



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

**Thursday, October 16, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

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

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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 Judge Songhai Armstead (Chair, CFCI Advisory Committee) at 4:08 p.m. and Margarita Bermudez (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

Present: Judge Songhai Armstead, Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to member Gary Tsai) Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Connie Draxler (as an alternate for member Lisa Wong)

Appeared
Remotely:

Absent: Jackie Contreras, Tomasa Richmond, Norma Garcia, Cristopher Espino

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: Rosa Soto, Tolu Wuraola. Members departed before adjournment: N/A

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

1. Welcome and Call to Order by Judge Songhai Armstead, JCOD Director
2. Review Meeting Disclosures
3. Roll Call
4. Review CFCI Advisory Committee Land Acknowledgement
Attachment: [Land Acknowledgement](#)
5. CFCI Advisory Committee Labor Acknowledgement read by Chair Derek Steele
Attachment: [Labor Acknowledgement](#)
6. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement by various members
Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

7. County Counsel
Attachments: [County Counsel Presentation](#)

III. ACTION ITEMS

8. Discuss and take appropriate action on the elections of CFCI Advisory committee members.

Members of the committee were invited to nominate a candidate for Chair, vice chair and co-vice chair. Member Veronica Lewis was nominated for Chair. Member Megan Castillo was nominated for vice chair and member Rafael Carbajal was nominated for co-vice chair. Members Lewis, Castillo and Carbajal accepted the nominations and voting was conducted.

Voting for Member Veronica Lewis – position of CFCI Advisory Committee Chair.

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| YES | Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to member Gary Tsai) Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Clemens Hong, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Connie Draxler (as an alternate for member Lisa Wong) | TOTAL: 15 |
| ABSTAIN | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |
| NO | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |

Voting for Co-Chair Megan Castillo – position of CFCI Advisory Committee Co-Chair.

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| YES | Rafael Carbajal, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to member Gary Tsai) Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Clemens Hong, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Veronica Lewis, Connie Draxler (as an alternate for member Lisa Wong) | TOTAL: 15 |
| ABSTAIN | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |
| NO | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |

Voting for Member Rafael Carbajal – position of CFCI Advisory Committee Co-Chair.

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| YES | Veronica Lewis, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to member Gary Tsai) Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Clemens Hong, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Connie Draxler (as an alternate for member Lisa Wong) | TOTAL: 15 |
| ABSTAIN | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |
| NO | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |

9. A. Discuss and take appropriate action on the CFCI Spending Package.

Attachment: [Spending Package](#)

Attachment: [CFCI Presentation](#)

Motion made by Chair Lewis to vote on the funding recommendations for approval for DYD, MVA and TPA. The motion for the recommendation approval for DYD, JCOD, MVA and TPA was seconded by Member Crunk; the motion was approved by the following vote:

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| YES | Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to member Gary Tsai), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, D’Artagnan Scorza, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Connie Draxler (as an alternate to member Lisa Wong) | TOTAL: 16 |
| ABSTAIN | Michelle-Fuentes Miranda (recused) | TOTAL: 1 |
| NO | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |

Member Steele moved to vote on the funding recommendations approval for DCBA, DHS and DMH. The motion for the recommendation approval for DCBA, DHS and DMH was seconded by Co-Chair Carbajal; the motion was approved by the following vote:

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| YES | Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to member Gary Tsai), Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, D-Artagnan Scorza, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens and Joey Williams. | TOTAL: 14 |
| ABSTAIN | Rafael Carbajal (recused) Clemons Hong (recused) Connie Draxler (as an alternate to Member Lisa Wong, recused) | TOTAL: 3 |
| NO | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |

Member Fuentes-Miranda moved to vote on the funding recommendations approval for DPSS, CEO and DPH. The motion for the recommendation approval for DPSS, CEO and DPH was seconded by Member Soto. Member Fuentes-Miranda amends the motion to add DEO. Member Soto accepts the amendment. The motion was approved by the following vote:

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| YES | Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams and Connie Draxler (as an alternate to Member Lisa Wong) | TOTAL: 14 |
| ABSTAIN | Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai – recused) | TOTAL: 1 |
| NO | N/A | TOTAL: 0 |

IV. 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, October 15, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. There were a total of 44 individual written public comments were made for this meeting. [Written Public Comments](#)

Public Comment:

- Ebani Abram – So Cal Ceasefire, Timothy Kornegay – So Cal Ceasefire, Anthony Martinez – The Children Collective, Akilah Gary – Make Society Better (Support Ceasefire), Chris Carter – LA Food Bank, Nohemi Lopez – LA Food Bank, Katerina Mesesan – LA Food Bank, Kevin “Twin” Orphage – So Cal Ceasefire, Dr. Yasmin Delahoussaye – Educating Students Together, Dejon Dixon and Danielle Lafayette.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- 11.** Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, October 16, 2025. The meeting adjourned 6:46PM. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, November 20, 2025.