district 2 so I'm all about district 2. My daytime job I'm manager of community engagement for LA County healthcare plan. I hope I can bring help to whatever issues we are charged to address thank you so much.

>> Member Steele: Fantastic I live in the district two, so it's fantastic to have representation. I should say as well because we're talking about district 2. I want to state Reba just celebrated her birthday. It was May 10th.

>> Happy birthday to me.

>> Member Steele: Exactly. It was exciting to celebrate you, man.

>> That was nice.

>> Gladys Knight.

>> I want to say thank you not that it's necessary I will say yes in the spirit of cares first community investments and the great work

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that's going on, that is the day in which my mother gave birth to me. The most important day in my life is my sobriety birthday. That is July 11, 1998 and we together are going to have a party.

>> Member Eakins, as we go through this. If there are any questions that you have, you know. We want to make sure you are fully abreast, as we're deliberating on some of these things. I know many of us have been able to work together over some time, so we kind of have some sensibility about these things please do not, feel free to pause us to make sure that you can feel comfortable about the things that we are talking about. Okay. Fantastic. Can we please have the review of the minutes. We're going to move onto item 7 on the agenda. Could I get a motion.

>> Reba Stevens, I move that we approve the April 18th, 2024 minutes.

>> Member Steele: It has been moved.

>> Second, Member Crunk second.

>> Member Steele: Any corrections or anything that anyone sees that we need to go over? Hearing none can we move to public comment.

>> This commences the public comment period of the agenda. The public comment period during meeting minutes will be one minute per person. For those online who would like to provide public comment, please use the raise hand feature now. We will call on you

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>> There are no public comments online. I'm sorry. We have a comment Mr. Hector Ramirez, please go ahead with your comment.

>> Hector Ramirez: Good afternoon my name is Hector Ramirez. I am a person with a disability and I want to thank you for all the hard work that you've been doing and I just, I stand here with all of you today with concern definitely looking at our state budget. And the difficult choices that are having to be made and the ramifications it has on the impact on the budget for Los Angeles County and is the programs that you all support. And so just here really support concern for the impact that it has on the work that you all have been doing and the continuation of it. I know this particular work still hasn't been funded as it was originally intended and that still remains to be the

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north star for all of us so I stand here just as a public Member really echoing my concern and definitely willing really to do whatever it takes to really help mitigate any of the shortfalls that could count to the work you are all doing, and LA county we were working on the promise of what measure was intended to do.

>> Thank you so much there are no other hands online.

>> Thank you. Back to you, Chair Steele.

>> Thank you very much can we please take the vote.

>> We will now conduct a vote for this motion and we'll be using a similar process as the roll call again we ask all committee members to be ready with the microphone before your name is called. When I call your name please indicate your vote yes or no or abstain. I'm just going to say real quick I am not sharing so if the vote doesn't show up it's because there's a little bit of a delay but trust me I got you.

>> Member Steele: Thank you.

>> No worries. Member Armstead. Member Carbajal.

>> Yes.

>> Member Castillo.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Cheatham.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Crunk.

>> Aye.

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>> Member Cyrus-Franklin.

>> Aye.

>> Member Eakins.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Earley. Member Tsai.

>> Aye.

>> Member Melena: Aye.

>> Member Garcia.

>> Member Ghaly.

>> Aye.

>> Member Hovsepian. Member Lewis.

>> Aye.

>> Member Moore White.

>> Abstain.

>> Member Nishiyama.

>> Member, O'Brien. Member Schoonover.

>> Aye.

>> Member Scorza. Member Soto. Member Steele.

>> Aye.

>> Member Stevens.

>> Aye.

>> Member Williams.

>> Aye.

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>> Member Bernstein.

>> Abstain.

>> The vote passes. The motion passes.

>> Member Steele: All right, thank you very much. Okay. This one was a big one, okay. We've been having a lot of questions, particularly after the passing of the full engagement of Measure J now that the courts have made their decisions on it about what the future holds, right. We've continued to do our work in this space to make sure that we can keep the resources moving throughout the community in the ways that community has deemed the most viable way of doing that.

And as you all saw from the board letter that went out, I'm sorry the letter that went out from the was it from budget? No. It was board letter, yes. About the \$12 million, \$12.3 million that was provided in this year's analysis of NCC and additional dollars that come to CFCI. There were some questions as far as I was concerned and so budget is here today to go through a series of explanations in sharing how the breakdown actually works. I should note that the leadership team had an opportunity to meet with them ahead of time because we wanted to make sure that in having this discussion today, we can get to the bottom of things and not necessarily have we'll get back to you because the answers aren't there. So we did, I want to give, lift up Member Castillo because her questions were very pointed in that

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conversation. So much so that there's additional documentation in our packet today that helps us see some clarity onto most of you where are NCC funds are actually allocated to the comparison between the Measure J text and the CFCI text which I want to frame really most importantly, right. Locally generated unrestricted revenue piece is a very, very important part of today's conversation. And the ability to set forth the budget process in the county code of regulations is another important piece of this conversation because one of the main differences between Measure J and you'll hear it from the presentation today between Measure J and also the CFCI board policy is the outline of what the process is to actually get to the CFCI number every year. It is in the devil is in the details of that portion of this document. So excited to be able to bring our friends from budget to the table to be able to talk us through what we're looking at what the 12.3 million is actually made up of and what we can expect in this process year over year and also open up the door for the conversation around what this means for the foreseeable future of our work here on this, in this body.

And what steps we can actually take to make sure that we can transform this to get more of the allocation that is necessary for our work.

So I'll take a step back. Please, join us. I'll turn it down, turn the air off, yeah.

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>> It wasn't just me.

>> I thought it was me.

>> You can turn the air off.

>> If I'm cold I'm going to talk fast.

>> Member Steele: I don't think there's a slide deck for the conversation.

>> Great Chair Steele, thank you for the conversation. Kieu-Anh King with CEO budget here with Vincent Amerson from CEO budget as well. And let me walk you through what you have in your packet today. There is a rather lengthy packet it's 21 pages. I will not go through every page line by line unless you ask me to. But very quickly, pages 1 and 2 are the spreadsheets that walk you through the CFCI calculation on page 1. And as the chair noted, page 2 is the listing of ongoing locally generated revenue by county department and budget unit.

I will go through both of these documents in much more detail in a few minutes but I want to walk you through what you have so you know what's what. Page 3 of 21 is a quick snippet that compares the text of Measure J with the CFCI board policy, and then at the bottom of that page shows every word that has changed between the Measure J charter text and the CFCI board policy and again we'll go through this in more detail in a few minutes.

If you flip forward, pages 4 through 8 is the line by line and word

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by word comparison between the charter language of Measure J and the CFCI board policy text. And again, I can go through more detail in just a minute. Pages 9 through 14 is the text of the CFCI board policy, and then the packet ends with the Measure J text on pages 15 through 21. And so at your leisure, either in this meeting or afterward you can always page back and forth between the documents so that you can see the comparison document that we put together, how it relates to the actual text the Board policy and Measure J. I am going to ask you to flip back to the first page of your packets and we can start walking through the CFCI calculation.

Page 1 which should be a horizontal format spreadsheet which is up on-screen. So the document we have before you is the document that CEO budget creates every year as we develop the updated number for the CFCI 10% ongoing unrestricted locally generated revenue figure. I'm going to walk you through the structure of the worksheet before I walk you through the detail. You can see on the left we have numbered all of the rows in case you have questions as we proceed. We start with the recommended budget net accounting cost. Move to one time funds and locally generated revenues. We offset various categories of restricted NCC and I'll walk through the detail in just a minute. That gets us to our total offsets in row number 14. Row number 16 is the formula, is the product of row 3 minus row 14. So we start with ongoing locally generated revenues then we

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offset the restricted NCC, and that gets us to our unrestricted NCC.

And then we run an Excel formula to calculate 10% of that and that in row 18 is the CFCI allocation. We have some budgetary information in rows 20 through 23 that show the various adds to the CFCI budget starting with 21-22 when we had the first. -- 2021 was the first 100, right Vincent. 2021 was the first 100 million, 21-22 was the second and then 23--24 this year was the third down payment to get us to \$288.3 million. And then we also have a row at the very bottom to show if there is any deficit in the allocation or how much room we have to- go.

So I'm going to start with 21-22. So in 21-22 you can see that we started at 9 billion dollars, \$9,2,284,000. That was locally generated and one time for that budget year. We offset all of the, \$1.48 billion which gets us to \$7.5 billion. Once we get that number we have to offset the restricted NCC, the categories of restricted are here starting in row number 5 and there's full detail on each of the I believe six categories at the bottom of the worksheet. But the operating principle that I think the board laid out in the CFCI board policy if the county has expenses for which we don't have any control over the level of funding because it's a state or federal requirement, or if we have to incur the expense because the revenue source is restricted or if we have to incur the expense because it's the local share of cost for our state and federal social services or child welfare or healthcare

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programs or if it's another mandated cost like a legal settlement or a contractual expense, we offset those costs from the starting point in order to arrive at the unrestricted locally generated revenue figure that's required under both Measure J and the CFCI board policy.

So you can see that across the six or seven categories that subtotal for 21-22 is about \$4.7 billion that gets us to the \$2.8 and 10% is \$280,099,000. I'm going to move forward to the right of the worksheet to column C and column D now. Column C is the walk through for the first full calculation of the 10% set aside which I believe we shared with you about a year ago when we set the budget for 23--24. You can see that in 23--24, the unrestricted net county cost figure in row 16 was 2.883 billion. 10% of that is 288,319,000 that became the CFCI 10% required set aside for 23--24. Moving to the right to the budget year that starts on July 1st, you can see that ongoing locally generated revenues grew from about 8.3 billion in 23---24 to 8.7 billion in 242--5. We then offset the seven categories of restricted NCC for a total of 5.7 billion. That gets us to our new unrestricted locally generated revenue figure of 3.006 billion and 10% of that is 300.6 million which was included in the board memo that we sent to all of the CFCI advisory committee members about a month ago or six weeks ago.

>> Member Steele: I want to make sure everybody is following along, if there are any questions along the way or are we good to go?

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Okay. Cool. Please continue.

>> That of course feeds the number in row 23 of 12.34 million and that is the new ongoing amount that we included in the CFCI budget for 2024-25. Or year four of the CFCI set aside.

>> Member Steele: Please.

>> Could you just explain a little more, is this to do with the 88, was it 88 million and so now this is, makes up the 100 million? Is that where we're going with this? This 12? Because we -- yes?

>> The 12 is a coincidence.

>> Wait a minute, be careful I think we need to just remind him. Hold on.

>> Member Steele: This was a question we did ask. And I think the, again, coming back to the details of this and how they calculated every year, how the coincidence actually takes place one of the main reasons we wanted to see what NCC actually was, you know what I'm saying to kind of see what were the funds that were actually being put in place from a budgetary standpoint for the county and we start to analyze this and see where the 12 million actually does come from. But yeah, it's a hell of a coincidence for sure. But please.

>> I don't believe in coincidences, and that either makes it, don't make it true either, my belief. But when I'm looking at the budget and I'm looking at the restricted funds, and what's above the restricted funds and how we actually get to this, to me it feels like the math

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don't math because I see like in the language of the initiative, which one thing I want to say is that I'm disappointed that there isn't documents that you're talking about the recent, how the court upheld it's decision inside these documents. The only folks who have come out on that is reimagine LA and their coalition talking about the Constitutionality of Measure J and we're right back here. If I love above line 5 I'm seeing funds up here, and I understand these are restricted like in the first column on B, the 4 million, out of 9 it looks like the allocation should be made from 5 million not from 2.8 million to get to that 10%. If you could help me understand that and going back to the, my disbelief in coincidences. In my understanding I like clarity on this, we asked for the other 12 million inside the 88 to make it 100 million. CEO's office said yes but then they didn't do it. Am I correct?

>> Member Steele: No, the entire time they were letting us know there was only the 88 million so we still did a budget for 100 as we were pushing for it. And so we approved both, it was like if we are able to get the allocation of 100 million, here is all the things we want to support. But at the same time if it does end up being 88 these are the ones we want to support.

>> Member Williams: My recommendation would be to honor our communities agreements here especially with number 2, on the disenfranchisement of Black and indigenous and 7 synergy black

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Brown comments we make 2.5 phone to my community the Native American community and my recommendation I'm happy to support other folks recommendations especially from a Black brothers and sisters and my transgender and LGBTQ brothers and sisters but I would want to see that allocation inside this 12 million.

>> Member Steele: We do have time to discuss what we want to allocate.

>> Member Williams: Shouldn't the allocation be 5.8 out of the 10% [cut out].

>> Row 15.

>> Column B and anything above line 5 and below line 15 it feels like I understand the restricted allocation that's in the language of the initiative, but unrestricted anything above line 5 should still be considered unrestricted shouldn't it and the number should be 5 million, closer to 5 million instead of 2.8 that we take the 10% allocation.

>> Above row 5 is the restricted and unrestricted locally generated revenues. We can't get to the unrestricted until we first calculate the restricted, and so the restricted items are all in the negatives here in the worksheet, starting with row 5 and going to row 13 and 14. So if you start with the total in row 3, and then you offset 4.7 in row 14, that leaves you with the unrestricted locally generated revenues in row 16, 2.8 figure and then we run a 10% calculation as required on that

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number.

>> Member Williams: It may not be for right now but it would be interesting because I know spreadsheets are spreadsheets, we can create them to tell the story how we want the story to go. It would be nice to see what qualifies as unrestricted and how you guys qualify things for unrestricted versus unrestricted. If I was a county and I had Measure J come on I would be sure I want to start marking things restricted so there's less unrestricted funds to be allocated back to our community. I would love to be a more intentional breakdown beside the spreadsheet how things are considered restricted versus unrestricted.

>> Member Steele: In that same vein that's why we wanted to see the policy, right. That dictates this. And how we got here you know what I'm saying.

>> Member Williams: Including your materials how it is Constitutional ruled by the court in California.

>> Member Steele: For sure, I received that. Context for the commentary from Member Williams, did you want to, because let me reiterate and you please clarify if I'm capturing what you have, what you put down. The thinking is, the needs for the ATIDC programs comes in line 14. And so after the revenue is indicated for NCC, why do those things come further down below the rest of the items that are above? Right. So even reading the policy, the policy states that and

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dictates there's so many different things that have to take place first before this number is allocated. Can you identify for us why that decision was made for the ATIDCI programs to be able to get their allocation of the 10% after everything else has been paid.

>> I think it's because before Measure J, unrestricted locally generated revenues as a concept did not exist. So the county, the county did not look through our budget allocations with that prism, and so because this term was new in Measure J, we had to.

>> Build a plane while you're flying it.

>> We basically had to put together the CFCI policy to provide a roadmap of how to arrive at unrestricted locally generated revenues and it's because we know the starting point, the ongoing locally generated revenues both restricted and unrestricted, but then in order to get the restricted -- the unrestricted amount which feeds the 10% figure we had to calculate the restricted amount to deduct from the overall revenue to get to the CFCI base figure.

And so for CEO it's a math exercise because we can't get to the starting point until we find out what the interim points are.

>> Member Steele: And part of that in looking at the list of NCC budget unit items, right, many of these spaces get those allocations that they need prior to the 10% evaluation in line 14; is that correct.

>> All county departments get their budgets on July 1st, same date but I think your question, Chair Steele is at what point in the

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budget process do we determine the CFCI figure is that correct.

>> Member Steele: That's correct.

>> And the - as I explained when we met about a week ago, we budget the CFCI 10% adjustment toward the end of the budget cycle because we cannot determine- that number until all of the other county budget units are closed and settled.

>> Member Steele: So that process is also indicated in the budget, in the board policy.

>> Correct.

>> Member Steele: That was passed by the board.

>> (Nods head.).

>> In the event we wanted to switch that where the budget is set, the 10% for CFCI comes out first, and then everything else gets allocated, we would have to change the policy, is that what we would have to do.

>> Like tithing.

>> I would presume so but I think it would be hard to know what the 10% number is until you've done the work to set the other budgets and I think that's the reason the calculation comes at the end of the process and not at the start because if we were to set the number at the start, we wouldn't actually know if we were meeting the legal requirement to set aside 10% of unrestricted locally generated revenues because we wouldn't know the number yet.

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>> But the unrestricted locally generated revenue as you said did not exist until this policy, right.

>> Correct.

>> Member Steele: So we have the ability to change that policy to dictate what that means. In all intents and purposes if the board decides based off of a re-understanding of this as we have this play out over the last three years and now that Measure J is law moving forward, and we're saying hey, 10% is actually when you get your budget number you take 10% of that first, and then you give the rest out to everything else that's supposed to go. If that were the thing that the board decided they wanted to do is that what you would have to follow?

>> We always follow the letter the Board policy and the charter.

>> Got it.

>> I guess a follow-up question real quick. When you guys decided this didn't exist, the unrestricted term -or - so you guys- got to make up what qualified as restricted at that point? Versus unrestricted?

>> CEO went through a process to determine the board policy and the methodology and worked with the board of supervisors to adopt, correct.

>> Member Steele: And I also want to note to my fellow board - I'm sorry department heads and leaders, by no means is this

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line of question thinking about how to minimize euthanasia budgets, that's not what I'm thinking other than the sheriff's department budget by far looking at this list you can see that they have, and unimaginable amount of money that if it was going to other things to actually take care of people I think we probably, the whole point was alternatives to incarceration that was the whole point from the very beginning.

I'm- going to take a step back because I know there's questions. I saw your hand up Megan you have a question?

>> I have two things I was trying to read through really quick. Just one is about language and one is about calculations. To clarify, in relation to the sequencing you just laid out and the rationale behind it, does the Measure J language further, does it say the same thing that the CFCI budget policy says, does it say something different or does it not speak to the sequencing of when the calculation is done to your knowledge.

>> Yeah, and I can show you the language, but Measure J speaks generally about the set aside requirement and the process, and discusses rules and regulations to be promulgated by the board of supervisors to implement Measure J and those rules and regulations are part of the CFCI policy that's part of your packet.

>> Member Lewis: Just to clarify I interpreted the table to mean one thing I just want to be clear. Looking at column B and C, where the set aside was 100 million I do understand when we first got the

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number, the 88 million number and we're not happy about it last year, the response was well we finally now, to your point we finally now have full calculations and so even though we know that the board made the commitment of 100 million years one and two, does the 280, which is shy of, I don't know why it's not showing full allocation of the 300 million but nevertheless we know that's what it means. Does the 280 imply technically once you all finally do the calculation of what was available, it was less than what would have been 100 million per year? Explain to me the difference in the numbers that's my interpretation of it because I think you all retroactively figured out exactly what the numbers would be but it doesn't make sense to me. So explain the difference between the 280 million which I think means 300 versus the set asides. Make that convection connection for me.

>> The 280.099 in column B row number 18 was the first initial estimate of what the full set aside would be. When CEO released the first memo to the advisory committee and to the public, announcing what we thought our estimate was, we rounded the 280 up to 300 and that's where the 300 came from. We also then announced, we also then per the board policy, clarified we would include a down payment of 100 million per year until we reached the full amount in 23-24 when we would then calculate the full 10% required set aside and then budget that amount. And that's- why in year 3 the total was 288.3 instead of 300.

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>> Member Lewis: You confirmed that's what I thought. One other point of clarification since row 18 seems to supposed to be 10% of row 16, never mind. Okay. Thank you.

>> Follow-up. There's no line item for 22---23 but I do see it included in line 21.

>> Member Steele: Say that one more time.

[Captioner change 4:57 PM]

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Like in B and C, you see the years, there's no column 22 and 23 but decide included in 21. 20 Year 22, 23, but we don't have a column for 22, 23.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We're missing a budget year, you're saying.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Yes. It's folded and reflected in line 21.

>> CHAIR STEELE: There should be a column between B and C?

>> Yes and we did not do a full calculation in 22, 23 because we knew that was an interim year. We knew 23, 24 we would do a full year calculation and that was when the Board said we would ramp up to the full 10% set aside. Year 22/23 was year two and we knew we would have to do a full calculation the following year. We knew we had already set forth a path to as ca late by roughly a hundred million a year and we bucketed the second hundred million in year two for 22/23 even though we didn't do a full calculation.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: That was the question. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Castillo?

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>> I have a question around the 10% allocation that is supposed to be allocated annually as opposed to 10% allocated over the course of three years? Can you clarify that a little bit for me?

>> Yes. That's the three-year ramp up. That I can show you in the CFCI Board policy and that's because when Measure J was adopted until the fall of 2020? In the fall of 2020 to take effect as of July 1st of 2021, we know that there were various legal cases in the interim. When the Board adopted the CFCI Board policy, which the Board elected to do, even though there was a court case pending --

>> CHAIR STEELE: Should we move -- let me ask. Everybody understand the numbers? Because I just want to make sure because following what he's saying, like, it's also in the language and we want to give the public the opportunity to see the language he's talking about.

[Overlapping talk]

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Megan to finish and the response.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I want to make sure the public can follow what he's saying. Are you moving onto the conversation about the language. Is that what you're doing?

>> I'm happy to move forward whenever the Committee is ready.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Continue on. Please. I'm sorry to interpret everything. I apologize.

>> Sure. If you look on page five of 21. Is so about halfway through, halfway down page five of 21, you can see, this is the comparison document. So anything that's crossed out means that the language was in Measure J but not in the CFCI Board policy. Anything that is underlined means that it

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was not in Measure J but it is in the CFCI Board policy. Anything that is neither -- so any text without cross out or underline is in both Measure J and in the Board policy. And so you can see Item, it's C in Measure J or it's three in the Board policy about halfway through the page.

There was a clarification, there was a passage of number J that allowed for a three-year ramp up so that the County budget didn't have to go from 0% for CFCI to 10% for CFCI overnight. So when Measure J was drafted, the drafter envisioned that there would be a step-up period. That three year step up period is here in Item C or Item three that says that the set aside should ramp up over a three year period started July of 21 and growing into the full set aside of June 30, 2024 which is the 23/24 budget year which is why we came to you last year with the full calculation and the full set aside. That's where the three-year ramp up comes and where the hundred million down payment per year came from as well.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I am a bit confused because the language also states there's 10% allocation that is calculated annually and I think the set aside which will ultimately go beyond the 10% is where we get the full set aside by the end of the three-year ramp up. Do you understand that question?

>> I think -- are you asking if it's an incremental 10% per year?

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: ..

>> VERONICA LEWIS: Can I try? So where are the subsequent -- And I think that just want to be clear with where, because we see the set aside obviously for the first year, but we don't know where is the additional 200 million and I think it's reflected in the second column. Is what you're? Right. If you look at, the remaining and it didn't continue, and I think that's

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what's confusing. Even though Year one July 1, it only shows 100 of the 300 million and the additional 200 million is reflected in column C. We're trying to figure out where the rest of the commitment for the full three years shows up in the chart. That's not the full question but that's part of what she's asking you.

>> If we created a column between B and C, you would be able to see the hundred million was budgeted ongoing in 21/22. 200 million was budgeted ongoing in 22/23. That's kind of between B and C. And then 288.3 was budgeted in 23/24. Does that answer the question?

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: It think it just adds more questions.

>> REBA STEVENS: I've never really been great at math. For those that are listening. I think it would have been great to have that column A plus, A one, B one, in order to really begin to see it and able to truly follow the dollars versus creating a spread sheet that people who are doing budgets are more familiar with this particular formula that you're using to the public, would have been helpful. And I guess I should really speak for myself.

And so I'm just thinking that in order to really be able to see the dollars moving and how they got over here, where they weren't here to begin with. I'm just saying. I just really believe that that would be much helpful -- and then I'm going to advocate right now in this moment that as when we are presenting information that the community truly is watching -- this is a community, this was a community measure. And I just want to make certain that all of us are able to grasp and understand what is being presented before us.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Knight.

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>> I have a question. This 12.3 million, is this technically what we would refer to as ongoing or one time?

>> All ongoing.

>> All ongoing.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. Hmm. I think that's the nature of the question that Member Castillo asked initially about the language says two things. Right? There's the yearly allocation and then there's this ongoing 10% ramp up like over time allocation. So, like, which one -- like, which denotes each? Right? Like, how are we to know how much we're supposed to actually have when it seems as though the language is saying two things? Do you see what I'm saying?

>> The ramp up period is over. So per the Board policy and per Measure J, the ramp period only applied for the first three years. And CEO and the County were required to get to the 10% set aside as of June 30, 2024 which is as of next month and we did that in the recommended budget about a year ago which is when we set the budget for 23/24.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Every year moving forward what happens?

>> Every year moving forward we do the calculation in column D and we look at the new 10% required set aside which this year is 306.44. We compare that to how much was in CFCI the year before and that's the increment that we budget.

And the increment could be positive or it could be negative.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Go ahead.

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>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I guess to clarify my question. My understanding is that the 10% would be calculated annually, right?

>> Correct.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: And the phase in to Member Knights question is it should be done ongoing. We calculated 10% and we're going to phase in that 10% once annually. Does that make sense? Is she.

>> Yeah and I think what we're not seeing in the worksheet is the 288.3 that is already baked into the County's ongoing budget.

And so the reason you see a 12.34 figure in D, row number 23, is because the 288.3, the budget from a year ago is already ongoing. And so if we do nothing in the budget and the number is zero -- and I'm not saying the number is zero -- but if we do nothing in the budget, the 288.3 is budgeted automatically on July 1st of 2024 for the next year.

You're only seeing 12.34 here because that is the addition that we have to add to the existing ongoing CFCI set aside amount to get you to 300.644.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So under what circumstances would the number -- because you mentioned just now prior to this question that it could be negative. Under what circumstances would that be the case?

>> The number can decrease from year to year, just like it can increase from year to year if the revenues overall go down. So if most of our revenues are from property tax so if interest rates stay high and people don't move and people don't buy houses and properties don't transfer, if our property tax doesn't grow from year to year which is rare, the number could go down.

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If our restricted NCC, meaning the amounts that we have to budget for costs that we cannot control, whether it's legal settlements, other legally mandated expenses, if those expenses go up then that would mean the set aside goes down. The number is related to both. So if revenues can go up or down in any given year, restricted NCC can also go up or down in any given year; when you run the math you get the net total.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The 288 is baked in and it goes negative, then what, the number comes from the 288? Is that what you're saying?

>> Correct. And I think we have not had a situation year over year where the number went down.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> And I think that's because in general property taxes go up. I can't recall an occasion in the last ten years where property tax has gone down. Maybe Vincent remembers. But in general, property taxes go up. But um ...

>> CHAIR STEELE: Gotcha. My last question and then I'll go to Reba and judge and then to you. The 288 is baked in. Moving forward. So like it is in column D. That 300 million and the -- I'm sorry. The 300, right, so it's baked in moving forward unless we make any recommendations to change it or if -- there can go more if there are additional dollars on top of the 288 that comes from the calculation or if we make any recommendations to change it? All governed by the policy, the Board policy; is that correct?

>> It is governed by the Board policy that the Board adopts, correct.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay. Let me come to judge and then Reba.

>> Keiu-Anh will you answer this question that I asked and I think you started answering it. The 10% can go down based on property taxes.

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>> SONGHAI ARMSTEAD: 430 submittal community organizations, we're committed to supporting the organizations and that's what we're doing in that frame. What's happening in the state and what is happening in the state and we don't know then what the long-term effects are.

If we're looking at the budget next year and the NCC goes down and the budget changes, what happens to the funds that everyone is expecting. People ask me this question and I'm not in the position to answer it so I'm going to ask you.

>> Judge, I don't know if I have a full answer for you. I think we are, we think internally. We work internally with you and with your Staff to think through what the impacts may be if property taxes go down or if restricted NCC goes up.

If we were in a situation like that, I think we would look to any unspent funding, right? Either in the departments or elsewhere in the CFCI budget to bridge the gap. Right? And I think, with any County department, CFCI included, if we have ongoing service commitments like for permanent supporter housing beds or ODR lead beds -- sorry to keep choosing DHS. If we have ongoing commitments and we know that our revenues cannot sustain those commitments, I think CEO budget would work very carefully with the Board and with the affected departments and affected agencies to figure out: is the revenue reduction permanent and ongoing or a one-time blip.

The County as a whole has one time rain a day funds to address short-term short falls. If we knew the short fall was temporary in nature and that the real estate market would go back up in a few years, I think the County would try to identify one time funding to meet our short-term needs. If we

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thought the funding reductions were ongoing in nature, I think that would be a harder conversation.

>> CHAIR STEELE: To that same question, for all the people of that close to 400, 500 people or organizations that are represented here, there's an expectation, unless unforeseen circumstances put us in a posture where we have to make decisions about it or unless we recommend changes, funding is ongoing year over year, correct? Because the 288, 300 million is baked in. So those who already have those contracts, the resources for those contracts are baked into the budget every year?

>> Funding is ongoing but the 10% calculation changes year to year. I think if we got to that situation, if the number this year is 300.6. If the number next year was 290 and I'm just throwing that out, I think we would have a conversation with the judge and the Board of Supervisors to figure out what the path forward is.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I think that's important to note because this 12 million to your question earlier, Member Williams, the things that we had also added on a list for dollars it took \$12 million, the next budget may not be that.

If we're thinking about long-term things that we want to have allocated to these resources, that part just has to be considered, you know. Whatever we decide. I just want to add that to the context based on what I'm hearing. Member Stevens.

>> REBA STEVENS: Hi. So I can't help but wonder when we think about 10% of the budget, the over all budget, in my opinion, it should be the very top enough off the top. Not after you have taken away or did all these deductions, right? So I'm just curious as to whether or not these deductions

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are necessary to deduct before you look at the 10%? Because the 10% comes after all of this. Is that not correct?

>> Correct.

>> REBA STEVENS: Correct. And is it written somewhere? And I think that everybody should be thinking about what I'm saying. I mean, you really should be thinking about what I'm saying.

>> [unintelligible].

>> REBA STEVENS: Yes all the way across. If, and I think we should be researching it and investigating and all of that kind of stuff. But it would make more sense for the purpose of Measure J if those, if that 10% came off of that \$9 billion off the top. And then you can still do all your deductions, right? And which you need to do. But it should come off the top. Because this is about, this is about needs in the community.

And I'm going to be very honest with you. Even with the dollars in which we have which is truly appreciated, necessary, and needed, it's not enough. And we're finding that it's not enough. And so I would hope that this body would think about what I'm saying and either look at the language, the original language --

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah. Mmm hmm.

>> REBA STEVENS: And/or to advocate for the 10% to come off of that top number. And then guess what? The whole community, all of us, we would all understand. We would all get it real good [laughs].

>> CHAIR STEELE: To that end, that is part of why we wanted to make sure the language was here and present in this conversation. Part of what you're saying, budget is following the policy. Right? The way that a policy is

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written is, it has two; it has two sides of the coin with the ramp up and all of that. But the process to actually, like, the number being taken off after all of these things, it's indicated in the policy piece that was written not for Measure J but for CFCI.

>> REBA STEVENS: So then we need to go back.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I agree. I agree. I agree.

>> REBA STEVENS: We need to go back to the original form and do the right thing.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Measure J doesn't describe what the process to allocate the unrestricted funds is and CFCI went further and determined that. This whole spread sheet is based off of the CFCI budget policy that was created, right? So the Measure J language doesn't determine how to calculate. So you're absolutely right -- the policy language -- the County is saying to us, the CFCI language is the one that got passed by the Board that they're governing and that that's the one his team is doing this job off of. We need to change that language. That's what I'm finding from this whole process. We need to change the language. Member Castillo?

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I was just going to say I don't know that they are following the process or they are interpreting it. There is a difference there.

The other thing that's coming up for me is a question around Measure J as a charter amendment. How is the CEO's office thinking about that I know you have laid out very beautifully the difference in the language. But we're now under a County charter amendment so how will that come into play now that Measure J is constitutional?

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>> And CEO has always implemented CFCI as if Measure J was still in effect. And now that Measure J is back into effect, that doesn't change the way that CFCI will continue to implement, whether you call it CFCI or Measure J. And so we model the language of the Board policy which I can walk you through if you would like, on the text of Measure J.

So there are minimal changes in the required text under the charter and in what's in the Board policy today. And I can walk you through those if you want me to jump there. Or we can walk through the ongoing NCC by department schedule.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I guess my follow up question would be, is there now both a Board policy and a charter amendment? At the same time?

>> There is. There is.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: So will there be, how are we navigating both? Because they are slightly different, right? In that the charter amendment can only be changed by the will of the LA County voters. The Board policy can be adjusted by the Board of Supervisors because it's their policy. If they are both in effect, can you just clarify the logistics there if those conversations are happening?

>> We will have to update the Board policy to reflect the exact language of Measure J and it already reflects almost all of the language. I presume we will adjust some of the language that may not be relevant any longer.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Like the ramp up?

>> Like the ramp up, for example. In the Board policy. We cannot adjust the charter language. That can only be changed by the voters. But we will have to adjust the Board policy to reflect the actual text of Measure J.

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>> MEGAN CASTILLO: That would still be a Board policy? That would not be the charter.

>> Correct. The charter is in effect already. The Board policy includes the language that was imagined when Measure J was drafted to set forth the rules and regulations and kind of the practices as the Chair noted in determines the set aside and in administering Measure J.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The charter doesn't dictate the process.

>> Correct.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It says what the practice should be, but it doesn't say what the process to get to the number should be. So, so even if we, if we say scrap the Board policy. Just go with Measure J, Measure J doesn't tell us how to actually determine the number. And if we want Measure J to do that, the vote of the people have to do that. If we go by the policy, we can advocate to the Board of Supervisors and say your policy is messed up this way and this is the way we want to change it and we want it to follow this protocol and have them change the policy. We just have is to determine how we want to approach the change.

That's what I'm reading from the language. Member Williams, Member Knight?

>> WESLEY CRUNK: My question has been answered.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: Measure J, the processes. Page ten of 21. On the original charter. Is that the inclusive and transparent process of allocation of funds which I don't feel has been met in my time here on the committee. I feel like the spread sheets and the changing language, the decisions that are made behind closed doors, that doesn't include this body, advisory body was

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meant to have more teeth in the beginning of implementation through Measure J is to revisit our power as an advisory Board and what our duties would be and that in Item 18 on 18, 21, and 2, is I'm not sure that we have -- have we fulfilled all the recommendations of the returning from incarceration Work Group? I don't know that we have or not. Reverting back to the charter is going to be very key now that it's constitutional how we do things because I don't think that the County --

You'll see on the other page, they have written three extra pages of stuff in red. This ain't Jesus words either. I would be mindful of that. There's a lot of added language. So everything necessary to get to the process but as much as we can refer back to the original charter in Measure J and the will of the voters. There's even sections in there -- talking about, is it business investment and minority owned and it says specifically Black owned but the County has that crossed out. The original language of Measure J has the focus of Black owned businesses and I think those things need to be honored for the voters.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I agree with that full stop.

The other side I also want to indicate on this to everyone and I know we're having the exercise of the language and what we want to get to and what we want to see. But I don't, I also don't want to pose the posture of throwing the baby out with the bath water. What we have has put a lot of people in their organizations in the posture to do work in the community and this one of the underscores that I want to put into this is the understanding that 288 that is being put to action, unless we decide to make a change, is continuing on every single year for those folks.

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How we add more money to the pot to add more opportunities for people to continue to do the work, I'm definitely, we need to continue to have that conversation and figure out how we go about that. But I think one of the wins in this is making sure that that 288 is definitely there in the budget and that's what the budget is telling us. Like unless unforeseen circumstances that lowers the number which, if it's a onetime thing, the first step that budget is going to do is go through the rain a day fund and not necessarily come to us to like oh, we're going to have to cut these things.

But in the idea of it increasing this number goes higher and if we want to add to the pot of it and support the various programs that the departments are doing and programs the third party administrator is supporting and the different ways we have brought forward in concert with community Members to say this is the way we want the resources to be spent. That stuff still remains part of the promise of what we've been trying to do for CARE first. But I believe, and I agree, like, we have to get to the point where that 10% is actually coming out of the full number, not the distilled VOCA process that has actually turned into overtime.

Any other additional thoughts on this? I don't know, Member Knight, you had your hand up.

>> Member Knight: Yeah, I just had another technical process question. Does CEO already have delegated authority to make those adjustments to the Board policy that you discussed? Or would that have to go back to the supervisors first?

>> It would have to go back to the Board for approval.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: I think, when I heard that the first time when we were meeting with them and also hearing it again, for one of the first times for me it was like okay, I know what we can do to change this.

There's been an ongoing back and forth about this issue for the last three and a half years if not longer about how do we actually make sure that the full funding of Measure J actually can take place, right? There has not been an answer to that question in the last three years. We've seen it and we've understood it and now looking at the numbers and looking at the language, it's like okay, I see where the disconnect is between what we see and what we want to have happen versus what the County is actually enacting and doing work around. You know? Member Reba.

>> REBA STEVENS: I think too it's important to look at the current climate and the increase of people becoming unhoused and the mortality rates that have just been released. There's a lot of changes that has happened but it's also that numbers are growing, you know, of disparity. And so I think that that should also be included in the ask or in the advocacy for these adjustments because the adjustments are necessary.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> REBA STEVENS: The other thing I was sitting here thinking about because I'm sitting right next to Dr. Ghaly and I was thinking to myself, what is that like for County department, all of the County department, that are, their budget is shaved as a result of Measure J. And then this process.

And I'm not suggesting that they say anything. But it just made me think about the fact that there is still, you know, I don't want to use the word loss, but it's a deduction. You know, and so there has to be -- I just

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want us to be very thoughtful about everyone, including those who are taking a cut, if you will, for this Measure J. Does that make sense?

>> CHAIR STEELE: It does.

>> REBA STEVENS: Where is the real balance for everyone to make sure that everyone is feeling good about the direction in which we're going. That's all.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Any department leaders here at the table, their work is care first in nature, right? And again, this was in response to the police departments, the sheriff departments killing people, incarcerating folks and it's an alternative to that. I feel like the shaving shouldn't come from the departments doing work and doing work on behalf of the people. It comes from those who are the antithesis of that. And when you look at the breakdown of the NCC dollars and how they are actually spent, I'm looking at the sheriff department first yo bro you need to come off of some of that so we can do our work the way we need to.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: We meet on Tuesdays.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Crunk. Then Rev and to Veronica. I'm coming around this edge and then we need to wrap it up and get to the next part.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: I feel that we may be off topic and I did have a question that supports what you were saying. So in your capacity, you basically just coming in reading a budget. Are you connected to or are you the person that can go in and do the rewriting? I notice when we're saying that, you're looking like, I get it.

>> Are you asking me if I'm going to draft the new Board policy?

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>> WESLEY CRUNK: Do you have connection to take the information back because where are on you about it because I'm trying to see, are you that person?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Whose side are you on?

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Not that. I just would hate to go asking a lot of questions to the wrong person and that you got it.

>> My unit at CEO budget would be responsible for drafting out revisions to the Board policy which of course would have to go through the CEO's office and the Board.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Okay so we are pulling on the right leg, that's good. The second thing is I've never seen them in the room and maybe we have this information, with the breakdown of what each entity does with the money. Maybe it's in there. But like you said, when this was to be an alternative to incarceration, I do find it ironic that the sheriff department who, I mean, they do great. We need sheriffs but most of their job is going to come down to incarceration. They have to incarcerate criminals or whatever, right? So, I would like to see some of the programs that they have that is altering incarceration.

Maybe we've seen it or not. But to have the majority of the share of these funds -- I mean, I remember DARE and stuff like that. I mean, I think -- I tried to say no and all of that. The community, I just think that we -- am I making sense? To be the biggest reaper of funds that are alternatives to what you do. Is there anybody in here from the sheriff's department?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Maybe next.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: That's all.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much, Member Crunk. Member Lewis?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I'll try to be quick though this may be a loaded question.

Given that your three, 88 million which is basically 264 million over three years, help me understand if it's an annual commitment, what is the reason there's only 12 million as opposed to, what looks like it would be 100 million each year? What am I missing?

>> It's 12 million because that is the addition that we had to add to the base ongoing budget to reach 300.6. That's year four.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: But in addition to what? Because Year 3 – we haven't -- there was not an allocation yet for Year 4, so why would Year 4 not be the full 10%.

>> Year four was the 10% as was year three. The 10% figure is recalculated each year when we set the budget. So, a year ago when we ran the calculation based on revenues and restricted NCC, we got to the number of 288.319 which is where we got the 288 figure from.

When we ran the calculation again as we determined the budget for 24/25, the new number for 24/25 is 300.6. And because the 288.3 is already in the budget, we added 12.34. So if you add 288-point --

>> VERONICA LEWIS: You're saying adding. You're adding to year three. We've had three rounds. Year one was a hundred million plus ARPA dollars. Year two a hundred million. Year three -- if we were to allocate for year four it should be considered for the full 10%. What am I missing?

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>> Can I offer a clarification on the chart? I think you have to key Juan correct me if I'm long but rows 21, 22, 23 are annual numbers. Those are not one time and they are additive and those continue on.

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: And so you do get to the 300 per year four. They just didn't carry forward the number.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: We don't have a year four allocation, doctor Ghaly.

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: They didn't repeat the number. It applies to column D and just not rewritten there.

>> VERONICA LEWIS: There's no ramp up. I still don't. Okay. Trying to move on.

>> 288 was the full year three number and year four is 300.644 and when the judge looks at her CFCI budget as a whole as of July 1st, she'll see 300.644 and that is the number that is in the budget book that we printed for 24/25.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. Again, yeah.

>> Am I next?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yes and then we're going to wrap it up because we want to get to the conversation about how we allocate.

>> Thank you for your presentation. I appreciate it.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: I was at a rally this week in front of the Board of Supervisors around the budget and a brother Keely was talking about the fact that he knocked on doors a long way to get 1.3 million people out to vote for Measure J.

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On the offices that we were going to get this 10% of funding and also that we're going to close Men's Central jail which obviously has not happen. I was looking at Lindsey Horvath's statistics of budget priorities and one has \$3 million allocated to close Men's Central jail. And I would make a small plea for us to think about considering that we shouldn't have to, investing some of this money into closing men's central jail as well. I also would encourage the County into hiring someone like Kenneth Mejia. I think the way he presents budgets for the City of LA is clear transparent and shows a lot where the waste is happening, and I think we need somebody like Kenneth in your office, not that you're -- I understand you have certain limitations, and you're not here to speak for the County. It's clear that the County and I'm not talking about the department heads -- whom I've gotten to grow and have a relationship over the last three, four years -- but that the County Board and CEO's office, -- those 1.3 voters weren't happy with how those allocations were being made and that's why we're here. I would take that commitment and that anointing from the community very seriously. I'm not saying we're not -- as we move forward and we're advocating for the rest of the money, because that's why we're here. That's our North Star. That's my North Star. My native community and all of my other brothers and sisters in the Black, LGBTQ, and other brothers and sisters in the community.

>> Member Eakins -- Are there opportunities for the committee to make recommendations to the Policy since we can't do anything to the Charter -- that a voter type thing? Is it possible for us to make recommendations to the language that amends the way the policy sort of reads so that it's more reflective of where we're trying to go with everything that that's been said here today?

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>> I'm happy to take any recommendations you would like to submit.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We'll officially make sure we submit them but I think you heard them loud and clear in this conversation today. We're going to definitely, and also for the annual, one of the things we're doing right now is also the evaluation -- not evaluation, I'm sorry. The reporting on the impact of the resources that are being utilize and yes, in that document as well, we can utilize that space to advocate for changes in the policy so that we can take that impact and exponentially grow it by making sure we get the appropriate amount of resources to be able to do the work. So yeah.

So yes, that's a really good question. Thank you for asking. It's 5:45.

>> REBA STEVENS: Can I just say thank you to Keiu-Anh. I really mean that. Thank you so very much.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. It's a hot mic over there for sure.

>> REBA STEVENS: You look like you were sweating a little bit and I was about ready to tell somebody, turn the air back on. I'm just kidding.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. Thank you very much.

>> Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: There's space for the discussion on the allocation. We got 15 minutes left in today's meeting. I don't really know how far we're going to go but I do want to lift up what Member Williams said which also a thought that came into the conversation coming in today thinking about as well, we did that work.

Right? I'm thinking about the additional resources that we can -- I'm sorry, types of programs that we want to support and different communities

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that we want to support with the additional dollars. Again, I do want to make sure that it is noted that this number that we have here as the way things are situated by the way things were provided to us that the three year commitment that the other organizations who have been selected to utilize resources are in the process of enjoying, that's not necessarily the case for these dollars because this number can change next year.

In thinking about that, one, it is okay, we take that in mind, and we try to adjust along the way each year. We can prioritize our list. Because I know there's some things that, like, the onetime fund would be great but I think ongoing funds would be even better. Do you know what I'm saying? I just want to raise that as a point of communication as we discuss this. I want to give this about ten minutes to breathe and then if we feel like we're comfortable in making a vote on that, we can do that and go to Public Comment at the same time as we wrap up the meeting. But if we're not, we have to come back to this. I'll take a step back and leave space.

>> Please clarify what you're asking us to determine what were comfortable making a decision on or not.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We're at least having a discussion. If we're comfortable after the end of discussion we can move to Item ten, we can do that and if not we'll have to come back to ten and 11 another our next meeting. Yes.

Any other additional thoughts on discussing on how we want to spend the 12.3 million because we do have it.

>> REBA STEVENS: Well, I always have ideas. I think that in this space many who have received funding -- because it would have to go to someone who already has a contract, right?

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>> CHAIR STEELE: uh-uh. No.

>> REBA STEVENS: It wouldn't? Then I have to think a little more.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: I have a recommendation.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Please.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: I think we should look at 12.5 we didn't get to allocate last year. Understanding we may not get full amounts on those, but we could still get as close and honor them as possible and understanding they may not be renewed in the following year. And thinking about is there a way we can potentially tuck maybe 2 million in a reserve of that 12 million for the following year in case we do experience a short fall. Or establishing a strategic reserve so that we can make a decision when we have short falls. I work in philanthropy and we're currently going through that. But yeah so It is my recommendation on that. But highlighting those priorities and of course with Men's Central and making sure that closes down.

>> REBA STEVENS: When he mentioned Men's Central jail I realize I think it's important that we're creating spaces for people to exit.

And I know that one of the projects was around ODR so you know, more beds. How can we acquire more beds.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got you. I want to say that the, what we're going to have to do in the next meeting is revisit the Items that did not get the allocations out of the 100 million budget that we put together after the last allocation and year 3-dollars. We don't have time to do that today. No. We got less than ten minutes.

>> [unintelligible].

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>> CHAIR STEELE: Oh.

>> [unintelligible]

>> CHAIR STEELE: We have to have the decision on the 12 million by July one? No. The full budget cycle so we have until August. Like the full, like, we could stretch it if we need to stretch it in our decision making.

>> [unintelligible]. Steele please.

>> It's at the discretion of the committee when to submit a spending plan for the year four amount of 12.3 million and change. In prior years I think the Board adopted the plan generally 12 months or so after they started the fiscal year. So if you submitted a plan this fall or sometime early next year, the CEO would review it and then proceed to the Board.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay.

>> So there is not a hard deadline is what I'm trying to say.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah and I want to give this the fullness of the discussion. Not feel like we're rushing it. Member Ghaly?

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: I know several people have mentioned the foundational ATI recommendations that was referred to in the initial Measure J language as they are printed here on some of the documents and I know many of us were at the Vera Convening a couple of weeks ago where it was really reviewed and discussed and I think a lot of people gave voice to the fact that they felt like CFCI should -- they expressed a desire for the CFCI committee to recommit to investing in those foundational ATI recommendations and in particular recommendations that were in support of MCJ closure. One suggestion is for this committee to really go back and revisit those, in particular. We could revisit the whole set of ATI

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recommendations but at the very least the foundational recommendations. And I don't know if that would then come from JCOD or elsewhere. But try to really understand to what extent is progress on some of those recommendations hampered because of lack of access to resources. And then where could expenditure or allocation of funding really help further progress on trying to get kick started some of those foundational recommendations.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I'm going to give an instruction to JCOD to -- two things. One, we need to make sure that that document is in the hands of everyone so that we can review it prior to the next meeting.

Let's have a conversation in our next leadership meeting to come up with a game plan of how to indicate what has been done and what has not. So that we can utilize that to People's advantage coming into the net meetings.

>> CHRISTINA GHALY: There are lead departments listed in that document that was presented to ATI, and so it's possible that some of the departments may be able to give voice but ATI which then rolled into JCOD is the official coordinator for lack of a better word, of those recommendations. They may very well have a tracking tool about where they are at and if they are able to present that or at least the foundational recommendations themselves pull be from the document, great, but it might be necessary for some of the departments to weigh in about where the progress at.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Indeed. Even still, even from Year one and year two. I think Year one had tiered recommendations as well. Like I said, there were recommends from last year's process that didn't make it because we had to pull -- there's 88 instead of a hundred.

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There's a series of different, we got a bevy of different options that we can move toward in trying to utilize these resources.

>> JOE WILLIAMS: They need to make a copy.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Lewis?

>> VERONICA LEWIS: I definitely think there are recommendations that generally the full Committee support. I got materials from the Vera institute. I want to flag the actual budget policy governing what we do calls out specific recommendations and we have to stick to that unless the Board of Supervisors are changing their mind. It's in line with what Dr. Ghaly said but a full report is not what we're governed to do. It's specific ones.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I receive that. Even the documentation we send out. I think it's important for us as a committee to review the recommendations that we provided the first three years. So that we can indicate what we have been able to successfully do and also things that are still, I mean, Men's Central jail has come up a couple of times but there was a lion's share of year 1 dollars that were supposed to be allocated toward the closing. Before we start thinking about utilizing these dollars towards that, making sure the resources we have already indicated to go towards that are being utilized as well.

>> It's now under JCOD.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's what I'm saying. We have to figure what that is looking like before we start talking about allocating more. Huh? So right now, the 12 million conversation is going to get tabled until the next meeting. So we're going to give you the resources to think about and so

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when we come back together we can make a decision on how we want to utilize the resources.

>> REBA STEVENS: I'm talking about, talking about -- Member Williams just referenced the budget hearing that happened on Wednesday. I was unable to attend.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> REBA STEVENS: And I'm not certain as to what happened in that meeting. But what role can this body play in weighing in on the budget? And that's the question that I'm asking.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I think one of our main roles and main ways we can definitely weigh in is making sure that these resources that we have are fully funded and utilized at the same time because it impacts the budget in those ways as well.

>> REBA STEVENS: So are you suggesting that we are going to write a letter or, I mean, what is the action?

>> CHAIR STEELE: We can come back together and decide what we want for the action. At this moment we don't have the answer to this question.

>> REBA STEVENS: Okay.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I want to move to Public Comment and then after that we'll move to close of meeting. General Public Comment.

>> As a reminder, the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users dial star nine to use the raised-hand feature. Dial star six to unmute yourself. Computer users scroll to reactions on the bottom tab to find the raise hand feature. Smartphone users scroll to more on the bottom

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tab to the raise hand feature on the drop-down menus. We will call you in the order your hand is raised. Please remember to state your full name. We will now begin the general Public Comments. Are there any Public Comments in the room?

>> REGINALD LAUDERMILL: Yes. I have a comment. My name is Reginald Laudermill -- President and founder of Inglewood Wrapping Arms. First and foremost I would like to thank the body for the transparency that you guys are doing and the hard questions. It's the laymen's like me, some of the budget stuff go over our head but at the same time you guys then made it a strong impact on our organization. You know, we received two grants from this body, you know, for youth services and safe of streets which helped us.

But at the same time our core foundation is housing. You know, we house the reentry, people coming out of prison and coming out of County jail and also homeless shelters. We haven't received any help on that time we had to closed two facilities because we are paying out of our pocket to house people. Recently, we have contracted with JCOD you know for three beds. You know, so but we have tons of people that's coming and asking for help. We can't house people for free. You know, it's just not feasible. But at the same time I don't want to get to put the impression that you guys aren't doing the work because we wouldn't be able to be here, we wouldn't be able to still have our doors open if it wasn't for JCOD because you guys do help us in the community.

So but at the same time we need to help the organizations that's actually out there trying to get these people off the street. You know, because they are us. We all was in the same position at one point in time. My organization, we were homeless, we were out there on the streets. We

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came from prison and all of those other things. We just want to be able to have our voices heard and have this body to look at funding more organizations that's actually housing people out there that's needing the help the most.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm.

>> Once again, I want to thank the body, JCOD, the Judge, you guys are a God send for real. So with that being said, thank you all for your time.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> Are there any Public Comments online?

>> We have six hands raised. Mr. Ramirez, go ahead with your comment, please.

>> HECTOR RAMIREZ: Thank you. My name is Hector Ramirez. I'm a person with a disability. And I think what I want to reiterate is the need to have the information available not only as it was presented today but also in plain language format to be able to ensure that we're able to have the necessary information to be able to advise and provide proper feedback to this community, having actual information available. That has been a request since I was on, I really ensured and so hopefully the next meeting that is available. I really want to uplift the last comments from Dr. Ghaly and May is mental health month and I can't help but remember that right now you're dealing with 12.3 million-dollars and -- last month the County settled 25 million-dollars wrongful suit for one of my peers who was trying to get mental health service. Deaf, Hard of Hearing, person with a disability and ended up being paralyzed because we are not able to access services that we have and often times horrible things happen. And yet, \$25 million

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had to be used for that instance and now you're really struggle dealing with what feels like [unintelligible] to our community with \$12.3 million. I think it really highlights the importance to really reiterate the original contract and purpose of this work and definitely look forward to continuing the issue with each and every one of you. I'm a big fan of Supervisor Horvath.

>> We have one more Public Comment in the room.

>> My name is Mark Sutton. My organization is Partners Building Community group. We are a violence interruption group. We also assist with gang Members in getting jobs and getting them off the streets. Housing. We have not received not one grant at all. Everything we do we do from out of our pockets. We have a specific strategy that's proven to work that interrupt violence when gang Members is actually shooting and murdering each other, we have a strategy that actually stops the retaliation and saves a lot of lives. And it's been hard for us. We have our own office. We pay our own rent. We don't have any funding coming from anywhere.

I'm here to say that it's an honor to be here listening to you guys talk and everything that you're doing is just awesome. And I believe in this panel. I believe that y'all know the right things to do. You have the right, you say the right things and you know exactly what need to be done.

Any assistance that can come our way would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you.

>> Thank you. Are there anymore Public Comments in the room? We will move to the telephone and Zoom.

>> We have five remaining hands. Reverend Alsop, go ahead with your comment, please.

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>> HOLLY ALSOP: Thank you so much. I'm really grateful for what the Committee is doing here today. Doing budgets is part of what I do as a grant writer and it helped a lot to break it down. Unfortunately there are restricted funds that the federal government controls and will not be allowed to allocate to Measure J. However, more clarity about how those funds are distributed would be helpful so we understand what department it's going to I think is wonderful.

Secondly, until we have legislation that changes the requirements for early release, we're not going to be able to close the men's jail. The law prevents it. And thirdly, I don't think 10% is going to be enough to house all of the men that are going to come out of that facility as we shut it down and the State of California penitentiary system also has to take their six or 7,000 inmates that are in that jail and redistribute them. So we have some really large hurdles ahead of us. I just don't want to lose sight of that. This is my passion why I come here. I want to see Twin Towers closed and I want to see organizations like the ones I work for and the ones I have heard spoken be able to access the funds.

So my third point is allocate money for technical assistance. Organizations that are shoestring are paying out of their own pocket do not have the ability to access the kind of professional support that they need to write budgets, maintain the proper insurance, to be eligible to receive the fundings and I encourage that and I thank you everyone for your service and welcome to the new Member.

>> Thank you. Mr. Byron, go ahead, please? I apologize. Byron.

>> BYRON JOSE: Good afternoon. I'm with the Trans Latino coalition and Reimagine LA. Thank you to the Advisory Committee for using your

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positionality and voice to again root your questions on the community and the values and also believe able to leverage that and get some sort of accountability or not just accountability but explanations from the CEO. The CEO team is a very big team and we look forward to their team, not just one or two individuals, being able to be there in support. And as folks continue is to say, the community Members are watching because this was a voter mandated effort and as we continue to implementing we want to make sure that investing continues to be actually calculated correctly to ensure that our communities are seeing the care where it's needed. And time and time you'll hear from different organizations, community groups that that need is there, and we have more than proven that. So how do we then engage the CEO's office as well as other County departments and stakeholders into being able to leverage that and provide the community the true investment we deserve. Thank you.

>> Thank you Byron, Mya Hendrix, you have the floor.

>> MYA HENDRIX: Good evening. I'm a member of the Reimagine LA Coalition and I want to thank the advisory body Members for investigating the County's budget and bringing this forward and having the CEO's office come and present and I urge us to continue investigating this policy and the recommendations that we would like to make on it. And for the County, after this presentation today, I understood two things.

One, that the County has had the past three years to make up whatever you want and feed it to us in a language that's hard for a lot of people to understand. And two, that care first is not the County's priority, considering that you calculate the 10% that goes to the community last. And it's extremely disheartening that the Board would even allow the restricted

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categories of CFCI dollars to include amounts committed to pay for court settlements, judgments and damages, especially considering the sheriff department is at the helm of the County's litigation costs. This is anything but Care First. So again to the CFCI body, I urge you to continue investigating and making recommendations and advocating at the County Board of Supervisors' meetings. Thank you.

>> Thank you, Mya. Califia Abwoon, go ahead with your comments, please.

>> CALIFIA ABWOON: Hello. I -- boy, this was a very disappointing meeting to me. I used to attend, I guess, the first two years. And to hear that your budget has been cut down to \$12 million? Considering the importance of this body. You know, what it all comes down to is words. It seems like the State of California that created this Measure J has not kept its word to the community and we've been going around in circles for a long time. But now when it's extremely important to all of us, for them not to keep their word again to the people?

... is disgusting. And I'm just, my heart is broken. You know? I appreciate the fact that you Board Members are discussing this budget, but you know what? Shame on California. Shame on the Measure J for even allowing this to happen when you give your word to the community who works so hard to put this care first jail last thing into place. It makes no sense that you guys are discussing \$12 million when you need 1 billion? And you actually need more than that. And then we're saying, you know, the reverend, I forgot her name, is saying that they even know this is not enough to close the jail? I mean, all of you guys on the Board should be on everybody's butt about this. This is disgusting.

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And I'm ashamed. I love California but this is, this is shameful. You don't go back on your word and do stuff like this. This is ridiculous. And I am Califia Abwoon from the Rack the reentry health advisory collaborative and my heart goes out to all of you Board Members but this should light a fire under your butts and you need to find out what the heck is going on and make them keep their word. And that's all I have to say for my comment.

>> Thank you. I see no other hands raised.

>> Seeing no more hands raised, back to you Chair Steele.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Chair Steele has left the building, but we are going to go ahead and conclude but before we head out, we wanted to make one official request to the CEO's office is to make the adjustments to the first page of the chart that you all shared with those subsequent years. Thank you so much for joining us this evening and thank you for everyone for your extra time. I know we've gone over a little bit but we just appreciate you all being here.

And that concludes our meeting.

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