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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Contreras?

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Present?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Kronk? Present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Cyrus Franklin?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Eakins?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Tsai Alternate present?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Fisher?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Present?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Remember Fuentes Miranda?

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Michelle Fuentes-Miranda | ACE (she, her): President.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Garcia?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Hong?

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AUDIO VIDEO: alternate present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Chair Lewis?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Present?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Lobianco?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Lobianco or Lauchinet?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Espino or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Knight or alternate? Present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Skorza or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: alternate present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Soto or alternate?

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Rosa Soto: event.

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00:01:28.120 --> 00:01:30.070
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Steele or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm here.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Stevens or alternate? Present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Williams or alternate? Present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Did you call Member Wong? I did.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Please call it again.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Wong or Alternate? Alternate present.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Richmond or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. With 13 members of the required 13 voting members in attendance in person, this meeting has reached quorum.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Next, we will now acknowledge those attending remotely. I apologize. Chair Lewis, I'm passing it over to you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Please play the recording for the land and labor acknowledgements.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Mayor Lewis, would you mind reading the land acknowledgement out loud?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Is the recording not ready?

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm sorry, I can't hear you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Not playing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay, members still will read the land acknowledgement. Is there anybody that would like to read the labor acknowledgement?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay, go ahead with the land acknowledgement. I was about to say, I'll read both of them if you need me to. Just read the land acknowledgement. In the absence of time.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We'll read it. Okay, go ahead. The land beneath our feet is the ancestral land of people who lived in Los Angeles County and surrounding areas for thousands of years. I would like to... I would like for us to acknowledge the Gabrielino-Tongva people, the Fernando Tatavillam tribe, and the Van Truno-Chumash people.

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AUDIO VIDEO: These native people understood and respected the land, connected and respected the four-legged creatures who once roamed the Earth freely, the winged ones and everything in the ocean. Their hearts told them never to take more than they could use, and always give back to Mother Earth. These amazing people are still here today, living and breathing amongst us, and still giving back to the community that surrounds us. Ahi he. Thank you to our ancestors.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Stevens, I think you said you would read the labor acknowledgement? Labor acknowledgement.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Most modern-day United States institutions have benefited from the unaddressed legacy of stolen labor at the foundation of this nation and its vast and inequitable wealth.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We respectfully acknowledge our debt to the enslaved people, primarily of African descent.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Whose labor and suffering built and grew, the economy and infrastructure of a nation that refused to recognize their humanity. While the 13th Amendment to the Constitution

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AUDIO VIDEO: technically ended slavery in the United States, we know that slavery, ongoing impacts are still felt by countless people forced through violence, threats, and coercion.

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AUDIO VIDEO: to work in the United States.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We recognize our debt to exploited workers, past and present, whose labor was and continues to be stolen through unjust practices.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We acknowledge our collective debt to the indigenous people of this land, whose labor was forced and exploited, the Chinese immigrants who built railroads that allowed for West Ward American development.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Japanese Americans, whose properties and livelihoods were taken from them while incarcerated during World War II.

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AUDIO VIDEO: and immigrant workers from the Philippines, Mexico, and Central and South America, who have worked Pacific Northwest farms and canneries.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We recognize the immigrant and American-born workers of African, Asian, and Central and South

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AUDIO VIDEO: America descent, whose labor remains hidden in the shadows, but still contributes to the well-being Of our collective community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We recognize that our economy continues to rely on the exploited labor of incarcerated people, largely people of color, who earn pennies an hour for generating billions

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AUDIO VIDEO: While generating billions in goods, services each year.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And we know there are many other people to numerous dimension who are prevented from reaping the true value of their labor by unjust systems and cruel practices. We mourn the loss of life, liberty, and opportunity.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We acknowledge that the theft of labor is the theft of generational progress. Nearly all people of color have been robbed of the opportunity and wealth that their ancestors might otherwise have passed on to them.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, members Steele and Stevens, for taking that on, and I want to acknowledge that members Mom Bianco and Fuentes Miranda have joined us as well. We're going to move on to the Advisory Committee Community Agreements. Those who are willing, please,

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AUDIO VIDEO: Take one line and read it, I'll start us. Be respectful of diverse voices being represented, and remain open-minded. Be mindful of power dynamics in this space, as well as the historical disenfranchisement of Black and Indigenous communities. Accordingly.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Prioritize and defer to community throughout this process.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Be mindful of the diverse audiences you're presenting to, and make sure you speak with clarity.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Be collaborative.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Assume best intentions. Challenge the idea, not the person.

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AUDIO VIDEO: 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, non-conforming folks, etc. Defer to community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Transparency and follow-through.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Be intentional about hearing, allowing space for additional voices to be uplifted.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Be an active participant, and try to be succinct in your thoughts and contributions.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Let equity lead the way.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Make spaces for youth voices.

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AUDIO VIDEO: As much as possible, allow community members to finish their sentence thought during public comment.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Review community agreements before every meeting and amend them as needed.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Begin CFCI Advisory Committee meetings with a land acknowledgement statement recognizing and respecting the Indigenous peoples of the land we now call Los Angeles County.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. I also want to acknowledge that alternate member Pastor Nelms has joined us as well. All right, moving on to item number 7. We, unfortunately, because of some challenges with quorum, have 3 months' worth of minutes or notes to approve, and so, we need to approve the August

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AUDIO VIDEO: 21st, 2025 minutes, the September 18th, 2025 notes, their notes because we did not have quorum, and the October 16th, 2025 minutes. We can take them all up in one, motion. Any corrections or any discussion before somebody makes a motion?

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AUDIO VIDEO: I make a motion.

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AUDIO VIDEO: To accept, or to approve the minutes.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Second.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Any corrections or discussion before we take public comment on this item?

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AUDIO VIDEO: abstain, because I was not here. Okay, when they call you for the vote, feel free to say that. And also, for those of you, just because you're not here doesn't mean you have to abstain, so... but you're welcome to do so. All right, any comments, corrections, or, noted edits?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Let's take public comment on Agenda item number 7 only, please.

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AUDIO VIDEO: This commences the public comment period for agenda item number 7, addressing the meeting minutes for months August and October, along with the September meeting notes. The public comment period during the meetings will be 1 minute per person.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Please indicate at this time if you would like to participate. For those online, please use the raise hand feature now. For those on the telephone, please dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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00:11:03.510 --> 00:11:10.520
AUDIO VIDEO: For those in person, please form a line at the microphone. We will now begin public comment for Agenda item number 7.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Seeing no hands in the room, we would like to go online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There are no hands online.

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00:11:26.700 --> 00:11:28.160
AUDIO VIDEO: Can we begin the vote?

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AUDIO VIDEO: One more time, any corrections or edits before we take the vote?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Alright, we're ready.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I would like to acknowledge that there are 16 members currently.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We will now conduct a combined vote for the motion to approve the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee regular meetings for August and October 2025, along with the September 18th meeting notes. We will be using a similar process as the roll call. Again, we ask all committee members to be ready with a microphone before your name is called.

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AUDIO VIDEO: When I call on your name, please indicate your vote of yes, no, or abstain. Before we begin, note that there are 15 of the required 13 voting members in attendance in person to establish quorum.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We will now begin the vote.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Correction, 17 in person.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Judge Armstead or alternate? I'm sorry, not a voting member... Member Carbajal or alternate? Alright.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Castillo or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Contreras, our alternate?

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Abstain.

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00:12:50.850 --> 00:12:53.019
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Crunk or alternate? Aye.

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00:12:55.120 --> 00:12:57.610
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Cyrus Franklin, or alternate?

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00:12:59.130 --> 00:13:00.000
AUDIO VIDEO: Aye.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Eakins or alternate? Aye.

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00:13:04.090 --> 00:13:06.920
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Tsai or Alternate? Yes.

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00:13:08.220 --> 00:13:10.330
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Fisher or alternate?

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00:13:10.590 --> 00:13:11.520
AUDIO VIDEO: Aye.

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00:13:12.590 --> 00:13:15.980
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Fuentes Miranda, or alternate? Aye.

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00:13:16.620 --> 00:13:19.029
AUDIO VIDEO: Member Garcia or alternate?

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00:13:19.900 --> 00:13:20.880
AUDIO VIDEO: Aye.

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00:13:21.440 --> 00:13:22.690
Audio shared by Kassy Angel, JCOD: Remember, huh?

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00:13:22.690 --> 00:13:24.490
AUDIO VIDEO: longer alternate? Aye.

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00:13:25.750 --> 00:13:31.879
AUDIO VIDEO: Chair Lewis or alternate? I... Remember Lobianco or Alternate?

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00:13:33.070 --> 00:13:35.720

Audio shared by Kassy Angel, JCOD: Remember Espino or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Knight or alternate? Aye.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Remember SCORZA or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Aye.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Steele or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Aye.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Stevens or alternate? Aye.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Williams or alternate? Aye.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Richmond or alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Wong or Alternate?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Abstain.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Motion passes, thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Want to acknowledge that alternate member Bhakte has joined us as well.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay, moving on to number 8, so...

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you again, to all of the members and alternates for the tremendous amount of work that we've done in 2025. There's been a heavy lift under then-Chair Steele's leadership, and we've been pushed to make a lot of decisions. Unfortunately.

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AUDIO VIDEO: In many cases, in truncated time frames, we've been surprised by a lot of things.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And there's just been a lot, we've been working for the last 5 years, and, you know, for me, it's kind of full circle since I chaired the inaugural first 2 years of this advisory committee. And it's unfortunate that we continue to, sometimes feel like the advisory committee is not necessarily always considered.

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AUDIO VIDEO: As analysis is happening, as decisions are being made, and so we've had lots of conversations in our frustration as we've been forced to make decisions and take votes

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AUDIO VIDEO: Throughout the course of this year about ways to mitigate some of the chaotic ways we've been forced to make decisions in and have discussions in, and to have some structured

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AUDIO VIDEO: systematic ways to work alongside JCOT, the CEO's office, their budget office, etc, in a thoughtful way, so that we are part of the process, we are understanding what's going on, and make sure that our committee is servicing in the capacity that it was meant to serve, right? Be a voice for the community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: push against the status quo, just for the sake of the status quo, right, to make sure that the essence of what CFCI is.

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AUDIO VIDEO: is accomplished. And so, one of the things that myself and the vice chairs have been talking about, since the election last month is, what is it that we want to see, right? And it's not just what the three of us want to see, and also, obviously, JCAL was included in conversation, but also, what are the things that we've been hearing for

the last year, right, that will help improve the way we do our work, improve our effectiveness as a committee.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And hold the county accountable in a different way.

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AUDIO VIDEO: In a thoughtful way, and make sure that we feel like we are thought of

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AUDIO VIDEO: At every step of the process, and not as an ancillary, oh, we gotta check that box.

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AUDIO VIDEO: type of engagement, which is what it seemed like for the last year or so. And so, with that said.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We all shared our different thoughts about what we want to see. We all recollected what some of you have said in the course of these meetings, and I organized 4 buckets of priorities that we hope to focus on, in 2026. So I'm gonna go through them. I'm not gonna necessarily read everything verbatim. I understand some of you already looked at it, but this is what we're hoping to accomplish.

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AUDIO VIDEO: this year, and it's a long list, but I think it's doable, and some of the activities associated with those things. And so, this is the... if you're following along in your packets.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We're looking at the colorful... Sheet that's right after the meeting minutes or notes. And so...

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AUDIO VIDEO: We want to improve effectiveness of the meeting structure and engagement with the advisory committee members. We want to strengthen transparency and equitable community-driven budget and spending processes, and I'm going to dive a little bit more into some of the

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AUDIO VIDEO: activities we hope to accomplish, I mean, hope to put into place, or do to accomplish that.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We want clear..

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AUDIO VIDEO: and thoughtful oversight and evaluation of all the CFCI-funded programs. We seem to do this bifurcation thing about TPA and county. We want clear evaluation of all the programs.

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AUDIO VIDEO: that are receiving these dollars. And then we want to strengthen support for CFCI-funded community and faith-based organizations. So within the first bucket, where we're trying to improve the effectiveness of our structure, we started out with developing a 12-month calendar, so we'll go over that once we're done discussing these priorities.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then we want to maximize our discussion time, so figuring out how to reduce all those things we just went through.

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AUDIO VIDEO: maybe get it to, like, 15 minutes, and so I'll be proposing some things in the next meeting about maybe not looking at the community agreements every month, maybe doing it quarterly, right? Or some other ways to streamline. JCA has already started to try to do recordings to cut off the time, so we'll be figuring out how to use most of our two hours together to actually discuss agenda items and not do

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AUDIO VIDEO: Administrative, stuff.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then we want to develop a CFCI Advisory Committee orientation

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AUDIO VIDEO: still gotta tease this out with JCOD. To provide some foundational information for our new members and alternates, people are asking questions like, what does this mean? What are we doing? So, making sure we have, even if it's just an hour, some onboarding to give some framework, some foundation for all the alternates and members that join this body, so they have some kind of..

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AUDIO VIDEO: Foundation, before they show up to the first meeting, to know what's going on and what we've been doing and what we're working on now.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And adding a time to share CFCI-related events and activities when necessary and appropriate at the end of our meetings.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The next component about strengthening transparency... so this has probably been the largest, frustration.

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AUDIO VIDEO: That's the word. I can't sugarcoat it. Frustration.

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AUDIO VIDEO: For many of us sitting at this table, as well as the community who's very invested in this, because this is the community's idea in the first place.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so, some of the things we want to do is make sure we have clear alignment between the committee spending plan recommendation and budget timelines. We met with the CEO Budget Office a couple of weeks ago, fully understood their timeline, their CFCI's

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AUDIO VIDEO: timeline for the budget office works a little bit differently than the general public, or general department timeline, and so we've asked them to put it in writing for us, but we have clarity, and when you look at our work plan that we're going to review next, it's based on their timeline, so that we're always

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AUDIO VIDEO: in... in step, and doing things in advance of when they have to do their analysis and make their final recommendations. Also, developing a process for the committee to receive information

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AUDIO VIDEO: About the process, the timeline, expenditures, burn rates.

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AUDIO VIDEO: et cetera, for all CFCI programs. One of the things we've learned is that there's been quarterly reports happening for a little while now that don't necessarily come to this body, and so making sure we

have built-in timeframes to look at all these things listed here. Establishing standing budget and spending subcommittee. Many of you said yes to that when we were pushed to make the last vote, I think it was in September or October.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so, putting that in place, hopefully next month.

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AUDIO VIDEO: solidifying equitable processes for evaluating community and county proposals. We've long talked about the inequity of departments being able to submit full-blown proposals that actually get funded, and the rest of the community being left to do... to submit concepts that just get bucketed.

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AUDIO VIDEO: and interpret it in any way they want to. So what does that look like? Given the bandwidth challenges that we have, because of the high quantity of interest anytime we ask for concepts, how can we equitably figure out how to get concepts and ideas, with the same level of detail or not from everybody?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Public partners, private entities.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then implementing recurring meetings with committee leadership, JCOT and CEO Budget, so... myself, General Carbajal.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And remember, Castillo have already began that process, and we're gonna have some recurring meetings.

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AUDIO VIDEO: the oversight and evaluation of all CFCI-funded programs, I think, you know, it's long overdue for us to have a clearly established, transparent.

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AUDIO VIDEO: program and process evaluation structure that's not ad hoc in nature, that's not kind of, oh, now we spent this money, but that's established and that we could all track all of us, meaning not just the committee members, the community at large. And so we want to develop in the next...

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AUDIO VIDEO: 10 months. A clear plan for program evaluation or process evaluation for all CFCI programs. Also, I want to establish a standing evaluation committee that is walking alongside JCOT throughout the entire year to keep track of what's going on.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And make sure that it meets the needs of the community, and that it's thoughtful and nuanced, as the community providers are. Developing an efficient and effective way to learn more about data and outcomes, and developing processes and criteria for recommendations about aspiring contracts. We still don't have a framework for that.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And that's gonna be something that we look to do very early in 2026, and having frameworks so that when we are alerted, right, this money is expiring, you gotta make a recommendation about this, we got this new money, this money has shrunk, we have frameworks for it, we don't have to sit there and make the decision about how we're gonna make the decision.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We have the framework in place to make the decision, so I'm hoping to do that with you all.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Early in 2026, as well as solidifying the measurable desired outcomes, and making sure that we're tracking to those things in a way that's not administratively burdensome, but also tells the story, so we can have, informed information to make decisions about, recommended spending plans moving forward.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And developing a systematic way to hold grant administrators and grantees accountable.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then finally, strengthening the support for CFCI-funded

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AUDIO VIDEO: community and faith-based organizations, and so really, we want to explore and actually put some resources, if possible, behind creating resources that are long-standing to address the ongoing cash flow issues that many of the CFCI grantees are experiencing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Vice Chair, Carverholz have a lot of different ideas. There's lots of different ways to do that, but, it's disheartening to hear about the great work that grantees are doing, and almost always, they also, at the end of that, say, but we're still struggling.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Payments are delayed. We're having cash flow issues, and I just think it's unconscionable, and it goes against the essence of what CFCI was supposed to do anyway. Not just make the money available, but create opportunities for these grassroots, trusted organizations to actually be able to thrive and survive, do more than survive.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And not be hindered because they've taken this money and now have more cash flow issues, because they have more operational costs that are being delayed in terms of the coverage.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Developing and planning tools to help connect grantees to comprehensive resources, and so in addition to adding

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AUDIO VIDEO: specific funding to address operating cash flow needs, also making sure that we have a thoughtful way to connect, existing grantees to existing resources to help support, uplift, or build the infrastructure of their organizations.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then gaining a full comprehension of, the TPA and county department contracting, procurement, or sole source processes. We don't control that, but at least we should understand what it looks like, and if we have,

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AUDIO VIDEO: thoughts to offer, we should be able to do that, but first we gotta understand it, because it's somewhat of a mystery in some regards. So, before we move on to the timeline, that was a lot, and I went through it pretty fast. That's because it's in my hand... it's in my head, it's in my heart already. By this point. That's why I was able to go through it. But before we get to the... the timeline, which is connected to many of these things, you'll see, any comments or questions or thoughts?

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AUDIO VIDEO: concerns about the priorities.

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AUDIO VIDEO: First of all, I... oh, I'm sorry. Go ahead, Member Gorman. Sorry. You got it. Thank you for calling on me. First of all, I love this. This is my first year participating. I've watched for years, but I've never participated as an alternate.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And, it has been a little bit inconsistent, even over the course of the year, so I'm glad to see a framework that lays out what we should and should do, and the priorities. I do have some thoughts and feedback. I don't know if it's better just off the top of my head, and I'm sure Dr. Hong may have some as well. I'm not sure if now would be a good time to mention it, or if I should send an email after the fact. Yeah, go ahead and share. Okay, just a few things.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm on this gaining full comprehension of the TPA and county department contracting at the end, I actually think also some training, not only on that, but on this process, right?

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AUDIO VIDEO: How they apply for funds, how they put proposals forward, what they need to know early, you know, so that... so that they're prepared.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then on the... the second bucket, the transparency, I agree that's the highest priority one for a lot of us.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I would add in that one, two, three, fourth bullet, it's not only the equitable processes, but I'd like to see them written down and consistent, because even though I was really trying to follow everything.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I felt like the process kept changing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so I wasn't really clear, as an alternate member, what the process was. And if I'm not clear, I'm sure a lot of us were not 100% clear, and definitely the community wasn't.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then I think if we're putting it in paper, like, we should say it again, that ensure all recommendations are aligned with the CFCI priorities. It doesn't hurt to continue emphasizing that, because

that's why we're here. And then the final thing is just, I think at the very end of the process this time.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We were a little bit surprised that, you know, when the amount went up from 216 to \$245, some decisions were made, with JCOD's CEO that were not made here. And then they came back here, and the vote happened quickly. And I think we... I think that that was not really how the process was laid out to be. So, I don't know how you put that into a priority, but maybe it's what you were saying.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Lewis, about just having a structure and sticking to it, so there's not last-minute decisions made outside the committee.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you so much. Thank you, thank you for all of those comments.

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AUDIO VIDEO: On the last part... are you trying to start the practice of putting your thing up? On the last part, I think that...

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AUDIO VIDEO: Subcommittees and some of the other

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AUDIO VIDEO: clarifications about timeline is a part of that. Walking alongside their respective departments or groups to understand in real time what's going on, it wouldn't be all of us, it's a delegation of us. That is going to allow us a clear line of sight that we have not had, as opposed to the, oops, sorry, we need y'all to understand this.

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AUDIO VIDEO: ask questions and make a decision all in 2 hours. We want to move away from that, and so understanding the timeline in the CEO's office, budget office, seems very,

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AUDIO VIDEO: willing, right, to make sure we're clear, they're clear, but in addition to that, having people regularly interacting with the respective, bodies, regardless whether it's evaluation, budget, I'm also going to suggest the programs committee to walk along JCOD on some stuff,

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AUDIO VIDEO: That is supposed to be our eyes and line of sight in real time, so that we won't be surprised again. And if we are surprised again, it's because information was withheld, right? But not because we weren't walking alongside understanding what was happening.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Every month, right? Every other month, so... Thank you. Thank you. I may just put them in writing, just because I spoke really quickly, just so you have them, and you can incorporate them or not. I got it. Oh, okay. I can save you a task. Okay, thank you so much. Thank you, members still.

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AUDIO VIDEO: First of all, thank you for this.

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AUDIO VIDEO: It is very, very helpful to kind of see outline, like, what the priorities will be.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Just as, slight response. Real quick, though.

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AUDIO VIDEO: What the county gets really good at is, like, coming to order processing, and then it doesn't matter what the situation is, one size fits all, we are always going to stick to this process. And I think knowing that these resources are going into communities in ways that will help to kind of create a dynamic

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AUDIO VIDEO: environment. Like, I just want to make sure that we're not being rigid with certain... with certain things, and, like, there's an ability to kind of, like, adjust as we go along.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And... You know, I'm excited to kind of take a look at the...

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AUDIO VIDEO: the, the timeline, but I also just wanna...

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AUDIO VIDEO: One of the things I learned

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AUDIO VIDEO: I've talked about soft part, but one of the things I did learn as well is that we are an advisory body.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And..

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AUDIO VIDEO: sometimes it's really important for us to kind of remind folks who we represent, like, as far as community is concerned, but at the end of the day, like, some of this stuff is coming down the pike in our laps, so, like, to what you just said about, like, sometimes it's because information is withheld, like, how do we..

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AUDIO VIDEO: Get an opportunity to pivot the plan

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AUDIO VIDEO: when that actually happens. And it feels like here lately, that's happened a lot more than it has in the past. And, with some of the things that have happened here lately with the one-time funds.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I... I'm concerned that it might...

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AUDIO VIDEO: open up the door for it to happen more often in the future, and so, like, how do we, like, adjust for that? You know what I'm saying? So, I don't know if you gotta answer that right now, but I'm just throwing that out there as, like, a way to kind of think about it as we go through this timeline and into the foreseeable future. We're always thinking about how to be responsive. Yeah, I think to the first part, agility is always going to be what we want to be. We don't want to be a bureaucratic body.

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AUDIO VIDEO: On the other side, though, we have to have some standards and structures to try, and we'll adjust them as needed. But having them solidified, we're 5 years in, I think we're to the place, and again, some of the work, unfortunately, has not even been done yet. As I go through the timeline, you all will see there's some frameworks that we don't have solidified, and so there's always room for adjustment. We listen to community if it's not working.

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AUDIO VIDEO: But we need to solidify it first.

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AUDIO VIDEO: How do we know if something is working or not if we don't have a standard that we're working towards? And that's what we're trying to establish, right? And we'll make adjustments as necessary, but it won't be because we're being forced to make adjustments, because now, oops, we gotta do this again. It's putting things in place, understanding all the decision points and frameworks that are needed for them, and then ours... hopefully you'll get the answer to your second part when I walk through the timeline.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay. I think I'm there.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Oh, that's cool.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, Chair Lewis. It was really refreshing. I know some of us got here a little bit early and was able to read through some of the documents already, and it just feels like a breath of fresh air, because I feel like what I've been saying for the last 3 years, and what many people have been saying on this dais, has been

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AUDIO VIDEO: put into practice into these, priorities right here, where we're talking about accountability, not just for grantees, but for administrators and things like that. And I think, like, what it's going to really require is, you know, thank you for your leadership, I appreciate this, this is a really positive thing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I know I get accused of being negative all the time, or pragmatic, But it's,

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AUDIO VIDEO: It's going to require all of us to come around Chair Lewis and, Vice Chair Carbajal and Megan, Vice Chair Megan, to support, because there's a lot of things in here, like subcommittees and things like that. I think we need to move from being treated like the red-headed stepchild of CFCI, the advisory board, and living to the full teeth of what the voters decided on this commission and committee.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And I think this is a framework that could get us there, to really allocate these dollars. I, too.

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AUDIO VIDEO: very disheartened by hearing from community in the presentation about delays and things like that, and looks like this is the way we could really address it, and the overspend, underspend, whatever they're gonna call it. But, you know, we're fighting a bureaucratic arm right here, but the reason why we're here is to make sure those dollars get back to the community. So, just want to thank everybody, and we have a talented group of people on here, man, and it's just amazing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: how far we've come over these years to begin to work together, but it's exciting to see where we can go under this planning your leadership, Chair Lewis, but thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Any other comments or thoughts before we look at the timeline?

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AUDIO VIDEO: So, I really do... I appreciate, this, but I... I just can't... I can't forget about the 245

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AUDIO VIDEO: About the \$245 million, and a lot of what we experienced.

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AUDIO VIDEO: In the past few months.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so I'd like to strengthen column number 3.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And I believe that we should include the word accountability.

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AUDIO VIDEO: at the top, oversight, evaluation of all, you know, and accountability. And then also, at the very last bullet, develop systemic ways to hold grant administrators and grantees accountable.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I appreciate that, but I also think that we need to name it.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Because the county... Who sits at the table.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Didn't spend and gave back a lot of money.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There was a lot of money that was lost. You know, it was swept, and then it was given back.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And that process, it was somewhat disheartening to me, because there wasn't an opportunity for us to engage them

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AUDIO VIDEO: Prior to us being aware of that. So I think that, you know, more reports

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AUDIO VIDEO: But I think we should name it. We should... we should say county. We should say CBOs.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay, thank you. Chair Steele? I mean, sorry, Chair Lewis, Member Contreras, and Soto both have their hand raised online. Okay, we'll take their comments, and I'm gonna go through the timeline.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: So, I just want... Thank you. I just wanted to add, I appreciate

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: well, I appreciate the document overall, right, and the intent, I think, behind it. On the maximizing discussion time, for the administrative items, I actually find the, group agreements, the

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: land acknowledgement, the labor acknowledgement, very grounding for this meeting. You know, this meeting is late in the day, and it's just a nice way to remind

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: us of, you know, how we're here, why we're here, how we're going to behave here, and what sort of the bigger picture is. So I just want to offer that as a consideration. I think it can be done more efficiently if we identify who's going to do them at the meetings, but, I just wanted to put that out there.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Did you say Member Soto? Okay. Member Soto?

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Rosa Soto: Yes, thank you so much.

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Rosa Soto: Yes, similar to Member Contreras, I do find the acknowledgement and,

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Rosa Soto: our, you know, way in which we introduce the meeting, as very grounding, and so I do really want to

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Rosa Soto: ensure that we continue that. I know there's a balance of some of the administrative work, but it does ground us, and it does set a tone that is very different for this meeting than most other meetings I attend.

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Rosa Soto: I love this framework, thank you so much for putting it forward, and I just wanted to...

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Rosa Soto: reiterate, you know, some of the thoughts that, Chair Lewis, you, you mentioned, you had heard about the difficulty of nonprofit partners, in being partners in this work. It's very difficult to be, expected to hold

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Rosa Soto: apologies.

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Rosa Soto: My phone is ringing. It's very difficult to expect small nonprofits to hold the line for, you know, 90 days, 120 days, and even longer than that. And it's not an expectation that we have of county departments, so why do we have that expectation of nonprofit partners?

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Rosa Soto: It's important that we understand that it actually harms

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Rosa Soto: The social fabric of our community when we... when we aren't equitable, and when we do not uphold the values of what we are trying to do with this funding.

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Rosa Soto: And so I want us to, you know, really lean into that transparency around where the funding is, how it's being spent down, how quickly payments are going out. And, you know, I'm part of another GRTF that everyone, you know, we've all been talking about. And there, too, we're talking about the lack of transparency in budget.

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Rosa Soto: So, you know, so there's a... there's problems that are bigger than our committee, but I feel like there's significant work that our committee can do in this space to ensure that there is a better process for

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Rosa Soto: For others in other spaces throughout the county.

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Rosa Soto: Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you both, and your comments about...

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AUDIO VIDEO: the acknowledgements are noted, and those aren't on the table to be taken away, but thank you, heard what you said. Thanks, everybody, for their comments. This agenda item is still...

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AUDIO VIDEO: Open for discussion, I'm just gonna move to the second part of it.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Which is... which is the next page, if you're following along in the packet. The timeline, the work plan. I just want to lift up, these are ideally the core focus areas of the meetings that are within this month. It does not mean this is all we're going to talk about.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And this was developed, again, because we met with the CEO Budget Office, thank you all for taking time to meet with us, to truly understand what their timelines were, right? And all of the key decision points we're making. So usually there's, like, 3 main buckets, right? There's one-time funding.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so, part of what you see here is establishing a framework for how we make decisions about that. There is... if there's a reduction in expected revenue, right, which is a whole different conversation, but nevertheless.

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AUDIO VIDEO: still requires recommendations about what might be cut. And then, what we have coming up very soon is the ending of a whole round, so you all understand the rounds are 36 months, right?

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AUDIO VIDEO: we use the term year, but year one, round one, we have to have a framework for what does that look like. The challenge is we don't have the full, robust data and..

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AUDIO VIDEO: evaluation available to us yet, still. But nevertheless, as those rounds come to a close, and those contracts are set to expire, what does that look like? How does this body make decisions about whether or not we renew things, right? Have a brand new process? Like, we have not even gotten to that yet. So those are... there's more, but those are the three main decision points related to the spending plan, and so..

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AUDIO VIDEO: These are not the only things that may be discussed in the respective months, but they are the focus areas, and we had..

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AUDIO VIDEO: CEO's office look at this, and our timelines are in line with theirs, okay? So, I'mma walk through it, I'm not gonna read everything, just want to mention, this doesn't mean we won't talk about other things. This is just..

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AUDIO VIDEO: Ideally, to not have to rush, these... this is the way that our time will be organized in terms of priorities. So, starting in the bottom left-hand corner, the purple box.

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AUDIO VIDEO: November and December.

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AUDIO VIDEO: trying to set our work plan, which is what we're doing right now, and establish our priorities. I'm hoping next month we can establish the subcommittees, the budget and spending one. I already know we have support for the evaluation we have to talk through. Again, I want to offer a programs committee to work alongside JCOD to minimize some of those.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You know, to make sure we're working alongside them. And so, talking about the structure, what that looks like next month, establishing those, hopefully, is what we'll do.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then, ideally today, I was hoping to have a presentation almost like a budget... a county budget 101 for us to do grounding. Unfortunately, we... well, sorry, not unfortunately. We have another presentation that has to happen, and so I'm hoping to do that in December.

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AUDIO VIDEO: at the early part of the year, the calendar year next year, going up to the next one, the blue, January and February, I'm hoping to really establish frameworks. There's gonna be working meetings where we don't have decisions to be made right away, but those three things I just said.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Our main objectives related to the spending plan, renewal, you know, one times.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Ending of rounds, and reductions.

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AUDIO VIDEO: laying out some frameworks about how we do that work. So as it becomes time for us to do that work, we've already made a decision. Does that make sense? Instead of having to make the decision the same day and then vote on it the same day or next day. So we're gonna spend January and February doing a lot of work.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Trying to figure out how we want to approach doing all that, as well as, looking at our community engagement strategies to make sure that they are still, holding true to the essence of us representing the community and what the essence of

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AUDIO VIDEO: CFCI is supposed to be, as well as hopefully working along JCOT to support their effort to finally put in place a comprehensive evaluation process, and getting a report, the first report, on quarterly spending.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And it'll continue thereafter. The next few months, March and April.

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AUDIO VIDEO: actually undergoing some of the community engagement, right? Understanding what the needs are, understanding how we're gonna hear from them. This is where trying to figure out an equitable way to get information and ideas is gonna come into place. Continuing to hopefully work with JCOT to really start to put some pieces in place for a comprehensive evaluation.

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AUDIO VIDEO: process. Moving up to May through July, there's gonna be a lot of work

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AUDIO VIDEO: this will be the core of the time where we're actually doing the spending plan recommendation activities, including deliberating, getting community input. I'm hoping that we can actually get something, have the community weigh in, make adjustments to it, right?

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AUDIO VIDEO: And submitted, which we haven't necessarily had the chance to do in the last couple of years, and so really having a thoughtful process to put something forward

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AUDIO VIDEO: to, the CEO's office.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then, what we've learned, which has caused some of the consternation this year, but I don't know that all of us were clear, even though CEO... I'm moving on to August and September, even though the Budget Office

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AUDIO VIDEO: gave us a roundabout amount. They don't get the final expenditures and can't really say how much is left until the end of August. The challenge is, we made our recommendations before that, right? And so they came back and said, we have this money. We're like, what do you mean?

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AUDIO VIDEO: So knowing that we'll have to do some preliminary work, but coming back in August, there may be an additional amount, or a changed amount, because...

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AUDIO VIDEO: They don't get the final, spending.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Final data about spending to know what's left.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Or what's unspent until the end of August. Everybody hear me? So there's a kind of... it's a two-step process. And when we have our budget spending 101 next month, hopefully we can all be on level playing and understand what's going on and how it impacts our timeline. And then finally, for calendar year 2026, October through December.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Taking a look at the contracting processes, continuing, again, we're gonna build in these quarterly reports about spending, so this committee can know what's going on, across the entire CFCI

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AUDIO VIDEO: portfolio, some presentations, potentially, about program and process evaluation, and hopefully, in the last quarter, calendar quarter of 2026, do the same thing we're doing right now, right? What are the priorities for 2027? What's the work plan? So, again, this does not mean these are the only things that would be covered.

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AUDIO VIDEO: In these months, this is just giving you an idea of the focus area and really helping you see where our work in tandem with JCOT and the CEO Budget Office will come into play.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And we'll have some more visuals for you, in the next couple of months, right, to really overlay our timeline with the CEO budget timeline, so you could truly understand how it flows. But this was just to give us a general work plan. So, I'll pause for questions and comments, we'll have discussion amongst this group, and then we'll take public comment.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Adam?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Hi, thank you, Chair Lewis.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Couple things just to clarify. We have... we have submitted to you all our first quarterly,

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AUDIO VIDEO: Spending report that went back to the board that was sent...

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AUDIO VIDEO: a couple of months ago, per the May 6th board motion, so that was sent, and our next one is due December 6th, so you all will have

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AUDIO VIDEO: an updated report there. For the next meeting as well, we have, we have a kind of a financial dashboard that will be publicly available on our website. We have sort of the beta version now. We want to... we wanna,

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AUDIO VIDEO: Show that to leadership, make sure it's answering your all's questions, and make modifications, but that'll be... we can highlight that at the next meeting as well.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. What I would ask for is, as we do the budget 101, the foundational stuff, I hope that JCOT can come with a clear

description of what we're looking on a dashboard, how to decipher the spending plan, because we, again.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Some of us have the expertise, some of us don't. All of us should understand it. So I'm hoping our time together next week, you all come prepared with a presentation to walk us through, so that as you send the spending plan to us, everybody knows what they're looking at and what it means.

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AUDIO VIDEO: All right, one of these... some of you may see your... your colleagues putting their tent cards up. Some people... some committees do that. You don't have to, but if you want to do that as a way to indicate that you want to speak, feel free. Otherwise, just wave your hand. All right, members still?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you very much. This is a great timeline. Just want to say, and Member Soto mentioned it, like, she and I are on the Measure G Task Force, the... I'm sorry, the Governance Reform Task Force. One of the things we are discussing in that space is, changes to the budgetary process.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Along with, you know, there may be a new budget officer, and there's a whole bunch of stuff that has to happen by...

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AUDIO VIDEO: 2026, actually, but, that we have to have recommendations for about 2026. So...

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AUDIO VIDEO: I also don't think, though, like, even the things we're discussing, that the timeline will shift too much, but that takes me to the next thought, that...

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AUDIO VIDEO: the May 6th motion that got passed earlier this year identifies, July 31st as the deadline for us to make recommendations for unspent funds, right?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Which, when we were talking with them about that, the reason why the July 31st date was selected was because of the same thing about, August, the August deadline that you were saying, about when they know

what's going on. So, in the, like, it was either, do we want to give recommendations

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AUDIO VIDEO: after that date, or before that date? And we're like, well, we want the things that we're talking about to be considered

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AUDIO VIDEO: during their consideration to get to the final date, the final point in August, and then we can make adjustments based, you know, if there needs to be adjustments. But, the last question I have, though, is the expectation for most of the work that we're talking about in this

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AUDIO VIDEO: to happen in the subcommittees to be able to report in these meetings? Like, how do you imagine this will go?

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AUDIO VIDEO: It's a mix.

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AUDIO VIDEO: A lot of the work you all see in January and February, we're gonna do that in this space. Like, we won't have anything else on the agenda. We are literally going to... and those of you who know me, you know that I'm gonna come with a few things for you to consider, right? I'm not just gonna say, what do you think?

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AUDIO VIDEO: That's mine. What do you think is fine?

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AUDIO VIDEO: But I'm gonna come for some things for you all to respond to, in terms of potential options. And again, you may decide not to do any of those things, and that's okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: But to try to maximize our time together, that's going to be part of the approach. But we are doing this work together, but... and some of the... I don't know yet. We'll decide that next month, right when we establish the subcommittee, so that's a great question. Any other comments before we take public comment about this timeline and work plan, or even the previous

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Eakins?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yes, I just want to speak to the community engagement and evaluation piece. That is one of the, sort of, like, pains in my side.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You know, I had mentioned, and I want to know, like, how much say does this body have in the evaluation piece? Because that's going to be crucial. Those who participate in the process greatly benefit from the outcome, and so it's very important that

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AUDIO VIDEO: The folks, you know, the grantees get an opportunity to really have their say, and so not a hit and miss, not, you know, two of three, a sample size, but that they really get an opportunity to say how this is working, not working, and where there are opportunities for improvement.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So I'm really hoping that that is a strong piece to our work moving forward, is to really hear from those who are most impacted by our decisions.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yeah, really good point. I think as we establish the committees next month and the structure, community engagement as a part of that structure and some parameters around that is what we can talk about. Okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Any other comments before we open it up for public comment?

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AUDIO VIDEO: These are really great thoughts.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: I have one question.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Number two?

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Yeah,

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: So, I get lost in the, like, you talked about the 36-month cycle, but then you have a new, group or tranche of individuals, so I kind of get lost in, like, what is... what is our role across time, across different

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: groups, if that makes sense. And if... so there is a way to illustrate that, or if it already exists somewhere, that would help me.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yeah, Member Contreras, that's the plan for next. We want to overlay all of that. We want to overlay CEO budget process with our timeline. That's what I was referring to. We'll have available next month, and even as the Budget Office walks us through their process.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Hopefully, it'll become very clear, and we'll spend our time solely on understanding all the details so that we're ready to go.

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AUDIO VIDEO: next year. So not to push you off, but honestly, that's our plan for next month, to walk through all of those different decision points.

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AUDIO VIDEO: an analysis that the Budget Office is doing, and how we support that through our recommendations.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Okay, thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. All right, let's open it up for public comment on this, and then we'll come back and see if there's any more points, and this is not a closed conversation, right? This is open to... if you digest it and have more to say, like, send an email, but this is a starting point for us, so let's hear public comment on this agenda item number 8 only, and then...

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AUDIO VIDEO: Have a little bit more discussion if needed, and move to the next agenda item to hear from the Budget Office.

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AUDIO VIDEO: This commences the public comment period for Agenda item 8 regarding committee goals, priorities, and 2026 work plan slash timeline. The public comment period during the meeting will be 1 minute per person. Please indicate at this time if you would like to participate.

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AUDIO VIDEO: For those online, please use the... please use the raise hand feature now.

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AUDIO VIDEO: For those on the telephone, please dial star 9 to raise your hand. For those in person, please form a line at the microphone. We will now begin public comment for agenda item number 8.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Seeing no hands in the room, we would like to go online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I believe there's... Someone approaching? Yes.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Please state your name for the record.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yes, my name is John Davis.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm the president of Avalon Gardens Community Association. I represent this area here of Willowbrook.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And I just want to know...

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AUDIO VIDEO: As you guys was going over your guys' timeline plan, how does this community engagement,

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AUDIO VIDEO: How that plan is gonna, map out.

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AUDIO VIDEO: This is my second time.

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AUDIO VIDEO: here at this meeting you did here at Magic Johnson.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So, I'm just one... I'm just curious on how does that community plan... that, excuse me, that community engagement works out with folks that lives in the community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Is public... Thank you. Let's go online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There are no hands raised online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Is public comment closed?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We're not able to necessarily respond directly to public comment, but what I'll, reiterate...

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AUDIO VIDEO: from the priorities and timeline discussion is that the hope is that early calendar year 2026, we will reexamine the existing community engagement practices and, modify them as we see fit. And so, by early next year, we should have a better idea, and as should the community, about all the different ways that we'll be engaging the community, beyond what JCOT already does.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Remember still?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Just, just generally, just lasting, like, any thought, like, having it outlined this way is really dope.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Mainly because it gives folks a chance to understand, like, what the process is, so you know when it makes sense for you to come in to be a part and show up. But I also, you know, I think overarching, we have always tried to make sure that

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AUDIO VIDEO: we are trying to engage people in the entire process, because that's... this is a... this is an attempt at a participatory budgeting process, which means that all aspects of what the flow is, having community be engaged and helping with the parts of the decision making. Can it be more refined? I think this is going to help us get there, so I really appreciate the work that you all have done.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you so much. We're gonna move on to... so again, committee members, community, this is a starting point.

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AUDIO VIDEO: certainly room for adjustment, but it gives us some type of framework to know where we're going together next year. So thank you so much for your comments. Continue to keep them coming as you think about things. We're gonna move forward to agenda item number 9, a debrief on one-time spending plan.

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AUDIO VIDEO: looking at the board letter from CEO as they make their way to the mic. I'm just gonna tell you all.

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AUDIO VIDEO: we learned about this in the last couple of weeks. Myself, Vice Chair Castillo, we asked if there was a chance for our committee to weigh in, to make meaningful change, potentially, to this.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And we appreciate that the Budget Office inquired with their upline, but the response was no. This is moving forward as is. And so we tried to see if we could make a meaningful input, and we weren't going to be able to, but we did ask, so I just want to share that.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You have the floor. Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Good afternoon, committee members. I can't hear any feedback, so I'm assuming you can hear me. If you can't, please, raise your hand and let me know. Kiwon King with CEO Budget,

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AUDIO VIDEO: It's a little low. I can speak a little closer. Kiwan King with CEO Budget. As I think I've mentioned before, we are in a transition phase with staffing. I'm here with my colleague, Jack Artunian, who is taking over all things CFCI, any day now.

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AUDIO VIDEO: But I'm here to, give you the presentation on the CFCI Year 5 Spending Plan Board Letter, which came about after this committee, adopted the set of 240...

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AUDIO VIDEO: \$245.8 million in recommendations on October 16. Shortly after that date, JCOD officially transmitted your adopted plan to us. I believe that came in the following week.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And I wanted to walk you through, kind of, the steps that CEO has been taking over the last couple of weeks, with, JCOD, and with the Advisory Committee, and with County Council, and then other, members, other folks in the county, to get the package ready for the board.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We presented.. we met privately with the leadership last Friday to walk leadership through the draft board letter, which is in your packet today. We also briefed the Public Safety Cluster yesterday morning, at the Hall of Administration, and we are tentatively scheduled for December 9 before the board, for consideration and hopefully adoption of the spending plan.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so, I wanted to walk you through, kind of.

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AUDIO VIDEO: what steps we've taken, from October 16 to now. So we know that, this committee is very focused on getting the funding,

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AUDIO VIDEO: getting the plan finalized, sent to the board, adopted, and then administered as quickly as possible. That's why we tried to move, very expeditiously to put the plan together, to brief it before, the

board, cluster, before this body, and then get it to the board, ASAP on December 9. The December 9 board letter will include a budget adjustment.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Which will transfer, the funding to the respective

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AUDIO VIDEO: budget units for the departments, including the TPA, that will administer the \$245.8 million in one-time funding. The board letter will also include delegated contracting authority that will allow departments, including JCOD, to move forward as quickly as possible with whatever contracting processes they need to push the funding out as quickly as possible.

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AUDIO VIDEO: That is consistent with, the last four spending plan board letters.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I can walk you through now, our... our goal, in moving forward was to be sure that, we

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AUDIO VIDEO: complied, of course, with the terms of Measure J, that we comply with the county code that was recently adopted to codify Measure J, that we comply with the CFCI board policy, and that we comply with the May 6th motion that the 2nd District put forth.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm happy to report that we are in compliance with each of those measures. Our goal in moving forward is to

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AUDIO VIDEO: Move as quickly as possible, to respect, the committee's recommendation, and to be sure that the money is deployed, as quickly as possible for needs in the community, including alternatives to incarceration and direct community investments.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'll walk you through now, we did make 5, changes to this committee's recommended spending plan, that is in the packet today, and that will be before the board on December 9. The first change is related to a 10% set-aside for urgent board priorities.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So, we...

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AUDIO VIDEO: what the CEO wanted to do was to, attend to, urgent board priorities, that have come about,

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AUDIO VIDEO: Some of them related to the recent, federal government closure, some of them related to, recent actions,

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AUDIO VIDEO: at the federal and state level, but I think, our goal was to be responsive to board motions and board direction, to set aside, 10% from each of the 60, I believe 64 projects in the plan that is before you, to...

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AUDIO VIDEO: Put together a \$24.6 million plan.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Sure, and... Should I continue, members, or... Okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Great, so the 10% of \$245.8 is \$24.6 million. In the set of recommendations that, is before... is before the board on December 9 includes one recommendation for \$14.6 million for rent relief for vulnerable tenants.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The second recommendation is for \$10 million for, food justice and food security to augment the \$10 million that this committee recommended for CalFresh Healthy Living. I think our... our goal at CEO was...

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AUDIO VIDEO: to do an across-the-board, 10% set-aside, to minimize the impact to any one of the 64 programs that this committee put forth. We know that 10% is far below the historical underspend from the prior CFCI spending plans.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We also know that, each of the projects will have 36 months, to spend down their allocations.

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AUDIO VIDEO: to the extent that this committee, decides that any of the 64 programs need additional funding moving forward, I think our expectation is that we can work with the committee and with JCOD

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AUDIO VIDEO: When you start your process this spring for next year's, unspent one-time funding to identify, programs or projects or focus areas that do need additional resources, and then, prioritize those in next year's process as we move forward.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We also made, a couple of other adjustments. I'll walk through them quickly so that we can break for questions. We made two adjustments to program titles and descriptions based on our due diligence work with County Council and with JCOD.

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AUDIO VIDEO: One project, General Training and Employment Services for Black Workers.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Based on our work with County Council, advice received related to Proposition 209, which I believe was adopted in 1998, we have recommended that this

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AUDIO VIDEO: program name be changed to General Training and Employment Services for Historically Underserved Communities.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Our intention is that the project be administered consistent with the committee's direction, but we wanted to be sure that we were attentive to potential legal risk related to Prop 209 in putting forth the recommendation to the board.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We made a somewhat similar recommendation with regard to the \$1.2 million project that this committee adopted for the Office of Cannabis Management's Social Equity Program.

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AUDIO VIDEO: the...

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AUDIO VIDEO: the CFCI language in the charter measure requires that in adopting a spending plan for CFCI, that plan must be compliant with all laws.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The CFCI board policy also has language that requires, any adopted CFCI spending plan to be consistent with all state and federal law, and because,

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AUDIO VIDEO: Cannabis is still illegal under federal law. We have, elected to make a shift in the program's title.

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AUDIO VIDEO: to the Small Business Social Equity Program. The program will still be administered through a county department, DCBA, and we wanted to be sure that the program focused on businesses that have been historically and disproportionately impacted by the criminal justice system. But again, because

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AUDIO VIDEO: There's language in both the Charter and the board policy that requires compliance with laws and federal law. We wanted to be attentive to the risk issue.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We also made two, smaller changes to program administrator. I think this committee knows that, in the past, we have, honored the committee's recommendations for almost every, project in terms of

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AUDIO VIDEO: how you recommend it be administered, either by a county department or by a TPA. We had to make two changes, which I'll walk through very quickly.

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AUDIO VIDEO: One program was recommended for...

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AUDIO VIDEO: It's the American Native and Indigenous Workers Employment Program. The program will remain as recommended, but this committee recommended that it be administered by Linnaeic, the LA City-County Native American Indian Commission.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We checked in with Linnaec. They have two full-time staff members, and they are unable to, manage a program of this size, and so they have,

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AUDIO VIDEO: given us that feedback, and instead, we are now recommending the program be administered by the TPA, with Linnae staff serving as the subject matter expert. And so our... our goal is to,

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AUDIO VIDEO: honor the committee's recommendation, but because of, the administrative issue with Linnaeic, we thought it would be prudent to send it to the TPA.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And the last change is for the HEAL program. It's Holistic Early Assessment and Linkage. It is a public defender program that came in through the CEO's Community Safety Implementation Team. And so, because the existing program is operated by the public defender, because the public defender, has been running the program for a number of years.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The work, including the mental health assessments that public defender employees provide, is protected by employee... by attorney-client privilege. We wanted to be sure that the new program is consistent with the prior program, and for that reason, we're recommending that it be administered directly by the public defender, rather than through, the CEO's

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AUDIO VIDEO: Community Safety Implementation Team.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And those are all of the changes that we made to the spending plan. It is before the board on December 9, and both Jack and I are here and available to answer questions.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. I'm gonna recap really quickly for folks that may have lost some of that. So, the main thing is the 10% across the board.

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AUDIO VIDEO: that's what we asked a week ago weigh in on. The answer was no, but I want to make it clear that the \$28 million, part of it is going to the existing food program, right, to make sure that we add distribution of food. Many of you have seen the folks show up

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AUDIO VIDEO: To... and make public comment about the food program, but some of you might not have known there was no food distribution, it was only education.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So part of what it does is add the ability to actually distribute food to the existing program. The second bucket for housing support, is going through DCBA,

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AUDIO VIDEO: in a program that's already set to launch, so that one of the things we've talked about is allowing us to have a conversation with DCBA leadership about making sure that the CFCI principles are applied, and that any accessibility issues to access those programs are addressed as they look at the launch of it in the first or second quarter. So, just wanted to share that. And plus.

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AUDIO VIDEO: they changed some of the names to address the legalities, right? Unfortunately, Prop 209, which was meant to

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AUDIO VIDEO: protect against discrimination, prohibits us from targeting resources in a lot of ways, and so to address legal... potential legalities in terms of having the word Black in the project title, and having cannabis in the title, they changed it, but not the essence of what the program does.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And the other one is just some shifts in who administers the dollars. So I know you said all that, I just wanted to say it.

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AUDIO VIDEO: in layman's terms, all together, so make sure people understood what was happening. Members still, did you? Okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay. Alright, so, comments or questions?

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AUDIO VIDEO: For Jack Arqon.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Williams?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yeah, thank you. I appreciate the update on the, you know, that the LA City-County Native American Commission declined, just as long as they had the first, crack at doing it, if they declined and interested in it. That sits well with me.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I don't know, I just, you know, I hear y'all saying that you...

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AUDIO VIDEO: cleared this, this, and that, and I guess my question was.

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AUDIO VIDEO: how did you all comply with CSCI when all of our recommendations we went through and

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AUDIO VIDEO: Got 150 concepts that were submitted. We did community meetings, and I've done meetings with 300 of the Native American community over the past couple years, and got our priorities out, so I'm not sure how I'm seeing how you honored the CFCI process.

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AUDIO VIDEO: That's just one question.

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AUDIO VIDEO: It's telling me how you comply with CFCI.

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AUDIO VIDEO: it does feel a bit like a shakedown, you know, like, you know, you see those movies, like The Godfather, and the black hand comes in and takes his cut from the community. That's what it feels like, even though it's going to important programs like, well, now food distribution, now it's... I don't know how much food education we actually need.

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AUDIO VIDEO: To distribute and eat food, but actually getting food out, that sounds great, but...

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AUDIO VIDEO: we allocated in our deliberations, which were very strenuous, that Derek led us through, is we allocated specifics for housing in there. Majority of the budgets went into housing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then this comes around. I'm not saying these aren't important issues, but what you all are doing sounds a lot like what the federal government's doing to us right now.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We have to take these things, and we have no input, we have no recourse, and they just do it. And whether it's the same output or not, it's the same thing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You know, and it just feels a bit disrespectful to the process of CSVI, and all the hard work that folks have put into this. And I know you say it's only 10%, but that's...

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AUDIO VIDEO: \$26 million, you know? That's not a small chunk of change, right? So, my thinking is, like, you know, I appreciate it that we've been able to work together and get these budgets approved.

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AUDIO VIDEO: But isn't there other funds out there, you know, to be allocated, to be... that this could come from? Why does it have to come from the community dollars? Because you're not taking dollars from us right here, though we're part of the community, you're taking it from everyone outside.

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AUDIO VIDEO: and doing that in a unilateral process that I don't feel is honoring the CFCI process, so I guess my question is.

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AUDIO VIDEO: How do you... how are you complying with the CFCI process?

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AUDIO VIDEO: So I, I think,

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AUDIO VIDEO: what was really important to CEO was that we, continued to fund all 64... 64? 65?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Sorry, I thought it was 64. We wanted to be sure we funded 100% of the projects that this committee, put forth on October 16. Okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: for all the programs that the committee recommended, I think CEO, didn't want to have to pick or cherry-pick programs that, should

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AUDIO VIDEO: perhaps receive a larger reduction, or should be defunded. And so, I think the approach that CEO took was to be sure that 100% of the projects that this committee put forward would still get funded, albeit at 90% of the funded level.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And our goal, and the projects that we are funding, or we are recommending to be funded with the \$24.6 million, are, in one case, the CalFresh Healthy Living Project is the same project that this committee recommended

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AUDIO VIDEO: 10 million go to, the housing project,

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AUDIO VIDEO: is in line with this committee's, I think, prioritization of 30% of total funding, going to housing, and... and...

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AUDIO VIDEO: From CEO's perspective, these are, urgent and important committee needs, that are aligned with Measure J, that are aligned with the nine categories of ATI and DCI, and that are very much aligned with

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AUDIO VIDEO: the recommendations that this committee is making in the year 5 plan, and that you've made in years 1, 2, 3, and 4. Yeah. I guess the follow-up is, like.

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AUDIO VIDEO: like, you heard Chair Lewis earlier talk about we went through the process, and we did everything we're supposed to do. We did the dance, and we were on time to all the things that were thrown at us. It feels like you guys were a little Johnny-come-lately on the process, and it came in at the late. So I think what I would really appreciate is

that in the future, when we have to make these decisions, that you come to this body.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And we negotiate that, and we work together on it, because that pill's gonna be a lot easier to swallow if we work together, then we have all these members in here, and a few people at the CEO's office who think it's a good idea, and that... I just feel that there's value and wisdom of many counselors. I think that's in Psalms somewhere.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So, that's just my, my recommendation, so thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Members still?

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AUDIO VIDEO: I just want to make a few clarifications.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The California for Healthy Living is not education.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There was a program, like, what we had identified was a program that was delivering pro... delivering food to people's homes, as well as, produce distribution, produce rescue, to make sure that people get access that way.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so what ended up hap... what I'm reading here, what's on paper, is that they took money across the board, not only just for the rental assistance program, for the program that was actually going to be stood up.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Understood. But... and also to give it to the food bank because of,

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AUDIO VIDEO: whatever reason that they identify here. So I just want to be clear about that. It was not, oh, well, it was only education, so we wanted to give it out to make sure the food... no, it was already food that was being given out, and they took even money from that.

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AUDIO VIDEO: to say, oh, we want to do it this way instead, right? And.. and I just want to note, like, it's not like this kind of came out of nowhere. They had been... they... we said no to them 3 times about doing it this way, and they did it this way anyway. And I don't even want to put it on CEO. The board offices..

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AUDIO VIDEO: because that's who this is really coming from, particularly Member Solis and Member Han have been harping on trying to do this this way. I think this is good work to make sure that we can serve these things, but

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yo, county probation has 11... 1,100 unfilled roles.

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AUDIO VIDEO: that you can pull money from, that... to the tune of more than \$24 million, to actually pay for stuff like this. It doesn't have to cut services that we're actually putting out to community dollars. Like, Joe... Member Williams is right. Like, this money is... it's not coming from us, it's not coming out of my pocket.

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AUDIO VIDEO: This is coming out of things that we have done the work to actually allocate to community. So, you know, in the future.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Take a look at all the other things that are going on throughout the county, and pull money from those places before you start taking money out of the pocket of the people.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yeah, I'll come to you, Member Stevens. I just, you know, it's very disheartening, and everything I just said, I feel like you all are like, she just said all this, and here we go again, but part of the reason why I set the priorities and timeline, and the committees are going to be so important is so we could try to mitigate some of this.

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AUDIO VIDEO: this is a difficult reminder that we are in an advisory capacity, and that the full discretion about what goes forward to the board is in the CEO's hands, and so we can't control that.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Obviously, there was another pathway as we had all those meetings for the CEO's Budget Office to say, these are the priorities of the board, it's likely we're gonna have to put them in, please include them in this way. And it would have been a different conversation. But nevertheless, it's a difficult reminder. For some of you, it feels like a slap in the face, and I feel a little sting from that, too.

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AUDIO VIDEO: that we don't have the discretion the CEO Budget Office does. So, with that said, Hopefully..

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AUDIO VIDEO: working alongside them in a different way, moving forward, where there's greater transparency and honesty with the subcommittees, we can never be here again. But we're here today, but I understand that it's frustrating, it's disheartening, and disappointing, and I just want to acknowledge that and help that we can minimize these kinds of things, because it feels like this is the fifth time in 2025.

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AUDIO VIDEO: that we've had to experience this. Member Stevens, and I'll come to you, Member Kronk, Yeah.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm gonna try to keep it, very brief.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Because I think it's important to express how hurtful.

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AUDIO VIDEO: This is the process for me. So I get that we're an advisory body.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I get that, you know, and I'm... I feel very fortunate and very blessed to be seated at this table, among so many.

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AUDIO VIDEO: But at the same time, I think perhaps there should be some advocacy around how can we dance better together.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You know, because I keep going back to how we discovered this \$245 million that was sitting somewhere. How much money... and I know it wasn't found, necessarily. Well, well, okay, that was found.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And then I think about the interest that was accrued on those dollars, you know, when we talk about this money. And to me, it's just...

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AUDIO VIDEO: It just feels... If, you know.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm just gonna say it like I'm gonna say it. It feels like I'm being bent over.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And it doesn't feel great.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Because there's not the right kind of communication or collaboration. So we, you know, we've been over this, and we've said no several times, but still.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You know, the final and the last word ends with, I'mma say y'all.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And that's okay that it's that way, but it just doesn't feel right, so can we do better?

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AUDIO VIDEO: In the area of communicating. And then, you know, some of this, the way it's written, it makes me go back to some of those discussions around conflicts of interest.

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AUDIO VIDEO: With these county dollars, or how these monies are moving toward the county.

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AUDIO VIDEO: It just doesn't seem fair. So, is there something that you can offer

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AUDIO VIDEO: To help better understand how we can, work better together.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Member Fisher... oh, go ahead, and then we'll go to Member Fisher, and we'll take public comment and finish the discussion.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So I would say on CEO's behalf, we are absolutely willing to engage in the process that Member Lewis laid out in the prior agenda item. We did coordinate offline to be sure that we provided our feedback on our internal deadlines and our internal

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AUDIO VIDEO: processes, and I think, we, and I'll... I say we loosely, because it'll be Jack, are very willing, to work with leadership, with the committee, and with JCOD, to kind of better integrate, the, the work that we are doing with the work that you're doing.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, and we appreciate Jack's commitment and Keon, your support to move forward in a different way. All right, Member Fisher, and then Member Soto.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I wanted to ask a couple of, clarifying questions. I think one of the other members asked, did CEO look at other funding sources before deciding to tap into the CFCI fund? And..

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AUDIO VIDEO: That 90% cut, was that across the board of all the committee's recommendations, or did CEO decide to cut some and not others?

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AUDIO VIDEO: So it is 10%, across the board to, all of the recommendations that the committee put forth, 63 or 64 of the total. I think CEO wanted to be attentive to, not, impacting any one program,

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AUDIO VIDEO: by a larger factor than any other program. With respect to outside funding, CEO is always looking for external and other sources of funding, as the department reps here can probably attest to.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I think, well, we may talk about it more next month, at the Budget 101, or the budget update, but, I think everyone here knows that the county has been in pretty dire financial straits for a number of months now, and maybe longer than that. The county implemented

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AUDIO VIDEO: 3% and 5.5% curtailments to all general fund.. almost all general fund departments in the budget that was most recently adopted. And I think the county's financial situation, because of

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AUDIO VIDEO: changes in the federal landscape, and perhaps some changes in the state landscape, are continuing to be constrained. And so, CEO works, very regularly, as Jack can attest.

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AUDIO VIDEO: To look for sources of funding from, all pots, in which we can identify.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay. Did you have another question?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay. Member Soto, Member Steele, and

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AUDIO VIDEO: Then we're gonna go to public comment.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So,

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AUDIO VIDEO: The reason I raised my hand is to ask the question of the 10% reduction, because I... being adjacent, our foundation to LA General Medical Center, I understand the 10% cut was pretty much across the board.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So, clarifying that this did come from CEO as the recommendation, I think is really important for the record.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I also think it's important that we look at, you know, what the impact of a 10% reduction to a body like this does for the work that we're doing that is monumental and innovative for the community, and hits the most vulnerable in our community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so, it's important, I think, that when CEO is making these kinds of decisions, that we're not all created equal, and that we need to make sure that we're supporting those initiatives, that we all really feel align more to the value

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AUDIO VIDEO: And importance that our constituency in Los Angeles County is placing on priorities in the community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so, I just want to make that clarification, because I know there were, you know, we're also putting a lot of pressure on the Board of Supervisors, right, to be responsive, and I just want to make sure the story is accurate.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I also want to, point out for the record that I did bring up a couple of times the importance that we did go through this incredible process that was established a few years ago, but, over the course of this year, we have

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AUDIO VIDEO: impact to the most vulnerable in our community, including the policies that have now been pushed forth through the federal government that are impacting Angelenos more than many other communities, and that we were not able to uplift some of those emergent needs through our work as significantly as I think we could have, including food security.

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AUDIO VIDEO: That, need was elevated during the summer, it was elevated early in the fall, it's worse today because of the CalFresh and what we're seeing, and the numbers that I'm seeing in this, I think, do not reflect what we could have done.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And so I want us just to think about that as we think about the future. Emergent needs are important to the most vulnerable in our community, and it may be, you know, Latinos this year, immigrants, you

know, Blacks or Native Americans, all of us at different points and different times, and we just need to make sure that we're all working, right, to align those priorities.

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AUDIO VIDEO: With, you know, with the intentions of this body.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, Member Steele, and then Member Kronk, and then we will go to public... Member Contreras also has her address. Okay, she'll be the last comment before public comment. So, Member Steele, Member Kronk, Member Contreras, public comment. We can close out the discussion thereafter. As you can tell,

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AUDIO VIDEO: frustrated. I just want to clarify.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I want to clarify that...

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AUDIO VIDEO: When I say we said no 3 times, I'm not saying that we said no to the items.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Because we put resources out of the resources that we were allocating into these items. What I'm saying we said no to was the process at which they were...

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AUDIO VIDEO: If we didn't do anything, the decision would have been made to use CLCI as a slush run.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Oh, yeah, yeah, yeah, just throw everything at CFCI. We'll take all that money and put it in all the different places. And we said, no, there is a process that needs to go away. Community needs to be engaged. That's the reason why the May 6th motion got passed, the whole nine. And even with the outlines of the May 6th motion.

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AUDIO VIDEO: CEO is still... along with the pressure, and the reason why I identified the board office is because the board offices are putting the pressure on CEO,

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AUDIO VIDEO: to come up with solutions for these things. When you read the board letters, when you read all the items, that energy, you go to the board meetings, that energy is coming from the board offices to come up with solutions, and all I'm saying is, yes.

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AUDIO VIDEO: solve these problems, put money towards these things, but I mentioned probation office because \$4 billion is going toward having to pay for things that they're not doing on point.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And they got... they got un... unfilled roles? So you're gonna come at JCOD, and come at CFCI, and cut our budget?

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AUDIO VIDEO: And you know, yes, the 3% curtail meant, yeah, okay, so out of that 1,100 that they had, okay, we'll give you, like, 100 of them. Like, no, bro, you can't have 1,100 rolls unfilled for a whole year, and not have that be looked at to solve these types of problems in community.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So I totally agree with you, Rosa. Like, if you know and identify that these are the problems, we need to go to where other problems are being caused in the county and use that as a solution to solve this, and not take it from money out of the pockets of people, and out of programs that could go into the pockets of people who are actually doing this work on the ground every single day. And I'll leave it at that. Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, Chair. I think the...

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AUDIO VIDEO: statement I'm about to make is a little bit emotional, but I'm gonna say it, because this is the second meeting that I've been in today that I've seen these numbers. I don't believe anybody in this room

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AUDIO VIDEO: has the power to do anything, but I do believe

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm a Black, African American in America, and I still believe in the people. I don't care what the administration is doing.

Once enough people get fed up with stuff, I think things will change. And when I hear stuff like,

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AUDIO VIDEO: you know, Black workers, well, we're not gonna say that, we're gonna say something else. The organization that I'm a part of, I've been over pre-apprenticeships for the last 10 years, and they had two names that were deemed that they only looked for certain demographics, so I don't know what happened in 98, but I do know about this new,

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AUDIO VIDEO: executive order to make sure everything's fair, so we changed the name. We're still doing the work, but we changed the name. My thing is, just as people in this country that know mathematics, I watched a demographic today that said Black people are less than 8% of this county.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yet, we were 30% of the county jail population. If anybody would simple mathematics, we don't even need to go into multiplication.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Don't see that there's an issue there, and that means, hey, we need to put a little bit more energy there.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I mean, it's just obvious that some of this stuff is systematic, and that's a longer conversation I don't want to get into, and that's cool. It happened. The country got that black eye. When are we all gonna say, you know what, let's go ahead and fix it, instead of keep doing what we've been doing to get here? That's all I gotta say.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Member Contreras, and then Jay Contin, please open up public comment.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Yeah, so I just wanted to point out, because this might be errors in other places, the DPSS proposal, that money was supposed to go to the public defender, so it's listed under DPSS, so I don't want to create another barrier where it comes to us and then it goes to

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: to them. Also, it's cut more than 10%, so did you also adjust for, like, the remainder of months in the year, or...

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Did something else happen?)

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AUDIO VIDEO: So all of the reductions were 10%, but Dr. Contreras, we can work with you offline to look at the before and after figures. The totals are actually included in Exhibit

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AUDIO VIDEO: enclosure 1 to the board letter, and so we ran a simple formula for 10% of the committee recommended amount on October 16, and it should be a consistent 10% across programs.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Okay, and then, and then correcting it to public defender, should I follow up with you on that?)

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AUDIO VIDEO: We can talk offline about that.

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Jackie Contreras-LAC DPSS (she: Okay, thank you.)

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yeah, if there's any adjustments.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Amendments to this board letter. Jay Kot team, please send it to this committee, and highlight the changes.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay. Public comment?

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AUDIO VIDEO: This commences the public comment period for agenda item number 9 regarding the one-time spending plan board letter from CEO.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The public comment period during the meetings will be 1 minute per person.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Please indicate at this time if you would like to participate. For those online, please use the raise hand feature now.

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AUDIO VIDEO: For those on the telephone, please dial star 9 to raise your hand.

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AUDIO VIDEO: For those in person, please form a line at the microphone.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We will now begin public comment for Agenda item number 9.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Please state your name for the record. You have one minute to speak. Thank you. Once again, my name is John Davis.

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AUDIO VIDEO: President of Avalon Gardens Community Association.

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AUDIO VIDEO: I'm just here listening to each and every one of you about the budget.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And you guys got to December 9th.

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AUDIO VIDEO: For it to go to the board.

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AUDIO VIDEO: My personal opinion, I think you guys need to go back to the drawing table and figure it all out. As a community person, as a community president, we look at it from the outside.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And we see things that you probably don't see.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And what I see is that the county has wasted a lot of money We have departments.

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AUDIO VIDEO: To have mismanaged the money.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And you are fighting for somebody.

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AUDIO VIDEO: So I just think, honestly, you guys need to go back to the table.

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AUDIO VIDEO: It may be... the CEO...

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AUDIO VIDEO: needs to come here and speak on it as well. Because if I'm not mistaken, did we not do a several package for the CEO?

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AUDIO VIDEO: \$2 million?

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AUDIO VIDEO: So, I guess that we need to all come back to the table. That's my time. Thank you. Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There are no more hands in the room, let's go ahead and go online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There are two comments online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We'll go in the order first received. Joel Garcia, please state your first and last name for the record.

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AUDIO VIDEO: You have 1 minute to speak.

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Joel Garcia: Joe Garcia, Director of Etsley Projects, a CFCI grantee for Year One.

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Joel Garcia: I just want to uplift the comments that, Commissioner Steele and others have mentioned, and..

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Joel Garcia: you know, coming from a meeting in East LA around Measure J on Monday, that was a surprise to a lot of us. Like, I don't know why the CEO's office continues to be a barrier to the implementation of CFCI as voters, you know, voted for. It continues to be

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Joel Garcia: This office that creates barriers for grantees in implementation, is here now again, like.

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Joel Garcia: Another barrier to serving community members, so..

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Joel Garcia: like everybody has stated, I mean, go back and come and present something that is a little bit more just for what many of us are doing to take care of our people. Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Byron Jose?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Please state your first and last name for the record, you have one minute to speak.

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Byron | TransLatin@ Coalition: Good afternoon, Advisory Committee, Byron Jose. The CEO office has the goal

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Byron | TransLatin@ Coalition: to not even look us in the eye, or be careful and open to try to bend the community over time and time again. If it's just 10%, if it's just 25 million, we could have taken 10% out of fees just settlement, we could have taken 10% out of the bacon positions. And Kuan, where are you going? Are you getting... are you also getting a settlement and a payout while your office continues to time and time again.

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Byron | TransLatin@ Coalition: Undermine this process.

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Byron | TransLatin@ Coalition: This 10% is ridiculous, it is unacceptable, and it is unfortunate that, yes, Supervisor Solis, Supervisor Hahn, and Supervisor Barger, the chair for one more week, who were here in 2020, when the voters demanded this, continue to allow the CEO to allow us to continue building our payoff settlements, gonna continue to increase, and continue to fund a sheriff and a probation department that suck.

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Byron | TransLatin@ Coalition: Is this unfortunate.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Maya Hendricks, please state your first and last name for the record, you have one minute to speak.

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Mya Hendrix: Good afternoon, advisory committee members. Maya Hendricks with the Reimagine LA Coalition. This...

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Mya Hendrix: is extremely disheartening. Measure J and CFCI come from the need for equity in LA County, and a 10% cut across all of CFCI programming is not equitable, at the least.

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Mya Hendrix: The same communities that need food distribution support and rent relief are the same communities that benefit from additional CFCI programming. What happens when a kid has food on the table, but no longer has a program that keeps them busy and helps them stay out of the system?

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Mya Hendrix: The same system that's abusing our youth right now. There's no use in robbing Peter to pay Paul.

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Mya Hendrix: 35% of our locally generated unrestricted dollars go towards the same public protection departments that are currently being sued at astronomical rates for abusing our youth and community members on the streets. It's time to divest and make it make sense.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Jose Miguel Ruiz, please state your first and last name for the record. You have one minute to speak.

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Jose Miguel Ruiz: Yes, good afternoon, Advisory. This is Jose Miguel Riz. I'm the Executive Director of Cultiva, but I also wear a different hat as an alternate for SD1, and I do want to set the record straight, food

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Jose Miguel Ruiz: Right now is an emergency effort that is gonna keep homes, that is gonna keep youth.

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Jose Miguel Ruiz: that is gonna help seniors. It's just mind-blowing to think that we're gonna cut from all programs 10%, but haven't we seen... yesterday, we're at the distribution, 300 turkeys were gone in 45 minutes. So again, as an advocate for food access, I know we have pledged millions, I think last year for year 2, 6 million for increasing food access. It's ironic that we're now cutting, or suggesting to cut from food

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Jose Miguel Ruiz: insecurity. So again, as an advocate for food justice, please reconsider, looking at rent control, but also for food access. Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: There are no more hands online. Seeing no more hands raised, this concludes the public comment period. As a reminder in advance of our next public meeting, if you would like to submit a written public comment, please send an email to jcod at lacounty.gov by 5 p.m, the day before the meeting. I'll now pass it back to you, Chair Luce.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you. Thank you to all of the commenters in person and online, and to the committee. We understand your frustration. One thing I want to clarify, however disheartening this is because of the process.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The 10% cut is not across all CFCI programs, it's across the \$245 million of underspend. We still don't appreciate the way it was done, but I just want to make sure everybody's clear that it's not the full portfolio, and I think that it's incumbent upon us to,

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AUDIO VIDEO: to work together as a committee, to put these priorities and other ones, and put these subcommittees and other processes in place, so

that we hopefully minimize the number of surprises, and, frustrations that we have next year.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yes, with that said, I wanna... did you take public comment on number 9 and on number 8 and in general?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Say it again?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Okay, so we're done, okay.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Vice Chair Carperhall? As Vice Chair, I just want to take a point of privilege and recognize that this money is... some is being recommended to come to my department, and as Vice Chair, and been... I've been here, what, 3 years now? I completely understand the vision and the...

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AUDIO VIDEO: the work that we're trying to accomplish here, and we fully commit to trying to apply as much as we can the vision and the prioritization that we do with all the work that we do here. All of the work that we do is rooted in equity. All the work that we do is economic justice work.

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AUDIO VIDEO: And that's the same way that we're going to treat these dollars. I also do want to acknowledge that,

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AUDIO VIDEO: the CEO's decision to make the 10% was the CEO's decision to try to fill a gap that we were asked to fill as a county for folks in need in response to what we were seeing out on the streets.

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AUDIO VIDEO: But I do want to commit to make sure that everybody here knows that we want to be proper stewards of this money if it does come to my department.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, and let's continue to have discussions, right, and come up with possible solutions to improve this process, walk alongside, the folks that we need to, to, again, have a clearly transparent process all year long. Our next meeting... I was trying to give

us a break, y'all. I was trying to not have a meeting in December. It's... it's not possible, given all the work we have to do. So our next meeting is on Thursday, December

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AUDIO VIDEO: 18th, we'll be focusing on Budget and Spending Plan 101 to lay the foundations to make sure we all understand. We also will be, confirming

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AUDIO VIDEO: We'll be confirming and putting the structure in place for the subcommittees, and there may be one other thing we have to do, but that's... those two things are going to be their primary focus.

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AUDIO VIDEO: My commitment is also to try to get us out on time. I will tell you that in the spring and summer, we'll probably extend the meeting by 30 minutes or so, or an hour. We'll know that in advance, but I'm gonna try to get us out on time, and with that said.

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AUDIO VIDEO: The meeting is adjourned. Thank you. Chair Lewis, we still need to do a general public comment. Oh, I thought you said you did it.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Yeah, I couldn't hear... I thought you said you did it, too. Alright, that's what I heard. Okay. That's what I heard you say. Let's do it quickly, while I was trying to get you out on time. Let's do general public comment, please.

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AUDIO VIDEO: We will now open the general public comment period. As a reminder, the public comment period is 1 minute per person. Telephone users, please dial star 9 to use the raise hand feature, and star 6 to unmute yourself. Computer and smartphone users, locate your raise hand feature to be placed in the queue.

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AUDIO VIDEO: General public comment is limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee. We will call on you in the order that your hand was raised. Please remember to state your full name. We will now begin the general public comment.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Do we have any public comments in the room?

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AUDIO VIDEO: Seeing no hands in the room, let's go online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: No hands online.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Back to you, Chair Louis.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, and as point of reference, moving forward, all the last agenda items, I always do the last one in general public comment, please, moving forward. Thank you, everybody. Be safe. Have a good night. Thank you.

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AUDIO VIDEO: Thank you, Kuan and Jack, for being here.