



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

Thursday, June 12, 2025

4:00 p.m.

**HOPICS – Crocker Office 5849 Crocker Street, Los
Angeles, CA 90003**

Below is the link to this meeting transcripts:

[CART Transcript](#)

Below is the link to the full meeting recording:

[Meeting Recording](#)

Kassandra Angel of the Justice, Care and Opportunities Department-Care First, Community Investment (JCOD-CFCI) read the meeting disclosures.

Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Derek Steele (Chair, CFCI Advisory Committee) at 4:14 p.m. and Kassandra Angel (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

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| Present: | Adam Bettino (as an alternate for Judge Songhai Armstead Ret.), Megan Castillo, Gary Tsai, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Anna Gorman (as an alternate for Clemens Hong), Veronica Lewis, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Connie Draxler (as an alternative for Lisa Wong) |
| Appeared Remotely: | Derek Steele, Wesley Crunk, La Shonda Diggs (as an alternative for Jackie Contreras), Kelly LoBianco, Joey Williams |
| Absent: | Rafael Carbajal, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Norma Garcia, D'Artagnan Scorza, Myk'I Williams |
| Special Notes: | Some members/alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early thus votes reflected some absences. Quorum was always present. Members arrived after the roll call: N/A Members departed before adjournment: Gary Tsai, Joey Williams, Kelly LoBianco |

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I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Derek Steele, Chair, CFCI Advisory Committee
2. Review Meeting Disclosures
3. Review CFCI Advisory Committee Land Acknowledgement

Attachment: [Land Acknowledgement](#)

Chair Derek Steele shared the Land Acknowledgment for the meeting, recognizing the ancestral land and peoples of Los Angeles.

4. CFCI Advisory Committee Labor Acknowledgement read by Chair Derek Steele

Attachment: [Labor Acknowledgement](#)

5. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement by various members

Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)

6. Roll Call

7. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meeting on May 15, 2025, Quorum met, action taken.

Motion made by Co-Chair Michelle Fuentes-Miranda for the CFCI Advisory Committee to amend and adopt the minutes from the May 15, 2025, regular meeting. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Vote taken.

Members of the public were invited to give public comment on Item 7.

Public Comment: No public comment.

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to amend and adopt the minutes from the May 15, 2025, CFCI Advisory Committee meeting **was approved** by the following vote:

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| YES | Megan Castillo, Gary Tsai, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Anna Gorman (as an alternate for Clemens Hong), Veronica Lewis, Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Derek Steele, Wesley Crunk, Kelly LoBianco, Joey Williams | TOTAL: 11 |
| ABSTAIN | La Shonda Diggs (as an alternate for Jackie Contreras), Wendy Knight, Connie Draxler (as an alternate for Lisa Wong) | TOTAL: 3 |
| NO | | TOTAL: 0 |
| ABSENT | Rafael Carbajal, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Norma Garcia, D'Artagnan Scorza, Myk'I Williams | TOTAL: 6 |

II. PRESENTATIONS/DISCUSSIONS

8. Discussion: Year 1-3 Programs Funding Status

III. ACTION ITEM

9. Discuss and take appropriate action on the 1 year extension of agreements for funding of Year 1 Funding Area projects

Attachments: [Memo](#)

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Motion made by Member Lewis for the CFCI Advisory Committee to extend Year 1 Program grants, administered by the TPA, by 12 months. Co-Chair Fuentes-Miranda seconded the motion. Vote taken.

Members of the public were invited to give public comment on Item 9.

Public Comment: No public comment.

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to extend Year 1 Program grants, administered by the TPA, by 12 months, **was approved** by the following vote:

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|----------------|---|------------------|
| YES | Megan Castillo, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Veronica Lewis, Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Connie Draxler (as an alternative for Lisa Wong), Derek Steele, Wesley Crunk, La Shonda Diggs (as an alternative for Jackie Contreras), Kelly LoBianco | TOTAL: 10 |
| ABSTAIN | Gary Tsai, Wendy Knight, Anna Gorman (as an alternate for Clemens Hong) | TOTAL: 3 |
| NO | | TOTAL: 0 |
| ABSENT | Rafael Carbajal, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Norma Garcia, D'Artagnan Scorza, Myk'I Williams, Joey Williams | TOTAL: 7 |

10. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Community Engagement Subcommittee's community outreach Protocols

11. Discuss and take appropriate action on the Program Design/Program Funding Recommendation Form

Attachment: [Program Design Form](#)

Attachment: [Program Funding Recommendation Form](#)

Motion made by Chair Derek Steele for the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the use of the Program Design/Program Funding Recommendation Form and activate the committee to collect recommendations. Member Lewis seconded the motion. Vote taken.

Members of the public were invited to give public comment on Item 10 & 11.

Public Comment: No public comment.

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the use of the Program Design/Program Funding Recommendation Form and activate the committee to collect recommendations **was approved** by the following vote:

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|----------------|---|------------------|
| YES | Megan Castillo, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Veronica Lewis, Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Connie Draxler (as an alternative for Lisa Wong), Derek Steele, Wesley Crunk, La Shonda Diggs (as an alternative for Jackie Contreras), Wendy Knight, Anna Gorman (as an alternate for Clemens Hong) | TOTAL: 11 |
| ABSTAIN | | TOTAL: 0 |
| NO | | TOTAL: 0 |
| ABSENT | Rafael Carbajal, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Norma Garcia, D'Artagnan Scorza, Myk'I Williams, Joey Williams, Gary Tsai, Kelly LoBianco | TOTAL: 9 |

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II. MISCELLANEOUS

12. Public Comment

- A) Opportunity for members of the public to address the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- B) Public comment should not exceed one minute per participant.
- C) Please Note: General public comment is limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- D) Public comment can also be provided via email at JCOD@lacounty.gov. Deadline to submit written public comments will be Wednesday, June 11, 2025, by 5:00 p.m.

Attachment: [Written Correspondence](#)

Public Comment: None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- 13.** Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, June 12, 2025. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 26, 2025.