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CHAIR STEELE: Are we on Zoom? Zoom is active? Rock and rolling. We don't have quorum yet. We will go ahead and start the meeting. Hi, everybody. How are you doing today? A good day. Lots of energy. Welcome to the meeting. Can we do the roll call? Let us do that first. Keep you on your toes over there.

Usually, he starts with everything else. I do.

>> We will now conduct the roll call. We ask all advisory committee members to be ready with a microphone before your name is called to be ready to announce attendance.

CHAIR STEELE: Hold that thought. Let us do disclosures first.

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CHAIR STEELE: I will jump into the land acknowledgment. The land beneath our feet is ancestral land of people that live in LA county for thousands of years. I would like for us to acknowledge the [FOREIGN LANGUAGE] these native people respected the land. The winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them to never take more than they could use. Always give back to mother earth. They are still here today and giving back to community. Thank you.

What is up, man? Going to labor acknowledgment. Most modern-day United States institutions have never benefitted, most modern day United States institutions have been fitted from the unaddressed legacy of stolen labor. Its vast and inequitable wealth. We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the [FOREIGN LANGUAGE]. Their suffering grew the economy.

While the 13th amendment technically ended slavery, we know the impact is still felt through violence. We recognize our debt whose labor was stolen. We acknowledge our collected debt to the Indigenous people. The Chinese immigrants that build railroads. Migrant workers who have worked for Pacific Northwest farms and canneries.

Labor continues to the well being of the community. Our economy relies on exploited labor of incarcerated people who earn pennies an hour. There are many people who are prevented from reaping the true benefit.

We mourn live, liberty, opportunity. All people of color have been robbed of wealth. Can we move to community agreement and then we will take roll? I will start. Be respectful of the diverse voices and remain open minded.

>> Be mindful of power dynamics as well as the historical disenfranchisement.

>> Be mindful of diverse audience. Make sure you speak with clarity.

>> Be collaborative.

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- >> Assume best intentions.
  - >> Challenge the idea, not the person.
  - >> Remember why we are here. To center black, brown, and Indigenous communities. Low income, trans, and gender nonconforming people.
  - >> Defer to community.
  - >> Transparency and follow through.
  - >> Allowing space for additional voices.
  - >> Let equity lead the way.
  - >> Make spaces for youth voices.
  - >> Allow community members to finish their sentence or thought during public comment.
  - >> Review community agreements before every meeting. Amend as needed. Be an active participant. Try to be in sync with your thoughts. Be begin CFCI meetings with a land acknowledgment statement respecting the Indigenous people of the land we now call LA county. Can we please take the roll.
  - >> We will now conduct the roll. We ask all members to be ready with a microphone before your name is called. So you can be ready to announce your attendance. If you can't unmute, raise your hand so we can assign cohost privileges. If you call in, you can unmute by pressing star six.
- Raise your hand with star nine. If you participate remotely, indicate this by stating present remotely when your name is called. We will start by last name. When your name is called, please say present or present remotely.
- Member Armstead
- >> Adam Bettino.
- MEMBER CARBAJAL: Present.
- MEMBER CASTILLO: Present.

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>> Member Contreras.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Present.

>> Member Crunk.

MEMBER CRUNK: Present.

>> Member Cyrus Franklin.

MEMBER CYRUS FRANKLIN: Present remotely. In the room in two minutes.

>> Member Ferrer or alternate. Member Eakins? Member Fuentes Miranda? Member Garcia? Member Hong? Member Lewis.

>> Present. Jackie Morris.

>> Whitney White.

>> Member Nishiyama? Member O'Brien? Member Schoonover.

>> Present.

>> Member Scorza.

>> Alternate present.

>> Member Soto.

>> Alternate. Present.

>> Chair Steele.

CHAIR STEELE: I am here.

>> Stevens.

>> Present.

MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Present.

MEMBER MYK'L WILLIAMS: Present.

>> Member Wong. This meeting have reached quorum. I this Member Eakins is online. They can't unmute.

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>> Thank you.

CHAIR STEELE: Let us get to Item 7. The meeting minutes from October 24, 2024. See if anyone wants to make a motion. Motion to approve. Seconded. Is there adjustments or questions?

Let us move to public comment. Any questions there?

>> This commences public comment period. It will be one minute per person. For those online who like to provide public comment, please use the raise hand feature now. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised. Please state your full name for the minutes. Before starting, your hand will be lowered once completed public comment. Star nine to raise your hand. We will say your name or the last digits when it is your turn. Star six to unmute.

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>> San Fernando valley.

>> I am the alternate. I had my raised. I am the alternate for Member Fuentes Miranda.

>> J.M. Hunt. There are no other hands raised.

CHAIR STEELE: We move to vote.

>> As a reminder, if you would like to submit a written public comment please e mail JCOD by 5:00 p.m. the day before the meeting. I will pass it back to Chair Steele.

CHAIR STEELE: We can move to vote. Thank you.

>> We will begin the vote for the approval of the minutes for October 24, 2024.

MEMBER CARBAJAL: Aye.

MEMBER CASTILLO: Aye.

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MEMBER CONTRERAS: Aye.

MEMBER CRUNK: Aye.

MEMBER CYRUS FRANKLIN: Aye.

MEMBER EAKINS: Aye.

>> Lima? Melena?

>> Aye.

>> Morris.

>> Aye.

>> White.

>> Aye.

>> Member O'Brien? Knight?

>> Aye.

>> Wuraola.

>> Aye.

>> Ruiz.

>> Aye.

CHAIR STEELE: Aye.

>> Stevens.

>> Aye.

MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Aye.

MEMBER MYK'L WILLIAMS: Aye.

>> Motion passes.

CHAIR STEELE: Fantastic. You are Member Scorza replacement. I think they pronounced it wrong. Do you want to clarify? You got that?

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>> WURAOLA.

CHAIR STEELE: [Reading]. That is me. Thank you. Getting into the agenda, we have a few things to discuss. Having a discussion set aside for interpretation. We have had some conversations about the interjected. At this point, to pick back up where we left off, we have county budget here last.

I think there have been things we learned. We tried to ask for interpretations from outside of the understanding of county budget.

We learned as a catch up was the county budget did their best to mimic what was written in measure J when they came forward with the motion for how the allocation of funds would be written.

Their interpretation of it included two things that were important. Measure J funds are decided upon after everything else. It is not necessarily care first. To change it, it has to be a request by the Board of Supervisors to make a shift in how the allocations take place.

The interpretation of this -- we wanted to see if we could have a conversation with county council. The discussion went back to the CEO. County budget is back today. To answer any questions. I wanted to discuss about what we see for further allocations now that measure J has become law.

To make sure we are all on the same accord. If there is advocacy that we move in that direction with the agreement of everyone here.

I want to open the floor to have the discussion. I can kick it off by saying the position I have and I am sure there are others is that the first three cohorts. We said years. It got confusing. Three cohorts so far. Of measure J funds 87 million the first year. That is because there was dollars added to it. Second year was \$100 million.

This year was an additional 12.3. It was a corrections of sorts. We calculation. With that being said, the question at hand is about cohort four, five, six. The original intention for the community and the people that did

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the work to get it passed was there to be an on going set of resources available for community investments and alterative incarceration.

First question on the table. do we agree in this body? Don't be shy. It is okay.

MEMBER WILLIAMS: I am tired of speaking. I feel like the initial 47 million, it was taken from us and put to another department to decide where the money goes. It was stressful. It was a chunk. That won't be redistributed through the formula we had. I want to remind people.

Last time it was intentionally done to move it away from us. We saw in the budgeting process, they talked about calculating the unrestricted funding, they were building the plane while flying it. I am a history major. Context is important. We fought to keep the dollars.

To make sure we get the dollars that need to go back to community. I want to jog everyone's memory. We are in a fight.

CHAIR STEELE: Received.

>> This is alternate for Member Fuentes Miranda. We are not getting the amount measure J called for. It is important to look in that context.

CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Anyone else?

>> What can we do? Can we write a letter?

CHAIR STEELE: I will get to that. The first question is the agreement of the premise. I am with you. I am going there next. I am going there next. It is a sticky situation for the departments here. We are a collective. It is okay to express it to navigate the conversation together. What is the unreadiness? The things keeping you from speaking directly to it.

>> I am happy to weigh in. My hesitancy is not knowing the details and knowing how the funding should work. I think the other factor is over the last few months, we have been told as department heads that we are facing costs from lawsuits. The budgets will be impacted. I value the work here. I am not sure of the logistics. How that would play out.



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CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Received all the way. That is a conversation we can tackle. We start to think about the different tactics in the engagement. This is not lost on us at all. We know the urgencies that exist. There is the one aspect of making sure resources are protected. The opportunity from where resources come as well.

>> Thank you for the space and Member Contreras for opening the door on this. I understand the logic and the math. How they got to this. I wasn't at the table at the start of this. I understand the logic. The world I live in. Not everyone lives in that world. I have to follow five. Defer to community on it.

CHAIR STEELE: Received.

MEMBER CRUNK: Wasn't here at first. Wrapping my head around procedures and policy. We are bored. We are bored. Was supposed to be the go between the bureaucratic and community. I made a comment last time. It was heated in here. I was feeling slighted. I don't want to go into what member Stevens said. I watched a lot of good things happen. Whether I understood or not in these last four years. It takes the right people to make it happen. I don't want to fumble the positions. End up with people that may not have the community's best interest at heart. If it is a situation like that, I don't know if that is possible. I wouldn't want that to happen if that makes sense.

>> In response to Member Crunk who has a birthday today.

CHAIR STEELE: What. Time out.

>> Happy birthday to you. Happy birthday, happy birthday. Happy birthday to you.

CHAIR STEELE: All right. His is tomorrow.

>> Happy birthday to you.

CHAIR STEELE: What? Happy birthday.

>> My comment is especially when we don't know where the money is. Talking about the money that has been administered. Levels of

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accountability. Particularly from the county contracts. Understanding. We have a homeless and housing crisis. I understand there are thousands of beds out there. The question is how do we determine what CFCI is funding.

CHAIR STEELE: To that end. Can you let us know where we are update wise on the analysis, the funding analysis that we had done back in April. Has there been work to update it?

>> We are working to make the county department spend on data, the ones we presented, publicly available, so you have more accessibility.

CHAIR STEELE: Timeline?

>> I don't. We are working on it. I could come back.

>> I would like to make a recommendation. This has been an on going discussion and ask for calendar.

Why don't we recommend that we as a body have a calendar and advance notice to county departments so they show up. We can't talk about more money. I can't keep asking or getting behind us asking if I can't see some accountability.

I think we could do both. I have a difficult time. They are locked in. We move from there. Should I make a motion?

CHAIR STEELE: No, recommendation received. We will take it to come up with a strategy to bring to you all for sure. Maybe a calendar.

>> If I may, can you share the plan for the new closer work with county departments starting tomorrow?

>> We are launching a more robust compliance system. We reestablish a new data tool as well as open office hours. Along with the financial dashboard as well as the data dashboard for each program.

We are putting into place more to have a window in and transparency.

CHAIR STEELE: This is not utilizing the data document.

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>> This is ongoing data reporting. Evaluation work will be a different process. We will take in that information.

CHAIR STEELE: For clarity, can you define the difference between data work and what evaluation is? How you are assessing both.

>> The data work we do will inform the evaluation tools. By the third party. They will take in multiple types of information including narratives from the departments and grantees. Other points of interest. It will be quality and quantitative.

CHAIR STEELE: The deeper analysis of things happening with the resources. It includes financial positions and outcomes and impact.

>> Some programs were funded and off to the races. That context around implementation and the progress since then will be present to give you all more context.

CHAIR STEELE: You probably were not prepared for this. We have a timeline on the work around the evaluation.

>> JCOD anticipates a third party evaluator in the first quarter of the year.

CHAIR STEELE: I want to acknowledge what you have lifted up. As far as the regular day to day business. What the constraints are for the entire county. A lot of money being spent in pay outs. Is it the feeling of asking the question? Is that where your mind is going as well? Because of the budget constraints.

>> I think it was more understanding what cuts we will be taking. I wasn't as clear in terms of this work. I want to add one other component. As someone who leads a department that doesn't receive CFCI dollars but if you look at my budget, I have an absolute responsibility to the same population. I struggle when we say we will purchase beds.

I don't ever have a good picture of how that is happening as a whole. That may be outside of the scope of this body. If we will have the impact we want to have, it shouldn't just be dollars we are over seeing. It should be where are they going as a whole.

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CHAIR STEELE: I think toward that end, the evaluation work will help us get that picture. A full understanding of the movement and the reach.

>> We have measure A dollars about to go live. What does that mean when we talk about homelessness and housing?

CHAIR STEELE: I will go to Member Castillo.

MEMBER CASTILLO: I think this is a good question that you are raising. We don't have those conversations in this space. Our work is connected to what is also happening. Invite more to draw those connections.

This is not functioning in a vacuum and shouldn't be functioning in a vacuum. The more we can bring in that perspective, I think the better off we are at the populations we are aiming to serve. The evaluation is specific and doesn't grasp the fullness of the county departments and efforts happening within JCOD and in tandem how we are bringing that into this space.

CHAIR STEELE: Good question.

>> I still fund 100CBOs a year. The big conversation about what the number is to set aside is important from the context of what does new administration coming in and the anticipated cuts and other pressures, the denominator to identify the ten percent will shrink.

Programming will shrink. There are anticipated cuts. Safety net. When those get cut, who picks up the slack? The evaluation of our programs on what has been invested is partial to a bigger conversation. When the board starts making decisions about who we fund or don't.

Showing the impact and the value and the bigger picture. They are supporting and uplifting. It will be a big, critical part of the conversation. Difficult to have if the data is not there. We can articulate the value of the work that has happened with the current investments.

>> A lot of these programs have been in operation. What does evaluation look like? Curious, how you all are thinking about 37 and 36. The budget cuts are happening. The county's budget is growing. My brain is all over the

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place. Just curious. I would love to hear more to think through what some of the solutions are. I see Member Bettino.

>> To speak to that last point, we are at this interesting time. We are bringing the evaluator now.

[CAPTIONER CHANGE 5:00 PM]

>> ADAM BETTINO: And people are asking questions or have been asking questions. Part of the rationale -- and you can check my history here and part of the rationale is --

We're on track in terms of what we said we should do at the very beginning. I think my history is correct there. However, we do have data, particularly from the it. PA and we're starting to look at that to see what story can be told from those data sets now. In other words, and I will say admittedly, just speaking for myself when we talk about impact from CFCI and what it means to police department capacity and how to define them clearly. Telling how this is what capacity looks like or impact looks like. I don't know if we're there. We're going to have to be doing hand holding. We're close to that point. We, not just JCOD, shaping what does that story actually look like and what are the definitions coming to be through the discussion.

Remembering, we haven't done this before and this bore out as we started doing even conversations with potential evaluators, it was a clear challenge to kind of get our hands around what this thing is and what it's going to be.

In the meantime, I say all of that because there's a story to be told with the data we have now and to your point Member Carbajal, it's essential we do that. There is a huge advantage of having the dollars out. We intend to do that very quickly with on you are data team internally to see what information we can put out there about the amazing working done. The third-party administrator is doing a lot of advocacy for the grantees themselves.

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They are spending a huge amount of time making sure people have the support they need to be successful and then we are coming behind and offering additional support, our mighty team that is not huge but mighty, right, is going behind and filling in whatever we can to make sure that when orgs are having difficulty with some of the requirements, when it's clear they need a little bit more assistance, TPA AMITY is doing that and we're coming behind and making sure we're keeping this as care first as possible. To ensure too that there's responsibility. That there's some responsibility with these funds going out into the community.

Having said all that, that's kind of where we're going. We need to define all of this. We need to define these things. It's new.

We find ourselves in a very interesting time as a County. I know you're in meetings on a regular basis and I get the downloads in the meetings within tense conversations happening at the county level. We want to be clear about what it is, what's actually although risk, right? So the better we can tell the story, we're going to be in much better shape when it comes to some of the conversations about what needs to be coming.

>> CHAIR STEELE: This might be a stupid question. I got you. Member Stevens and then Member Crunk. Again, question, because I don't think this macro-picture of the effectiveness of the County, whose responsibility is that report?

>> MEMBER CRUNK: That was my question.

>> JOEY WILLIAMS: That was part of my question.

>> CFCI.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Got you. Does that even exist?

>> JOEY WILLIAMS: Maybe my question could put this together. I understand about evaluation and my time in philanthropy and when talking about the overall concept of CFCI Black and Indigenous when we are evaluating and we're not evaluating to be punitive to punish folks. I don't want to go down that slope because I'm not sure who from this team is

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choosing the evaluator and do they have experience working with folks of color with a lens. I know you're next to me.

I don't want to say include County like whoever is getting the grant should be a part of the evaluation but as long as it's not going to be a punitive thing but a learning to like what's working and what's not and how we make different decisions like funding scopes and unlike proposition 47, it's going to take a lot longer to undo 400 years of colonial settlerism and institutional racism. Making you feel uncomfortable.

2 million of the voters wanting us to invest in a different direction and not investing more in a carceral system. I guess an update of who the evaluator is and what their credentials are and who is a part of picking them would be nice to have as we're moving forward.

Will the County grants be included inside that evaluation as well. I know I've said this many times before and I'm sure Amity is tired of me saying that. Who is going to evaluate Amity?

>> ADAM BETTINO: The third.

>> We can share where we are in the process next meeting.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah.

>> JOEY WILLIAMS: Is any body part of that or JCOD?

>> CHAIR STEELE: We gave guiding thoughts on leadership. Evaluation team provided guiding document with North Star and we did that work early on and to utilize those tools to be able to put forth.

>> JOEY WILLIAMS: So we should have a good product?

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's the goal. That's the hope. I do want to circle back to the question.

>> JOEY WILLIAMS: Was there a question? I hope.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You touched on it.

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>> MEMBER CARBAJAL: I agree with Member Williams. I think we should be part, those of us getting funded should be a part of that evaluation. I want to go back to something Member Crunk has said earlier. From a selfish perspective the CBOs receiving grant and building capacity, that's of advantage to me. When I see -- who is a part of the work I'm asked to do, it's validated through this cohort and it creates value and capacity too and that has to be recognizing as a part of the work in this body tool.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Stevens and then Member Crunk.

>> REBA STEVENS: I appreciate the discussion and I applaud you, truly. The question is, are all the County departments spending down those dollars? And what are unspent, currently, particularly from Year one. And without knowing that. Because while you can, you're being successful and the CBO and how they make you look, every department doesn't feel that way.

You know, even just -- I don't know if it was last year. I had raised this question and one of the department representatives said to me, oh Reba, don't worry about it. It's like money in the bank. The truth of the matter is I cringed inside. It's not about money in the bank. It's money in the community and the dollars have to hit the ground and do something to improve the quality of someone's life and it's somewhat insulting.

I say that to say it's the exact opposite. So unless we really know where those dollars go and we should know that immediately. We should know if the dollars are spent or not spent and we should know it in real time. There is no time like now. I'm going to say this and be quiet. I wrote down a few things.

It was talked about the Federal Government and federal cuts and lawsuits. The truth of the matter is, honey child, where I live folks have already been hurting and hurting for a very, very long time and we don't care about your federal cuts and lawsuits because if we do better perchance, we won't have all of these lawsuits.



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Y'all probably don't want to hear what I'm saying but I have to keep it really real. The bottom line is people are hurting now. It's already not enough money. But we're worried about the cuts and what's going to happen. When we should be concerned about the pain and the suffering that's happening right now, people have empty beds and we got 75,000 people outside.

Help me understand that. And that's the direct -- no need to respond. That's the direction I'm going because the bottom line is that this is serious business, y'all. And I'm going to keep bringing it. Scheel for sure. For sure. Member Crunk.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: When I hear evaluation, I'm a little bit in education, you know, there has to be a rubric and what I was saying is, as long as we've been in here, is there that already created on how impact -- and then is that per capita, per dollar? Because some of these programs don't get the same amount as some of these other programs and then the impact. Impact to what? To what they are actually doing? Or to the reason that all this was put together? Is that impact alternative to incarceration? If that makes sense.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Mmm hmm. Mmm hmm.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: If you're cutting certain things, is that being put into consideration. This only got half of what they was asking so are they only asked to do half of impact? I mean, I hope I'm making sense.

>> CHAIR STEELE: You are.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: To do this at the back end of after everything happened is like, if there are cuts coming, the cuts are going to come before you even get done creating whatever. And now, I don't know. My biggest thing is I'm trying to watch what I say because I'm also here representing an organization. But he it end of the day, I don't like feeling like I'm just a puppet. I don't like feeling like I'm in position to do somebody dirty work when I knew I was going to be dirty any way. But I just don't want to be

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called that and blame it on the people we put in place when you didn't give us the power to help any way.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's received. That's received. I think couching everything we're talking about into the original premise of this portion of the conversation of how we make sure we're all on the same page for the ask moving forward about the continuation of the original Measure J funding coming through so we can do, so the organization that may have gotten half, being able to see what they are able to do and also scale -- is that part of what we want to do? I don't know. What we do with the funds is one thing but I think the whole ask of making sure the funding continues on is a different expect of it as well. Do you know what I mean?

I think everything that y'all raising are all tied to the original premise, right? I think the evaluation piece and even's measure of impact, to be able to show how many is actually there makes the case for the ask that we have too as far as asking for additional funds, right?

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: If I put myself in the seat of one of the supervisors and we just get this request and there was no, no understanding of like, the resources that are already there and what does it do and I can't answer the question? It's a hard question to deal with. Go ahead.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I do feel like that argument is slightly nuanced because if you don't investor fund it to the scale of the issue, it will be very hard to say that it works.

>> CHAIR STEELE: True story. True.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: We have toto the line with that component. We want to be able to say is works before giving merchant but you should be able to say is works thinking through what I'm hearing coming up and as a potential next step is we are in a different phase in this program, this initiative, I don't know what we want to call it. And maybe now is the time to exercise like this space as, like a working space for some of the County departments to really talk about; okay, here, here's what's working for us.

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Here's what's not working for us. Here are where some of the gaps are. Like, I would love to hear from nor of the representatives about like -- I think this is really to Dr. Contreras' question ask is I don't know what's happening with the mental health beds and how do we leverage this space that we're in. I feel like it's very rare. I don't know if y'all with, working together outside of this. From what I heard, that's not really happening so how do we maximize the time that we do have now with this new iteration to really build upon what we already have. And I don't know if that's like hearing from the County departments, you know, so that we can focus on -- I don't know.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Focus on.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I don't know. Love to hear from y'all.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thoughts on that. That's a good one. Correct me if I'm wrong excellent. It goes to what I'm saying. Two-hours a month to do all of this and then it's illegal to talk about -- I don't understand it.

>> ADAM BETTINO: One of the points we have been talking to in the last couple of weeks have having the departments share the same way we're having a presentation today. Housing for health came to us to discuss this is where we're at with our spending and we asked them to come.

So we can calendar that to see how they are spending. If that's helpful, we can calendar them out for the year and work with y'all to put them on the calendar as we see fit.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Service Provider said but housing for health is one of the common programs. Yes? Go ahead.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Do we zoom into the programs? What would be most helpful, I think is the question. Or is it a broad? I'm saying is it more respectful to zoom into specific programs or is it a broad brush for the departments? Like, what would be most helpful to move us forward?

>> CHAIR STEELE: I think showing up is one part and I think we're having a deeper discussion around like how do we engage with impact and also spur

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a different way of doing business? Do you know what I'm saying? Right?  
Like --

>> REBA STEVENS: Integrate it?

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yes and having a space like this to talk about what collaboration looks like. Member Morris and then Member Carbajal.

>> JACKIE MORRIS: I'm looking at it and I'm wondering first of all I am the program manager for St. John's Community Health and I'm a Member of the reentry collaborative and we look at these things daily. Saint Johns has not received CFCI money but we have a housing program where we have housed 185 individuals with limited funding we were able to get from the grant. I understand the importance of data.

And here you're talking about seeing if the program works. Well, are there jails less full? And are there more people employed in the community? That indicates whether something is working or not. I understand the County gets sued all the time. Maybe they should learn how to not break the law and they wouldn't have to put those dollars into something other than supporting the community. I know it's data driven in order to make the decisions at the upper levels. And the question I guess becomes, how do we collect that data? Who is going to collect that data? Who is going to see our third-party arbitrator to determine how they are doing what they are doing. And I think it should go back to the organizations that funding was given to and ask them to provide the data, compound that data, get somebody from one of the colleges to collect that data and put it into proper form and puts it on the desk of the community County, the County departments that are going to review it and ask them to refute it or to support it.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. For sure. Just for clarification sake, the who is getting finalized now of who is going to do it. And JCOD's office will be the department helping to make sure they are working alongside of them. The framework we help to build over the last several months, I think starting back in -- actually January of last year. You know, came to a head, you know, with something we were satisfied with by like May of earlier this year

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which created some North Star indicators as well as a framework of questions that we want to make sure that we're capturing.

But I'm also hearing in this conversation around how we can utilize not only this space but also the way that we're even doing the evaluation and the way that can create a more robust discussion about impact across the County, looking at it through the lens of CFCI but even helping to propel the discussion about how we grow that impact across the County as well. I'm receiving the information and I also want to be mindful of time. I'm going to come back to Member Carbajal.

>> RAFAEL CARBAJAL: I was going to say essentially the same thing that you said and I think having the conversation are the through lines. I can only speak for my department and possibly for some departments I have worked for in the past but having leadership understand the through lines between what they are doing whether it's CFCI funded or not and how it impacts the space and how it impacts that space this space and want CFCI to do better with community at the front and helping them understand that is helpful.

I have the privilege of sitting here and hearing this and taking this all in. Not everybody does. I'm fortunate to have good staff that works with CBO partners and community partners, some here in the audience, that do a lot of good work for us. I have the privilege and the benefit of that and some of my counterparts don't. Maybe what's missing is being exposed to some of these conversations.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I receive that. I receive that. I know Member Eakins is online.

>> AULERIA EAKINS: I peek the opportunity to have the conversation around the next round of next steps of funding. In theory around the concept of folks who serve folks with lived experience.

I do want to say that for me, I'm still going to -- equitable process for participants including the CBOs extremely important accountability. And I agree two-hours, two and a half hours is not enough time to do a deep dive

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into the conversations and is there an opportunity for us to have an ad hoc maybe with subject matter experts in some of these areas where we can do a deep dive and bring the recommendations back to us. In a short period of time with so many opinions and thoughts, I'm not seeing how we can get it done.

With an ad hoc committee with laser focus around key areas or a key area I think about will do us well.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Yes, there is possibility and opportunity for that. The data ad hoc team helped us to get to this point but there are things we can do further to not even just ideas but to be a space to hold a deeper dive conversation with, you know, the idea sharing aspect that might come out of this too. I definitely follow and thank you very much for your comment. Okay.

Thank you all for that, man. I really appreciate that. Sometimes it's about business and we're trying to move things forward but we want to leave space for conversation too as we plan the work together so that we can actually work a plan.

I'm going to move on to item nine. For our conversation, for context, we got an email a few weeks ago. Not a month but about three weeks ago. Interests trans Latina coalition about the body of work they are doing for TGI wellness, equity, and care. They have been working diligently to bring this subject matter forward, getting supervisorial district support as well as the health department and to have support from their area of expertise and focus, to make sure the resources are going toward the wellness, equity, and care of their community.

I'm happy to say that I saw yesterday that it has reached the board, it's going to be before the supervisors on Tuesday of next week. And we want to bring that conversation forward to do two things. One, reestablish -- because I know we got some new members here who might not actually -- who didn't participate in the funding allocations, a broad of work we have done in this body. So to reiterate what that process looks like when we do get funds about how we do make the of kinds of selections and community

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engagement and presentation for a letter of support before the board. It's not an ask for us for resources because that's not how we go about our work.

As a body that has had the opportunity to have partnership with them in various forms and even having folks able to be in our spaces and having some of the organizations get CFCI funding to do more work in community. We have an ask for us in order to see if we would be open for support in that way. With that being said, I think we have a presentation at hand? Yes? Please. There you go. do you want to pull the presentation up and then give them a mic, thank you.

>> BYRON JOSE: Thank you. Good afternoon. Members of the cares first community investment Advisory Committee. I'm Byron Jose. I'll let my coworker introduce themselves.

>> MAYA DANIELS: Hi everyone. My name is Maya Danials and pronouns are they them and I'm the policy internal and I want to thank you all for having us here today and I'll pass it off to my colleague to facilitate this presentation.

>> BYRON JOSE: Thank you, Chair Steele, for that context and for the sake of time I'll try to keep it brief. The presentation is in front of you and I'm available and my contact information is in there as well if you need more information. Next slide, please. I'll keep the advocacy history brief.

The TGI. Transgender expansive inter text inequity initiative. In 2020 the coalition with other transgender led coalition established or passed AB.2018 set up in the California Department of public health and established TGI unit. Continues to be rolling out. That same summer the County was burning, the voters and different community advocates decided to pass Measure J and the trans Latina coalition TGI leaders continued the work to ensure the voices of our communities are given over representation in carceral system and over impact of criminalization and policing were being uplifted and that led us to number J to this body and to continue working with all of you. In year three we had the opportunity -- this body doing great work to prioritize the needs and the work needs. As we continue to advance in the work we

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wanted to come to you and seek a letter of support as we continue to advance in this work. Next slide. 2022 we works with supervisor Mitchell to ensure there was a TGI needs Assessment motion with this work directs antiracism diversity and inclusion department, how the count ay is providing resources for members in the communities through the work of the different advocates and TGI leaders the various Counties engage and provide as much data as possible. There is website on the County's website on the CEO's RD department. Park there's stayed wide data and what they wanted to do, they wanted to, you can see hot spots. So we see Hollywood, central LA area, Long Beach as we have seen or have known, right, where members, most of this data is coming from DPH and it had to extend a longer period of time to have quantifiable data. We begin to see other pockets in Palmdale and Santa Clarita.

I'm going to skip through some of the slides that speak to some of the experiences of transgender cancer I have and intersex communities. In June we had the opportunity to present the survey led in 2023 along with the William institute UCLA to capture what are the experiences in the County and continue to see again community members continued to rely on community-based organizations for culture competency and coordination linkage to care and continue to see through the CFCI funding as well. Some of the barriers that community members face when trying to access services through County departments, whether that is because of their ID or documentation, whether that's because of their gender expression being, access to bathroom. Simple thing as that. Or County employees miss gendering people or not having the cultural transformation for our communities.

Similar things to housing. In proportion to the rest of the County and similar to some of those experiences. Similar with health care, in relation to some of the -- in relation to everyone else in the county with continue to see gaps that our community continues to face. Next slide.

So where we are today, next slide.



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So these are some of the work that chair Steele -- whether violence reports or people are over impacted or represented in carceral system and we see transgender women of color and Black and Latina and underserved and we're not seeing it reflected in the budget allocation. Through the work of coalition members we continue on to engage in the County budget process.

October 8th during the supplemental budget hearing on the floor chair Horvath was the best way to advance some of this work and per CEO's direction, that could be a departmental ask. In this case we have been working with Department of public health, health equity to ensure there's a budget ask for 25/26. And lastly per CEO's directive, there could be a motion establishing this initiative. That leads us to where we are today as chair Steele mentioned which chair Horvath is introducing a motion at the board of supervisor next week to be voted on. Many are not on this bought. One, as we continue moving forward we presented at the gender responsive Advisory Committee last week. We also presented at the trans service Provider network. We'll not \* be presenting at the women's commission next month as well as the public safety realignment team. And similar to your body, we're asking for a letter of support. But as we know, right, just because there is a departmental ask and just because there may be a motion, there's still COE's priority mountain and so we definitely continue to look to County stakeholders, advisory bodies, County entities to ensure this work continues to be prioritized. Next slide, please? You don't need to no [slide] more for the community members and County districts and supervisors. Next slide.

This is more for community members. We'll do the last slide jump to that one for the sake of time. These are endorsers. I wanted to briefly say going back to context on the previous item.

It wasn't until year three or cohort three in early 2023 when this body was doing its third process of engaging the community in forming the priorities where there was a TGI mentorship project that was part of last year or year three cohort, cohort three. Even in that year with the support of some of the members of this body we were able to work on some of the language for other proposals that were very, for men or for women and beyond doing

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gender expansive or some of the alignment with SOGI, capital orientation Gender Identity Data collection. Year three after community members being involve involved and passing of Measure J and this body and the previous two years of funding allocation. We are thankful to have the opportunity to work with all of you to advance this work. 25, 26 the motion will be voted on Tuesday and however we will be working with the different bodies to ensure we're working with CEO to ensure \$7 million allocation to CFCI next year to make sure that could be the opportunity source for the TGI wellness initiative. Last year as part of our advocacy efforts people were like go to CFCI. For us as a trusted messenger and partner and Stakeholder for this body, it was important to respect your process, process of this body, and process formed by the community and we did not feel comfortable of let's set a precedent where other Counties can override that and start reallocating that money. We know in the supplemental budget there is \$102 million or \$112 million rolled over from savings which again, the community -- not getting into that. That money is supposed to continue is our understanding.

At the end of the day we do know there's alignment with this body specifically prioritizing the needs of gender expansive trans sex communities and we look forward to working with you and working on a layer of support and relations you have with the board and lastly, again, how do we continue to advocating not just for CFCI funding but for Measure J funding that was a voter- directed. Voter mandate upheld by the Supreme Court. I will stop there for questions but yes, thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: All right. Thank you very much for had a presentation. And also being mindful of time. I'm very, very thankful for that. It's very robust. So just a couple clarifying questions that I have and if anybody else has any questions, please feel free. Before I ask questions.

Process wise, historically, here in this space, it was not only just community driven voter driven voter mandate, but that energy of community engagement has continued on in the life of Measure J which then became CFCI and the body this we sit in.

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The first year did look different than the next two years. But even still, there was space for recommendations to be provided by the community that this body have the ability to evaluate, to understand, and also select what allocations would actually be put forth to the board for the approval that would then go to either the TPA, the third-party administrator, or to the department for RFPs to be pickup truck out and for different community-based organizations to be able to get funding by way of the County through the allocations that we had.

So things like -- shoot. Not only just housing -- beds for those who are houseless and working with men of color and sport and play and community organization and youth centers and I can go on and on with the ideas from the community of what they feel the funding should go toward and making the selection.

I'll end by saying that year three I think got us closest to the version that we really want to lean all the way into where we had trusted advisor organizations that helped could the outreach work, to do teach ins and learnings about the community recommendation process that we had. And having recommendations from all parts of LA County, from AB in Long Beach and the west side and LA. 145. We did. All that we wanted to, right? It was 145 recommendations that came in and we selected how many last year?

Year three funds had how many funding areas? It was a lot. A lot more.

So there was a lot of engagement and I think that's really what we want to be able to continue to do. And so when I first saw this, one of my first questions was oh, does this set a different precedence for how we -- does this ask or whatever the process is for this set a different precedence for what we do? I think you mentioned to like you all understand and respect the process that we have and that's not the case or ask for this, right? I want to clarify that part. You want to reiterate that piece?

>> BYRON JOSE: Yes. TGI established \$7 million it's a two-year pilot. To do that care and coordination and it is based out of proposals funded through CFCI. There's definitely that context. There's that precedent for

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the County to continue building those models and not just CFCI funding. For us as we all get on the same page of calculating NCC or not calculating NCC it's important that NCC is locally generated revenue and our communities live in LA County and that is also LA monies and how do we continue to advocate for NCC to go to community investment instead just carceral systems and it doesn't have to just come out from CFCI. Again, there has been a two-year campaign and various board offices and departments have been like go to CFCI. For us it was more important to say no, we know how CFCI works and we know there's a process but given the roll over funds we saw in October as part of the supplemental budget, a good part of that coming from departmental unspent funding. So for us it was like okay that may shift the conversation. We are open to funding sources. That's why we're working with the PSRT to make sure there's AB109 funding but outside of that we're not the CEO and we're not the board and we don't know where the funding is going to come from. We do, however, want to work with this body and different County advisory body commissions to make sure there's advocacy efforts and not just the community shouting into the void.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Any questions?

>> JOEY WILLIAMS: Thank you for your presentation. And really inspired by the way that TGI community particularly 1TransLatin@ Coalition showed up here the last few years and I consider myself an ally and us 7 million in June. I think it's even more imperative when we talk about the closure of men's central jail as targeted by – cops are chomping at the bit to arrival time Black and Indigenous and TGI folks and fill up that jail. It is important we continue on the course and push that our relatives are safe and at the same time we are thinking about the funding streams and they are getting access to it too.

As we're figuring out this funding scheme too, I know you fall within our priorities but how we prioritize TGI community in next round of funds as we move forward. I know we have two spirit brothers and sisters and non-binary that work within the trans Latina which I had the pleasure of meeting. Thank you for coming out and let us how we can be supportive and continue to be supportive of you all.

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>> BYRON JOSE: Thank you, Member Williams. I want to say it was two, three meetings ago when we had the 12 million for us important as members of the TGI community looking at the County's 45 billion-dollar budgets that keeps going with the cuts that we're not placed in a scarcity mentality where we should have to be prioritized and wait in line and just sit there. As Member Stevens mentioned, our communities have been suffering and for us it's important to one, uplift some of the needs of temperature GI members while also pushing for the funding for all communities. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Member Castillo.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Thank you all so much for presenting and love to see you all here and also a proud endorser of the work and the work you have been doing. I think this is a charge for the County departments, no shade. But think about how you can incorporate specific funding for trans and nonconforming junior siblings in your budget. Be it CFCI funding or not, going back to what Dr. Contreras says, what about the "or not"? Thinking about how you're crafting your budget and incorporating our TGI comrades in your budget outside of CFCI.

>> Thank you, Member Castillo. I'm not going to answer to anyone but want to add -- we have been meeting over the previous years with different department directors to ensure how funds are used and definitely TLC will be pivoting to how departments are servicing TGI communities. Megan, you reminded me of this. This work with CFCI being able to move around given the work the gender expansive lens and TGI inclusive lens. Reimagine LA. All the folks doing anti-carceral work in the County. Over representation and over impact of TGI members within the units. And in the women's jail, there's no way to know transmasculine people or people assigned female at birth who may identify as gender or gender expansive because that's not captured if the jail and similarly the transitional age youth and Nina signed into a boys' probation CAMP there's no way for us to know anyone who identifies as transfeminine because they are assigned male at birth because there's no way to capture this data and link this to community. It's not outside of TLC leading this work but building partnership in the initiative.

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Like most of you that continue to push and uplift the County.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Yes, please. Member Morris.

>> JACKIE MORRIS: Thank you for the presentation, you're doing a wonderful job for the community and I think that the funding for this body is necessary. I forgot to mention the other day I was at a meeting in the County jail and they are trying to figure out a way to get out P-1s, twos, threes, fours, and fives out into the community. All of these classifications are directly directed at disability. Those mentally disabled and they are going to put them in the community and there's no place to put them. So funding is going to become central in upcoming periods.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure. Yes, please. Anyone else? Go ahead, please.

>> JENNIFER HUNT: Thank you. I spoke less than two and a half more hours ago at the PSRT meeting about putting forth to -- not only for our ODR employees but to make sure that all of our community Providers have information and resources available at their disposal to appropriately with sensitivity and respect, to treat the TGI community.

So we'll connect afterwards.

>> BYRON JOSE: Yes.

>> JENNIFER HUNT: It happened earlier tote.

>> BYRON JOSE: The one thing that I do want to say why we want to build from year cohort three's \$1 million for TGI mentorship project is going back to the fact of another County issue. Equity in contracting. We know that the TransLatin@ coalition is not the only trans coalition in the County. We don't have a lot of capacity or funding but we're trying to do a lot of what we have. We know there are other TGI organizations specifically led by Black trans women and impacted folks that are transgender leading this work. But we continue to see that it's not always accessible for these organizations to get access to these grants, even if it's CFCI grants.

So this is the reason why want to continue building that and that's why there's been a focus on it. GI wellness and equity initiative to provide a

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model or mechanism for the other groups to continue to get access to this funding and common carrier their communities to care following the steps of CFCI programs and services.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay. I just want to ask a general consensus question and I don't know that we necessarily need to vote on it. But the idea of providing a letter of support from this body in regard -- is there any objections to that from my seat as chair to provide that? No? Okay. Cool. All right. Cool. I got you.

>> BYRON JOSE: Thank you. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Make sure we follow up so we can, you know; okay. Cool. Thank you very much for that -- huh? By Tuesday, yeah. We'll work on it.

The last item that we have on the agenda is discussion around rescheduling December's meeting. I don't know about y'all ... we're going dark? Going dark in December? As an action item and we actually have to vote on it. Because it's one of the scheduled meetings.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I would like to make a motion.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Would you like to make one?

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: I move to make a motion to cancel.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yeah.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: The December meeting.

>> CHAIR STEELE: The motion made by Member Castillo to cancel. Seconded by Williams. -- let's go to general Public Comment on this item and all items that anyone would like to raise.

>> CLERK: We will now open the general comment period. As a reminder the Public Comment period is one minute per person. Telephone users dial star nine to use the raise hand and star six tonometer yourself. Computer users bottom tab. Smartphone more on the bottom tab and select raise hand on the drop-down menu. We will call you on in the order your hand

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was raised. Please remember to state your full name. Do we have any Public Comments in the room? Seeing no hands in the room.

>> CHAIR STEELE: We have one.

>> CLERK: If you could please state your name.

>> BYRON JOSE: Sorry for the confusion but I know you appreciate my input. I did want to say something on item eight.

Byron Jose. On item eight we jumped discussing third party evaluation.. We jumped to the third party, evaluation for the TPA and their grantees. When the conversation opened around County departments and the accountability mechanisms for not rolling out previously allocated CFCI funds.

I don't think I'm going to ask this question but my understanding evaluators of the department looking at your budget to the COE should be your accountability and every year when you close out and request more money, that should be your evaluation. Why required to hire a third-party evaluator next quarter? While the department directors may understand calculation Measure J is not a motion and it is a voter mandate upheld by the California Supreme Court.

If departments do not feel the need to advocate for more funding for upcoming years for Measure J and there are no current eval mechanisms, all the upcoming funds should go to community investment and not stored in the bank. The community wants the \$100 million. Thank you.

>> CLERK: Any other comments in the room? Seeing no hands raised. Online?

>> I see no hands online. Back to you, Chair.

>> CHAIR STEELE: All right. Let's go for the vote.

>> CLEKR: We will now conduct the vote for the motion to cancel the December meeting for this body. We will be using a similar process to the roll call. We ask all committee members to be ready with a microphone



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before your name is called. When I call your name please indicate your vote of yes, no, or abstain.

>> CLERK: Member Carbajal.

>> RAFAEL CARBAJAL: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Castillo.

>> MEGAN CASTILLO: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Contreras.

>> JACKIE CONTRERAS: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Crunk.

>> WESLEY CRUNK: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Cyrus-Franklin.

>> VICTOR CYRUS-FRANKLIN: Aye

>> CLERK: Member Eakins.

>> AURELIA EAKINS: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Ferrer.

>> BARBARA FERRER: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Fuentes-Miranda (Melena, alt.).

>> ALBERT MELENA: Aye. (alternate)

>> CLERK: Member Garcia?

>> Garcia alternate.

>> CLERK: Member Hong.

>> CLEMENS HONG: Aye.

>> CLERK: Member Lewis (Morris, alt.).

>> JACKIE MORRIS: Aye.

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- >> CLERK: Member White (Alternate to Member LoBianco).
- >> WHITNEY MOORE WHITE: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member O'Brien.
- >> JARED O'BRIEN: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member Knight (Alternate to Member Schoonover).
- >> WENDY KNIGHT: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member Wuraola (Alternate to Member Scorza).
- >> TOLU WURAOLA: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member Ruiz.
- >> JOSE RUIZ: Aye (Alternate to Member Soto).
- >> CLERK: Chari Steele.
- >> CHAIR STEELE: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member Stevens.
- >> REBA STEVENS: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member Joey Williams.
- >> JOEY WILLIAMS: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Mik'I Williams?
- >> MIK'L WILLIAMS: Aye.
- >> CLERK: Member Wong or alternate.

The motion passes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much for your time and energy everyone. This has been an amazing year. I am doing the year recap because we are not meeting next month. We have gotten a lot of work done and we have had a lot of different conversations and have really framed what I think can be impactful future of the County and our little body here.

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Right? I've been having some very interesting conversations here late by the way about the other countywide initiatives that have been passed here recently. You know, in our last meeting we were talking about the unprecedented nature of Measure J and how every meeting that we have in this space helps to set a new precedence for the County and really being in these different spacings support measure A and G, these spaces can be utilize the, how to determine the makeup of the bodies and the conversations that can be had in those spaces and making sure community is at the forefront of the ways that we engage with each other. And I'm not able to have those types of conversations without the presence that you all provide in this space, the context that you provide, the honesty, and the fearlessness, even, right? Because it could be something that should just be, we just pass some things and that's cool but no, we actually get into the rigor of the work here. So thank you and I hope you enjoy your holidays with your families.

Have the conversations you need to have. Make sure you give the hugs and warmth that you need as we get ready for 2025 because man, it kicks off into a whole another year with all the things that are going to be happening over the next four years. But you know, I'm encouraged because I got folks like y'all that I can lock arms with to really hold things down and make sure people are taken care of. All right? You all have a great rest of your week, great rest of your month, great rest of your year, and I'll see you all in January. Meeting adjourned.

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[Meeting concludes]