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

Thursday, August 21, 2025
4:00 p.m.

Earvin Magic Johnson Park – John Hall
12601 Wadsworth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059

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CART Transcript

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Meeting Recording

Dalar Zahrabi 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 4:15 p.m. and Ruth Bell (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

Present:	Adam Bettino, Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Auleria Eakins, Gary Tsai, Norma Garcia, Clemons Hong, Veronica Lewis, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to member D'Artagnan Scorza), Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Connie Draxler (as an alternate to member Lisa Wong)
Appeared Remotely:	La Shonda Diggs (as an alternate to member Jackie Contreras), Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to member Kelly LoBianco)
Absent:	Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Tomasa Richmond
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: Rafael Carbajal, Gary Tsai, Norma Garcia, Veronica Lewis, Rosa Soto, Members departed before adjournment: Gary Tsai

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 – Quorum not present at time of roll call.
7. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meeting on July 31, 2025. Quorum met, action taken.

   Motion made by Member Reba Stevens for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from the July 31, 2025 regular meeting**.** Member Castillo seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed with friendly amendments.

   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 adopt the minutes from the July 31, 2025 regular meeting **was approved** by the following vote:

YES	Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, La Shonda Diggs (as an alternate to member Jackie Contreras) Auleria Eakins, Gary Tsai, Norma Garcia, Clemons Hong, Veronica Lewis, Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to member Kelly LoBianco), Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to member D'Artagnan Scorza) Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Connie Draxler (as an alternate to member Lisa Wong)	**TOTAL: 16**
ABSTAIN	N/A	**TOTAL: 0**
NO	N/A	**TOTAL: 0**
ABSENT	Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Tomasa Richmond	**TOTAL: 4**

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

8. July Meetings Debrief

   Attachments: Final One-Time Funding Recommendations & Letter to CEO/BOS
9. Year 1 CFCI Care Grants Evaluation: Harder & Co.

   Attachment: Harder+Company Presentation

II. MISCELLANEOUS

10. 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, August 20, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. No written public comments were made for this meeting.

Public Comment: **Chichi Navarro**

III. ADJOURNMENT

11. Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, August 21, 2025. The meeting adjourned 6:24 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 18, 2025.