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>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you. What's going on everybody, how are you doing? How you doing? What a day, what a day. What a day we have in front of us. I want to make sure that we can allow other folks who are in the space in the advisory committee, if you have not had the ability to come off mute, or turn the camera on please raise your hand and on the JCOD team will be right with you. In the essence of time I want to go ahead and call this meeting to order. Thank you very much. Can we please go ahead and read the meeting disclosures.

>> Thank you chair steel I will now read the meeting disclosures. This meeting is being recorded by remaining in this meeting you consent to being recorded. This is a public meeting and subject to the Brown act. Since conversations and statements on the chat are not visible to people on the telephone and who are unable to participate, the chat function is limited to technical assistance only. There will be no response, no forwarding of any public comments to the advisory committee members. If members of the public would like to provide comment please do so only during the general comment period. CART services are available. You may access these surfaces by clicking on the Streamtext link that will be provided in the chat after the reading of these disclosures. When accessing Zoom through a computer browser or smartphone Zoom app scroll to reactions and you will see the raise hand feature. When accessing Zoom through smartphone scroll to more at the bottom tab and you will see a drop down menu. For anyone experiencing online difficulties telephone dial in information will be provided in the chat. During public comment telephone participants may press star 9 to raise their hand and star 6 to unmute. For Spanish interpretation please click on the globe icon and select Spanish. Written public comments are to be submitted to JCOD@LACounty.gov. For written public comments to be reviewed by the members it should be submitted which 5 p.m. the day before. These comments will be shared prior and reflected in the meeting minutes. Written comments received after 5 p.m. through the end of the meeting will be made part of the public record for the meeting. However advisory committee members may not have the opportunity to review those comments prior to acting on an agenda item. This concludes the meeting disclosures. I'll pass it back to you, Chair Steele.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Appreciate it. Very much so. Let's go ahead and I'll get the land acknowledgement. The land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of the peel who lived in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas for thousands of year. I would like for us to acknowledge the Gabrieleno Tongva, Fernandeno Tatavium and the Ventureno Chumash

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Chumash people. The people respected the four legged creatures who once roamed the earth freely R their hearts told them never to take more than they could Hughes and always give back to the mother earth. These amazing people are still here today living and breathing among us and still giving back to the community that surrounds us. Aheehe, thank you to our ancestors.

Going to the labor acknowledgement most modern day institutions have benefitted from the unaddressed legacy of stolen labor at the foundation of this nation and the vast and inequitable wealth. We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people primarily of African descent whose labor and suffering built and grew the economy and infrastructure of a nation that refused to recognize their humanity. While the 13th Amendment of the Constitution technically ended slavery in the United States we know that slavery's ongoing impacts are still felt by countless people to work in the United States. We recognize our debt to the 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 that allowed for westward American development, Japanese Americans whose properties and livelihoods were taken away from them, incarcerated during World War II and my grant workers from Philippines Mexico and central and South America who have worked Pacific Northwest warms and canner Reese. We recognize those descent whose labor remains hid eastern in the shadows and still contributes to the well-being of our collective community. We rye lie on incarcerated people largely people of color and we know that there are many other 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 liberal, life and opportunity. We acknowledge the theft of labor is the theft of generational progress. Nearly all people of color who have robbed of the opportunity and wealth that their stress might have passed onto them. Can we pull the community agreements up. Let's read them together.

Do we need to do roll call as well? I think so. We'll do that after the reading of the.

>> We do not need to do roll call

>> CHAIR STEELE: Let's read the community agreements and we can get right into it.

>> MEMBER CASTILLO: I wanted to uplift that the Zoom link that was provided on the agenda is the incorrect Zoom link. If the public is trying to access the meeting from the

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agenda that was provided to them, they are unable to get in. I think the only people who are able to get in today are those that are included on the calendar invite.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's a problem. Thank you very much Megan I did not see your hand up. Member Castillo, spot on we need to fix that. How do we fix that? What do we need to do?

>> We can update the link on the agenda and reupload to online.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Is there a way we can get it out to the network of folks, the list of people who get the calendar invite also get the email about today's meeting? Like yes, you're right let's go ahead and update the website to make sure the agenda is reflective of the correct.

>> MEMBER SOTO: Chair Steele I wonder if there's a way to update the website where people go to download the materials.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's what Julie just said. So I said yes let's definitely do that but I want to make sure that the link that was sent out to the public by via email and other correspondence also reflects the correct -- we need to make sure it's correct on all platforms is the point I'm making.

>> MEMBER SOTO: Downloading and uploading the agenda if people don't know there's a new agenda up there, that's why I'm reflecting that maybe there's a way to also state that there's an update somewhere on the website.

>> Julie: We will get in touch with our communications contact who updates the website and request assistance. Thank you.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Okay.

>> Chair Steele is there a way we could also check and see if anyone is logged on that other Zoom link and invite them to the new link?

>> CHAIR STEELE: That is a great point. Who has access to that? Noah is that you?

>> I did not.

>> Noah cannot but one of our team members will. Thank you for that recommendation.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Let them in and send them the right link to make sure they come over here. Thank you for all those who lifted it up and also getting right on top of that. Community agreements. Be respectful of the diverse voices being represented and remain open-minded.

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

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

>> Go for it Reba can you read the next one Member Stevens.

>> Be collaborative.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Amazing.

>> 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, et cetera.

>> Defer to community.

>> Transparency and follow-through.

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

>> Be please active participant try to be succinct.

>> Let equity lead the way.

>> Make spaces for youth voices.

>> As much as possible allow community members to finish their sentence or thought during public comment.

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

>> Begin CFCI advisory committee meetings with the land acknowledgement statement recognizing and respecting the indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County. Fantastic. I just want to say I had an opportunity to call and reach out to the folks who participated in presentation in our last meeting and I just want to acknowledge that I did call or I did reach out to apologize if the way that I was coming through on the mic via Zoom may have come off as rude or disruptive to the nature of the conversation that we were having last go around.

It was received and good conversation back and forth. In that regard. And I want to say to you all, my colleagues and friends, I think the gravity of the nature of today's conversation was kind of weighing on me in the moment and wanting to make sure that there was enough time that was left for us to at least get to it and hopefully get to it

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resolution which we did not get to. I think there were more questions than answers which provided us the time and opportunity to have this conversation today.

But I do want to say thank you for your grace in that regard. Speaking of such, as per the course of the things that have transpired this year, I think change is probably like one word to try to underscore a lot of different things that are going on. Unforeseen change, necessary change, unnecessary chaos that creates change. But change nonetheless.

And I think the motion that puts us in the posture of where we are at this particular moment in this space of taking on the effort and the very important effort of rethinking, restrategizing, reallocating the resources of unspent funds to make sure they are going towards the things that people need in community, particularly those who are impacted by the carceral system and beyond, their families as well. Direct community investments that are necessary, even through the challenges that this budget cycle and this budget, you know, situation that we find ourselves in in LA County, we have an opportunity to be a bright spot to help to support the needs of people together. And I think assuming best intentions and the idea of, you know, deferring to community but also bringing those needs to be forefront, remembering why we're here, all the different things that are in the community agreements, you know, I think shine through in this moment.

So we did get a chance to go back and to verify some of the, I think the outstanding context that was needed and clarification that was needed by way of the motion. I think today, not I think, in today's agenda, the entire motion that was passed is actually available for folks to engage in. Please but an idea of level setting, one of the things that was requested was for us to go back and for us to get a full understanding of the interpretation of the motion by way of the office who actually put it forward. So I want to start, is Adam here and if not Julie are you prepared to have a discussion with me just to kind of level set where we are as far as what the motion is intending to do and what responsibility we have in that regard? Adam here.

>> Adam is not here right now

>> CHAIR STEELE: .

>> Julie is in the other meeting directing folks so she might not be hearing you. I'm messaging her now.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's fine. I see Adam now. Hey Adam,.

>> Adam: Yes how sorry, I was looked out from you be muting but here I am.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: You good. We had some clarifying, I like the color on you, nice polo you look like you're outside the sun is shining wherever you are. We had to clarify the intentions of the motion per the conversations that you were able to have with CEO as well as Holly Mitchell

>> ADAM BETTINO: There was some question about the, one of the last directives that talks through process as it relates to any funding recommendations of unspent dollars, right. I was unclear, I think the timeline is sort of a little bit unclear. There is a board letter that is moving forward in the next couple of weeks that has CEO's recommendations in it that will go before the board I believe June 24th. In there is a series of recommendations from CEO about some of the unspent funding as well as your recommendations for the 12.3 million dollars that we had discussed several months back. So that's all in one board letter. The board will take some action on those and the question was whether or not this body, the advisory committee would be able to weigh-in on those recommendations even after, you know, maybe some board action or those recommendations going before the board.

So I wasn't clear if, you know, again, timing and all of that, so S D-2 did provide clarification that you all will have an opportunity to kind of respond and provide feedback to those recommendations because the way that the budget cycle works is all of those sort of recommendations and funding decisions all will be reconciled in supplemental budget. In the supplemental budget phase that's where that July approximate 1st deadline comes that that's in the motion. If you all can make a series of recommendations for the unspent funds prior to July 31st, then those things will be considered as supplemental, during the supplemental budget phase.

Now, working backwards from July 31st and I think this is probably the crux of our conversation today, establishing a timeline so that you all are either hearing recommendations or kind of making those things in a series of discussions over the next couple of weeks so that we make sure that we hit that date. So that's my understanding after those conversations that you all can provide feedback on those recommendations and that you all can come up with recommendations of your own to then push forward to the forward for some decision-making prior to supplemental budget

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much for that very timely and also very clear breakdown. Are interest any questions. Go ahead Member Lewis.

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>> They have discussion board of supervisors. I heard you say something different. I want to be very clear who makes the decisions you made it sound like our recommendations are to the board is that what you're saying or is it the normal course of action where the advisory committee's recommendations go to whether it's a review of their own go to the CEO's office who still has the discretion what they give to the board for consideration?

>> ADAM BETTINO: That is still a question, Member Lewis. That's the part I am frankly confused about because JCOD can send a board memo, CEO can send a board memo, we would have to discuss what the mechanism would be because this does work outside the normal process, right. Typically it's committee makes recommendations, go to CEO, CEO drafts the board letter with JCOD, that board letter goes and that serves as your recommendation to the board. All three prior spending plans have gone that way with no changes from CEO, right.

So by the time it gets to CEO there's no changes and that goes to the board and the board has approved those.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Well, with some changes but they've not been substantive.

>> ADAM BETTINO: Thank you for that. This time CEO came with recommendations and then sort of shared those with the community advisory committee and didn't feel like it followed the same process that we've been going through. So we need to determine you all need to determine as a committee how you want to make those recommendations to the board.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Right.

>> ADAM BETTINO: My understanding is it doesn't necessarily need to follow the same process. You all need to identify what the mechanism is going to be, whether it's a memo from you all to the board directly, whether it's -- or something like this that says here is our actual recommendations because what we need to do after July 31st is establish a better process because we've been rushed into this now. A better process whereby you all will be at the front of making recommendations around the unspent and then it will follow the same process that we've all always followed. Goes to CEO goes to the board.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: We're always rushed Adam unfortunately and I think everybody was clear but the decision was made to skip up. That's my perspective. But at the start of your

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response to my question it sounded like you were unclear whether or not CEO still has to weigh-in. Then at the end you said we have a mechanism to make the recommendation directly to the board. I'm going to draw further because the mechanisms and technicalities do matter. I don't want our time spent on something that's futile and the CEO can still say and I don't want anymore confusion so I want you to be very clear with me whether or not you're clear that we don't have to go through CEO or you're still trying to figure out if the CEO has a role. But the other piece if it does go directly to the board we do know that they've had these cluster meeting processes in place with their deputies. So is that a part like we need specificity right now so our chair can guide us through a conversation to determine what our steps are going to be but we need to be clear. So will it have to go through the cluster process or would it be ideal if we have a formal presentation to the deputies in some way because a memo to the board for something that's been fully vetted and prepared by the CEO I don't know how much difference that's going to make if that's what you're saying the process is.

And I think we can't leave this space or can't even move on unless we're clear about who we get it to and if it goes to the board directly like what does that really mean given all these other processes they have in place for stuff like this including the cluster meetings.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Well I wanted to, Noah can you please bring up the motion. And I see you member Williams, I got you.

>> Ruth is going to share the motion.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you very much Ruth. Directing the CEO beginning with the final changes budget phase for fiscal year 2526 and annually thereafter that any future recommendations for redistributing unspent and unencumbered CFCI funds must be consistent with the types of programs and priorities the CFCI advisory committee and then 6, CFCI funds need to be reallocated the CEO should prioritize any recommendations by the CFCI advisory committee received by July 31st as a part of county supplemental budget process. I'm reading this Member Lewis because my understanding from the conversations I've had, the CEO, the process that we have had with funding allocations recommendations in the past still exist here but this is a specific conversation around how we deal with unspent funds because you're right, the CEO's office tried to circumvent the regular process that we have had in the past and so this motion provides the space for us to

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weigh-in and have our weigh-in be amplified for whatever unspent -- recommendations for unspent funds should be by the way of CEO's office.

My read of it is that yes we come up with our recommendations, we work with CEO's office they prioritize our recommendations and those go before the board for supplemental process does that make sense? Member Lewis and I'll come to member Williams

>> MEMBER LEWIS: The CEO still has the discretion to accept or not. That doesn't mean we can't advocate and send a memo directly to the board. I want to make sure everybody on the committee was clear about because that is a distinction from what was said. So yes.

>> CHAIR STEELE: For sure, yep. Member Williams.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Can you all hear me.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Yes, sir.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Good afternoon everybody. I kind of feel like this is a poetic justice memo. I think many months back I recommended a lot of things that the board has put into this memo to the CEO in regards to the unspent funds about having accountability with the dashboard and the unspent funds and I think if you look at like in section 7 when it's talking about the unspent funds I wanted to like Adam just for transparency and everything we're being rushed but we're in this position because of the unspent funds from JCOD point-blank and we're trying to help put those back into places where it's going to have a benefit. I think point 7 points that out is that areas we've already funded that have demonstrated effectiveness and what we want to continue to fund I said that many months ago. How do we see the accountability plan of JCOD they've got to do within seven days dated May 6th and within 30 days to us. It's all an accountability measure and I thank the board for doing this. We may lose the funds or may have them spent to payoff police lawsuits. We appreciate the lawsuit of supervisor Mitchell being able to put this pretty clear out there. What it's up to us is to figure out, one, what is not going to be spent by JCOD, what will be released and what are those programs that are the most effective that we can make those recommendations like Member Lewis to put that forward to CEO for recommendation to be spent. Theta the way I'm reading it and it does put us in a bit of a run up to July 31st. We've showed effectiveness that we can do that if we put our minds to it.

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I may be wrong but I feel like that's where we're at right now and this is like I don't think this is any fault of CFCI advisory members. To feel the crunch is on us. We're trying to help with this problem that was brought to us by JCOD six months ago and trying to figure it out together and this lays out a plan to help figure that out. That's the place I'm coming from and I want to thank the board for issuing this memo I've had a chance to look at it

>> ADAM BETTINO: Can I clarify something Member Williams you're making it sound like this is JCOD unspent funding this is the County's unspent funding.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: The majority is JCOD funding.

>> ADAM BETTINO: 25% is JCOD funding.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I was about to say that too. We've got to come back to the documentation on this so we can see it again. Yes. But JCIT which is now CSIT has a greater amount of this now Member Williams it's spread across different departments for sure. But I do want to note, though, the analysis that you're talking about by way of this motion is 26-27's budget. So there is the unspent funds for this year in the protocol we have to go through for that but I want to be clear in stating that we can make those recommendations without the analysis. The analysis is actually like moving forward the evaluation of all these programs what is effective, how are we making sure that we're making decisions about that like the process that we're already in, as far as evaluation is concerned, and also how we can complete that like it gives some directives on how to make sure that we're preparing that in the discussion when it comes to the 26-27 budget. Before the 25-26 piece we got a good amount of resources that we have to identify for the CFCI dollars for this year. So is that 284 number if I'm correct, is that correct Adam.

>> ADAM BETTINO: And I apologize Chair Steele, this information put in here is incorrect. This is the total amount of unspent funding from county departments and the third party administer for three years to make it sound like this is all JCOD is inaccurate so JCOD does receive funding. There is some funding within JCOD that is unspent we've come and presented to the committee about what's unspent. I don't want to spend any more time here but that needs to be clarified this is not 25 million dollars -- excuse me member Williams this is not 325 million dollars that's sitting in JCOD that's not what's most of this funding is with other departments or it's within the third party administer. So I want to clarify that. We are the administer's of the funding but this is not silting in our budget idle as if we have not been spending that. I want to clarify that for everyone this is the global

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picture over three years of all of the unspent CFCI across county departments including the third party administer and then we can continue because again I don't want to take much more time trying to clarifying.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Is the memo wrong or correct?

>> CHAIR STEELE: What part of the motion are you referring to?

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: I understand what he's saying about being in JCOD of the 325 is there a mistake in the motion or is the motion good? Adam?

>> CHAIR STEELE: If you go to, scroll up to the second page, please. Unspent balances, right.

>> ADAM BETTINO: When it says JCOD reflects, that, again, we as administer we pull all that information from all the county departments and the TPA. We're sort of the funnel, right. Everything comes to us and we then report out based on their own accounting, based on conversations that we're having with the other county departments.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Right. So that's the reason I wanted to come here because I want to be clear about remember CFCI sits with JCOD but it's not JCOD's budget. You see what I'm saying? JCOD has it's own body of work that it is doing but it is responsible for the stewardship of the CFCI funds.

>> ADAM BETTINO: There's had a separate CFCI budget like budget unit. So it is like a designated CFCI budget unit like JCOD we have our own budget unit those two things, it's two separate things we just happen to administer that budget as well.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: What would be the correct amount of money not spent by JCOD specifically.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's what I'm saying it's not just JCOD there's JCOD there's.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: I understand that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: All of them.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: We met six months ago there was a big like this is how much we have not been able to spend we need though spend is it down so now it's zero.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It was like closer to 25 or 26 million out of the 300.

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>> ADAM BETTINO: Member Williams you did receive a copy of our latest report that was the seven day report back the first directive in this motion. Please in there it itemizes the unspent amounts department by department so you can see there which departments have unspent and the amounts. It's all there.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: When was that sent.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That was a part of the March and April meetings because we went over those line items in both of those meetings.

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Got it.

>> CHAIR STEELE: So in the framing of all this because we're going to go through all that, guys. That's the reason I wanted to make sure we went up here so we can delineate talking about apples to apples. The reason why I wanted to start with the conversation about what we are doing here is that it's to start from the same reference point. There are unspent funds and we have an opportunity to identify how those unspent funds can be reallocated and the board of supervisors is waiting to hear from us. That's the fundamental here on this.

And so where we left off in the conversation last go around and I'm sorry Ruth you can put this down now. Where this left us off in the conversation in the last meeting was determining how we want to approach that. How we want to approach the reallocation piece. There is, as Adam mentioned, a board letter that is going before the board of supervisors that includes the 12.3 million dollars that we talked about at the end of last year that includes some recommendations from the CEO's office. We will be, we are in ongoing discussions with the board of supervisors to make sure they understand by way of this motion that conversation should probably be paused because it will just make more work to undo the redo if we decide to undo the redo.

From my point of view, there is a set of recommendations from different places that we can identify and look at. We also can open up the door if we wanted to for community to be able to weigh-in on some of the recommendations. We have the previous funding allocations that we identified were important but we didn't get a chance to fund that we can look at too. But there is a myriad of different ways to go about this work. I have some suggestions on some ways that we can approach it but it also is inclusive of bringing forth at least in my recommendations, the community engagement committee to be able to help

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to identify the needs, get community input, and also put forth a set of recommendations that we can vet in -- I'm sorry not set of recommendations, put forth a process to get the information that we can vet through the month of July then to submit by the end of the month to the board of supervisors.

I want to share that but before we get to sharing what the timeline that I have for you you all to respond to is there, I want to get a reflection and I think Member Williams started this how are you all feeling about where we are, what the responsibilities are, and the task at hand? How are you all feeling about it first before we get into what we are going to do. Anyone else want to add to it?

>> MEMBER LEWIS: I appreciate the opportunity to weigh-in. And hope that we, whether it's through the subcommittee or workgroup have a thoughtful adjustment. So I'm grateful we have an opportunity to weigh-in. And I'm hoping that we have some data somewhere that can help inform the conversation as well as opposed to our professional lived experiences. But I think if we have any data to help inform I would welcome that.

>> CHAIR STEELE: Thank you, Member Lewis. Member Crunk I saw you had your hand up.

>> My alternate had to stand in for me I apologize for being late. I did want to say this is refreshing and I think I come to these meetings just for the input of Member Lewis and Member Williams. I think they are very strongly representing the community in some of the questions people don't know how to ask. I'm not putting any fault on JCOD or anything but I think the community wants answers I want to give a shout out to Member Lewis and Member Williams for asking smart and intelligent questions and from a place of knowledge

>> CHAIR STEELE: Member Williams got that up so he received that as well.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you Member Crunk.

>> CHAIR STEELE: I also from our county partners, I know there's always a point of deference but I think in this moment, again, this is one of those times when we get the chance to set a precedent, right. And it's a precedent we can set together. I'm very curious where you all are landing on some of this as well. How are you doing member Contreras, please.

>> Member Contreras: I'm sitting here it's a confusing process, I just asked my budget person when is the official time to final and supplemental. Final changes will happen before the end of Julie so I keep rereading this. Please I just don't want any of us to be

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misled by what's outlined here. I do think that final changes will go in and the directive in 5 is that they need to be consistent with the investments. That have been identified I believe that's what the CEO did or intended to do. I don't know there's going to be changes in what was originally presented in supplemental which will happen after the July date that's where this is unique in number 6 that the CEO is being directed to consider specifically the recommendations of this body. I don't know of anybody else who gets that consideration so I do think that's a significant win in that regard. I think I mentioned last time that our unspent generally the CEO, we ask for what we need but the CEO can allocate it accordingly to the needs of the county as a whole. It is clear that going forward that there needs to be the process which what I hear everybody talking about getting a process in place so we can be proactive and just like the departments put their needs forward back in January we're doing the same thing for the same cycle. I don't know if that has any value add but I wanted to share.

>> CHAIR STEELE: It does have value. Part of it was because there was a misstep in the IRS place of not including the recommendations from this body about the unspent funds in the IRS place. Had this been done like it was in the past, our recommendations we would have put forward and then given to the CEO would have met the July deadline but because of the way this all played out the special consideration for our recommendations by way of supplemental exist, you know, to make sure that the tenets is the values of Measure J still remain in the forefront. Community should have a way and imprint on how the people's dollars should be used as far as Measure J is concerned. You're completely spot on. Anyone else? And then I'll move on. I don't know what the facts was for Member Castillo but I concur. Any idea of trying to think through effective times and timelines and where we are? The plan that I had in mind is already a week behind which it can be adjusted though because it was taken into account that we could get on the same page in our last meeting, the week before last but it's all good, right.

Let me pull this up. A couple considerations in this. One, there's going to have to be multiple meetings for us to actually, at least two a month for us to get to the finish line on this. Two, it's the activation of the community engagement committee to help do some of the data gathering, community input gathering as well for us to be able to reflect and utilize in our process. And then it is utilizing July as the time frame to do some decision-making by using June as the fact finding, data finding and curation of the different items that we want to be looking at to be able to make recommendations.

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I think it starts off by saying that because of the presentation exercise that we have been going through over the last six months or more, all of the different departments who have CFCI funds that are unspent have either begun or had the ability to present the different proposals on how funds could be utilized. I think because of that, those can maybe be broken down for us to be able to receive those as potential proposals. I think the CEO's recommendations also can be brought forth as proposals for us to consider. And if we opened up the floor, an opportunity for community members to have a couple weeks to also provide some recommendations, we can consider those too.

We have three areas of information where we could consider where funding can actually go based on what we know is the need. I am also suggesting that in that time frame, the community engagement committee get a chance to do a survey of sorts so we can identify what the needs are in the ground in an updated way. There are several examples of platforms that we've used in the past that we can get updated information on as a data and fact finding piece so the decisions that we're making is alignment to what the needs are on the ground and based on all that information and also the resources doing our homework, we can actually come up with a decision-making process about whether our recommendations will be for the amount of funds in the July time frame.

The other set of data that we also will need to digest is an updated version of the full unspent funds list we were able to receive back in March, I think it had then subsequently been updated by mid-April and we'll probably need that up-to-date so we can identify how much funding we are talking about in full. But again looking at all that information we can bring it down. So excuse the ad hoc piece because I went through a Brown act that identified the difference between the ad hoc and the just the committee itself. We actually did not create an ad hoc committee we actually created a committee, a subcommittee for community engagement. There's decisions we need to make as far as who is on that committee and how we want to engage with what roles we want them to play.

I have street level strategies in here because it doesn't need to be them but it could be a type of internal engagement team that helps to guide that process internally. But yeah, so like being able to work with them to come up with clear messaging for the community, a document that folks can all respond to, that's the community, I'm sorry, the department, the community members, or community organizations as well as CEO's office to be able to make sure that the alignment of the information that we were receiving about the different

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projects all looks the same. And then being able to gather feedback by way of the survey, the community recommendation forms that everybody can engage with, able to do a few listening sessions as well and then coming by way of July to be able to review all the data, start to think about the different concepts maybe combining some of the things that make sense and then by mid-July toward the end of July coming up with a set of recommendations we can turn over to the CEO's office to finish through the supplemental process to be a part of the budget for 25-26.

I said a lot of words I know, hopefully I said them in a way that made sense and is straightforward. Is there any feedback on what I'm presenting here?

>> MEMBER JOEY WILLIAMS: Derek, I think it looks like a solid plan. I would just like for us to be realistic about the amount of community agreement we may be able to do in person. In the past when we had a lot of time we did it really well, we demonstrated that but thinking now since we have relationships with a lot of folks we've done listening sessions with, maybe the virtual or the survey or the email or the may be some of the best ways to gather that data where we make allocations or give us what we need. Folks that are able to do the in person on such a short timeline more power to you, to us or to whoever can do it but just thinking about realistically about the engagement time and what we may be able to use and just know too many folks I'm going on ceremony in July to Sundance and I don't know about other folks and their vacationing and this and that to plan the role going forward.

>> CHAIR STEELE: That's Steve's brother I'm taking notes on that as well. Thank you for that. Member Lewis.

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you, sorry I switched devices. Yeah, similar to what Member Williams said I wanted to understand more about the community engagement process that you're talking about the. The survey piece is clear but if you are, well are you suggesting that we have an open process for community members to make recommendations that are not included in the CEO's recommendations. Are you suggesting we're going to open up a process like and if so I want to better understand what kind of, what that means, what that looks like given the very Crunk at a time frame and my question still goes to JCOD about their capacity to support something like that. Can you say what you mean about the recommendation from the community specifically.

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>> CHAIR STEELE: It is not a loss to me that the timeline is definitely truncated. It is truncated further as far as time is concerned now. I am suggesting at least a week or two, probably preferably two weeks of open opportunity for community members or community-based organizations. Philanthropy partners who have partners or needs that can be addressed using CFCI funds. I'll give an example. I have been engaging with many different organizations on the ground in the Altadena area. I know that the CEO's office has the recommendation about creating a fund but there actually is a different idea on like, you know, resources that are actually specifically needed that a fund in the way that the CEO's office has identified may not work. So being able to provide them the space and opportunity to provide a maybe even a counter proposal to that, that we could actually combine and refine to make it better. Being able to hear from them about these types of things would be really useful. Now, there are other ways we can go about that. It doesn't necessarily need to be a community engagement process with like listening sessions or even providing them the space to be able to fill out the community recommendation form. That is how I feel like we're probably the best way to do it because I know there are other things happening out there that it's not in the line of sight of the departments or the CEO's office so just wanting to be able to provide space and opportunity for engagement in that regard to be able to receive those ideas is something that I have in mind for this.

There's even like reentry opportunities that are not being identified that we might be able to rethink. I think I was talking to member Stevens about some of the things she's heard on the ground too. It's not like the training aspect of building people up these are, you know, for lack of a better term ready opportunities that could utilize a year's worth of resources to be able to get them out on the ground to make an impact. Leaving a window open for that is something I did have in mind. Does that make sense, member Lewis? Can you all make her a cohost?

>> MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you Chair Steele. That makes sense I just don't know when the [indiscernible] Just wanted to make sure we're thinking about it efficiently how we're collecting information since we don't have the benefit of our firm taking it on right. That we can export into something and pretty simply organization it in a way to present it to the team.

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I heard you say I want to make sure including some of the agencies that are currently funded by the third parties gaps, I want to make sure you said that would be part of the process.

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Does that make sense? Can you make her a cohost?

MEMBER LEWIS: Thank you. That makes sense. I don't know. I want to make sure we are thinking about it. We don't have the benefit of the firm taking it on. We can export it and present it to the team they told us there are still gaps.

CHAIR STEELE: Yep.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: I am not sure how this fits in the process. I know when I worked for other departments where we had under spending and wanted to get dollars out the door, because they are not benefitting anyone sitting there, we would look at who was able to spend.

Agencies with better staffing patterns or were more successful in engagement. That was the first push to make sure we were reallocating dollars for existing programs. I am not sure how that fits in this process.

CHAIR STEELE: That is the thinking that I am hoping for with you. For many of the presentations we have received, the recommendations of how the funds should be reallocated were things on going.

If we will open the floor for community-based organizations, it is the same vibe there. Things that can be considered, what can get started right now and can utilize those funds within this one year window.

It doesn't leave a lot of room for new projects unless we say, for that 12.3 million, one of the things we did is, hi, we can't give the project for the, what was the name of the project, the original intent was a certain amount for three years. The amount wouldn't yield that.

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>> Community engagement. 3.5 for the native organizing piece. Back fill it with the 2 million over two years. Equals 7.5.

CHAIR STEELE: Exactly. We made the decision that we can use this other multiple years to support this project in the first place. It comes with decisions based on proposals. We could do that because we vetted that project and went through the process. Knowing if we break it up, we can support it as it is being rolled out.

We need the right amount of information. That goes back to everyone filling out the same information. The way it is being set up, what I didn't know, and we learned recently, and please remind me the name there was a project, recommendation form and project form you filled out.

>> Project design.

CHAIR STEELE: Yes. Every department had to fill out the form so there was an understanding of how funds were being used. Aligning with the way the county does business internally gives us a chance to eliminate some bureaucracy. It has to be able to flow. Being thought full of those things to make it make sense. County departments will need to fill it out so it flows. If approved, it gets to motion right away. Member Lewis.

MEMBER LEWIS: We are talking about the process that ending July 31st. What is the realistic time frame for it to be released? I don't know if new projects are the best use to have dollars. What is the time frame if the board approves it? September? It should be a tobacco TOR as well.

>> Supplemental budget is September 30th this year. Effectively, I don't want to punt the CEO here, but I think the funding can be released as soon as there is board approval. It is sort of there. It is already been allocated and will sit in a trust with CEO and so, we would need to request it and it would be released.

CHAIR STEELE: One of the reasons why July 31st was selected was because the process to get it from that point, it needs all of August to do the right sizing and set up. The thinking is that the approval would happen in the August time frame. It is in alignment. September 30th is the start date. To your question about the run way, a year of funding from that point. Am I correct? October 1st to September 30th.

>> That can be discussed.

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MEMBER LEWIS: It should be 12 months. We have been through this long enough to know conceptually, it is there. We understand. That is why I am asking, if there was an expedited process, you may not be able to respond today. Wanting to understand. What is the feasible time frame?

If it is through the TPA, that is one thing. It is important information that is helpful to understand. The second thing I want to ask, part of what I know is incorporated, Arty has played a role. That is one of the reasons to make sure there is an equity.

Two questions. The programs that are connected to the CEO's existing letter and memo, have those gone through the process. Any additional programs that we add, they have to go there the process with Arty. That is a factor.

CHAIR STEELE: The design form doesn't have the consideration built in?

>> I don't believe so. I think historically, there is a dollar portal that has the RD considerations. That is where we are putting CFCI programs there. I think we can add it.

>> There is an equity question. Confirming they are in line with the requirements.

MEMBER LEWIS: The process is information must be collected and reviewed. I want us all to be cleared. All those factors are considered. We understand one timeline. All these realities come into play. We want to understand what they are. We have to go through those things. It is important we understand what they mean for the process.

CHAIR STEELE: Got you. What is the real time after July 31st if and when the recommendations are approved? Is that fair?

MEMBER LEWIS: The Arty piece takes time. That is why I looked.

CHAIR STEELE: Fair point for sure. We will find out the answer to this. Any other points?

>> You were talking about that for the historically black marginalized people losing their homes.

CHAIR STEELE: Coming back to Member Contreras.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Thank you. I was trying to find this. I thought I saw the CEO used the strategy of allocated dollars across a number of years. It was still one time funds. Is that a

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strategy we are willing to consider as part of our recommendations? Sometimes it is to get something up and running or create a more sustainable program over time.

>> They are five year grants. A five year grant. That tries to appreciate the ramp up time and ramping down to more sustainable funding. In the motion, there is language of 36 months. I believe it comes from trying to equate the grant period time. Grantees are three year grants. I think it is tried to model it after that as well. Either way, I think there is some ramp up time here. For anyone receiving funds. That is something you can contemplate. You don't have to recommend one year. You have some flexibility over a number of years.

CHAIR STEELE: Good point. There are several CEOs that asked for other organizations to join the party with more resources. I think in our learnings, I don't know if the unspent funding pool is the space for us to be thinking about new projects. I am not here to squash that. One of the main jobs is the day is there.

The information is there. The process is enough is a everyone can participate to help make decisions on that. Does anyone have questions about the framing of the timeline I presented. What responsibilities to help it along. In the two meetings we do, the committee will have the ability to fill in the gaps. To have some things to respond to each time we come together. Any thoughts about the timeline?

Finding out the timeline after July 31st. What the process will be. The roll out.

Determination on making these multiyear opportunities. I heard about the being realistic around the communication process. Not trying to be overzealous. Member Contreras was adding value around ways to rethink the way the funding is allocated using tools the county has.

MEMBER STEVENS: Can you pull up the time lean again? Can you scroll to the bottom? The motion speaks of July 31st. Should we submit the full package on the 31st or before?

CHAIR STEELE: I was trying to give us as much time as possible. From my understanding, what we recommend would happen in the, provided for the next available Board of Supervisors meeting. It wouldn't be heard until the 12th.

That is the reason why it is the 31st rather than August. The decisions happen. The process of the negotiation happens in August. We want to be in alignment with the times of the negotiations.

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Not using from the start of project vibes. Anything else or anyone else? Going once or twice. Cool. Our meetings, being able to, starting on June 12th. Also June 26th, July 10th and the 24th. We can submit by the 31st. 12th, 26th, 10th, 24th. Reserving the right to add in the July time frame. That is the cadence I am recommending. Thoughts from anyone?

>> What happens on July 18th and 19?

CHAIR STEELE: It won't be those days.

MEMBER LEWIS: Are these all brown act meetings? We will make decisions. They will be brown act. June 12th, July 26, July 10th, July 24th are the meetings.

>> All in person?

CHAIR STEELE: To make decisions on these things, we have to. I went to the brown act training meeting. How can with, we have to have them in person. We will be voting on these things. Unless a pandemic pops up. With trump in office, there may be some crisis.

>> There is a new variant out there.

CHAIR STEELE: Ah.

MEMBER CONTRERAS: Just thinking about the time frame. We start for the fall and fiscal year in September. It almost feels like we should take advantage to plan for the next year as well. I have a question. I feel like I should know it.

Some of my team have been talking about expungement clinics. Member Stevens called out DPSS. What are you all doing? We could host them at our CalWorks program. I feel like that would make a huge impact. I don't see it any place. I don't know if it is existing. Wanting to me responsive, where do I get in line?

We would be the partners that would make that space for them to do that. I feel like I should know.

CHAIR STEELE: The reason why I was saying about the push for all the things we have heard and things we haven't heard. Being able to have one document to vet and determine if we want to move forward. The expungement clinics it is you are identifying. How farfetched to combine forces on the request for funding to go that way so those things can transpire.

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>> One time dollars can't be used for permanent staff. That is an important distinction. Even if you do it over five years, if it is one time, we don't hire permanent staff. I see Adam saying yes.

CHAIR STEELE: Now, it is those conversations. What does it look like to join forces on this? Does it make sense? Can we put forth a proposal that could be vetted through the process. That is why we are having the conversation. I hope that opens up the thinking caps for some of your peers on the cap right now.

>> You are dating yourself.

CHAIR STEELE: I put my thinking cap on. Okay? Yes. Anyone else on any of this? With those dates in mind, Member Stevens, you have a request? Thoughts about these dates?

MEMBER STEVENS: I just hope we are thoughtful about location. Seeking for the community to be engaged. Let me turn on my camera. Member Contreras, I love you so much. STHANG you. We are thought full about when we are meeting in person. What drawing the most people to the space we are in. That is it.

CHAIR STEELE: Noted. I assume you are talking about magic Johnson.

MEMBER STEVENS: It seems to draw more of the community.

CHAIR STEELE: Availability as well. Time to lock those things in.

>> That is one of the things we will have to hustle and find space. We will do our best. Spaces need to be available.

MEMBER LEWIS: We can office our space in south LA.

CHAIR STEELE: We don't have enough space here. I would love to have you out here.

>> Thank you. It is more central to downtown. Close to the free way. It is very spacious.

CHAIR STEELE: Last two things then public comment. Members of the committee. There were members that, we don't have to vote on the committee members, the committee is standing. Always available. Members who would like to participate. The business and opportunities department. Member Carbajal. Thank you. He is from the county department. My bad. Those members who have participated in the past, are you still available and open to participating.

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>> I wonder if we will be able to because we receive CFCI funding. You may need to identify who can take lead of the ad hoc.

CHAIR STEELE: I wasn't planning on chairing it. Good point. This may have been before her time. You may be right.

>> Depends on the frequency of the meetings. I would like to support it if I can. If I need to provide any leadership, I can do that as well.

CHAIR STEELE: Got it. We are talking about June. Biweekly in July. There is a ramp up we would meet every week in June. Starting next week. I was planning not to chair it. I will be there to participate. Not to chair it.

No decisions are made. Unless, I don't know if council was here right now. I don't think that keeps up from participating.

>> We were asked not to in the other committee that was not determining where funding would go. Just the tools were created for evaluation.

>> We can call him. He is on standby. We may need to get back to you quickly. If I had to guess, I think Member Fuentes-Miranda is probably on the right track based on past conversations we had. This would include requests for funding from departments as well.

>> That leaves me. I am thinking of the justice course and travel space. We had a lot of conflicts. We were deliberate. We had administrators breaking up the proposals. Chair Steele, Member Fuentes-Miranda, we would syphon those things away from you. There is a way to sift and set is aside proposals to move around.

CHAIR STEELE: I want to identify the difference between decisions making process and community engagement process to bring in information. The committee doesn't determine or see the information coming in. It is going directly to JCOD.

>> There would be no issue. I think it is when we get closer to making a funding decision. Even if it is reviewing them without a vote, if there is any recommendation that would go up and then a vote, we are getting into some troubled waters there. That would be my assumption based on feedback.

CHAIR STEELE: We have to go back and have the conversation with council.

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MEMBER LEWIS: That would invalidate or processes. I want some clarity from county council. I won't be able to participate. I want clarity about the work group and voting. It sounds right. That is a departure from what we have done. Present what can and can't happen. We work closely with Tyler. I hope we can engage with them in the next few meetings to understand.

CHAIR STEELE: Member Carbajal. I saw your comment in the chat.

>> Definitely willing to participate in any way I can. [Reading]. Who else said yes? Anyone else?

>> What are the dates?

CHAIR STEELE: Every week for the month of June. Biweekly for July. We have not determined the date yet. Finding the times each week to meet. Dates are not set yet.

>> I got a big month.

CHAIR STEELE: I will add you to part of the list.

MEMBER STEVENS: We can't make a quorum. What is the cut off?

CHAIR STEELE: 12. I think we will stop there. Fantastic. Weekly in the month of June, we will follow up out of this meeting to set the time for next week's meeting to get started. The last thing on this, the guardrails. I am identified survey distribution and information gathering. Itemizing the community recommendation and all parties to engage.

It is not just the community. The departments, CEO's office, all these recommendations, so we have continuity in the recommendations that we are vetting. Cool? It is making sure that information gets out to people the possibility of virtual listening sessions. Throes the items we are putting in.

Any additions or subtractions? That is all we have. A game plan. Thank you.

MEMBER LEWIS: Can I have the (inaudible) for all the meetings?

CHAIR STEELE: The next meeting is on June 12th.

>> The team will work on getting those out. They may not have locations. We will get the place holder on every calendar.

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CHAIR STEELE: There will be documentation for the proposals for funds. We know you got the letter going out. You will have to rethink this. You bring ideas to the table. Public comment.

>> General public comments are limits to the jurisdiction.

CHAIR STEELE: Ruth, you want to.

>> One minute per person. Dial star nine for the raise hand feature and star six to unmute. Computer and smart phone, locate your raise hand feature. We will call on you in the order your hand was raised. State your full name for the record. We will now start the general public comment period. Any comments online?

>> I see no hands online.

>> This concludes public comment. If you would like to submit one, e-mail JCOD@lacounty.gov. Include the meeting date and agenda items. This concludes the public comment period. Back to you.

CHAIR STEELE: Thank you.

>> Member Lewis has a hand up.

CHAIR STEELE: That is old. She is trying to get cohost. She is fine. First committee meeting, we will go over survey. Recommendation form. Make sure these items are situated to our liking to be able to bring to the full committee on the 12th to be utilized to get the word out.

We have some work to do right away. Thank you for your time and attention. I am confident we will get to the finish line. Mad love. Take it easy. Enjoy your time back.