



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

**Thursday, December 18, 2025
4:00 p.m.**

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

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[CART Transcript](#)

Below is the link to the full meeting recording:

[Meeting Recording](#)

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

Welcome and Call to Order.

The meeting was called to order by Veronica Lewis (Chair, CFCI Advisory Committee) at 4:13 p.m. and Dalar Zahrabi (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll.

Present: Adam Bettino, Rafael Carbajal, Megan Castillo, Jackie Contreras, Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk), Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Kelly Fischer, Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Norma Clarke (as an alternate to Tomasa Richmond), Karen Streich (as an alternate to Lisa Wong).

Appeared Remotely: Albert Melena (as an alternate to Michelle Fuentes-Miranda) Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to D'Artagnan Scorza)

Absent:

Special Notes: Some members/alternates arrived late and/or left the meeting early thus votes reflected some absences. Quorum was always present. Members arrived after the roll call: Jackie Contreras, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Kelly LoBianco, Rosa Soto.

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Attachment: [Land Acknowledgement](#)

Land Acknowledgment for the meeting, recognizing the ancestral land and peoples of Los Angeles. Recording played.

- 4. CFCI Advisory Committee Labor Acknowledgement. Recording played.
Attachment: [Labor Acknowledgement](#)
- 5. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement read by various members
Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)
- 6. Roll Call – Quorum was present at time of roll call.
- 7. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee Regular Meetings on November 20, 2025. Quorum met, action taken.

Motion made by Member Carbajal for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from November 20, 2025. Member Steele seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed.

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

Public Comment: **No public comment**

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from November 20, 2025 regular meeting **was approved** by the following vote:

YES	Rafael Carbajal, Jackie Contreras, Auleria Eakins, Kelly Fischer, Albert Melena (as an alternate to Michelle Fuentes-Miranda), Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to D’Artagnan Scorza), Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Derek Steele.	TOTAL: 15
ABSTAIN	Megan Castillo, Corey Crockerham, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Norma Clarke (as an alternate to Tomasa Richmond) Karen Streich (as an alternate to Lisa Wong).	TOTAL: 4
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Yanira Lima – during vote (as an alternate to Gary Tsai)	TOTAL: 1

- 8. Review 2026 Regular Meeting Schedule for the CFCI Advisory Committee.

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

- 9. Presentation on County Budget Process and Timeline

Attachment: [JCOD Budget 101 Presentation](#)

III. ACTION ITEMS

- 10.** Discuss and take appropriate action on the creation of ad-hoc CFCI Advisory Committee Sub-Committees

Attachment: [Sub-Committee Descriptions](#)

The motion to approve the creation of ad-hoc evaluation and ad hoc budget CFCI Advisory Committee subcommittees for up to 1 year was adopted by the following vote. Motion made by Member Derek Steele, seconded by Member Joey Williams.

YES	Rafael Carbajal, Jackie Contreras, Auleria Eakins, Kelly Fischer, , Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Derek Steele, Megan Castillo, Corey Crockerham, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Norma Clarke (as an alternate to Tomasa Richmond) Karen Streich (as an alternate to Lisa Wong), Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to D’Artagnan Scorza).	TOTAL: 21
ABSTAIN	N/A	TOTAL: 0
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	N/A	TOTAL: 0

- 11.** Discuss and take appropriate action on CFCI Spending Term Extensions for Year 1 and Year 2.

Attachment: [Spending Plan Presentation](#)

Chair Lewis motioned to adopt JCODs recommendation for the Term Extension of 7 months for Year 2 Care Grants and 16 months for Year 1 Care Grants. The motion was seconded by Joey Williams. The motion was approved by the following vote:

YES	Rafael Carbajal, Jackie Contreras, Auleria Eakins, Kelly Fischer, Albert Melena (as an alternate to Michelle Fuentes-Miranda), Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco), Rosa Soto, Reba Stevens, Joey Williams, Derek Steele, Megan Castillo, Corey Crockerham, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Norma Clarke (as an alternate to Tomasa Richmond) Lisa Wong, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Gary Tsai), Tolu Wuraola (as an alternate to D’Artagnan Scorza).	TOTAL: 20
ABSTAIN	Wendy Knight	TOTAL: 1
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	N/A	TOTAL: 0

II. **MISCELLANEOUS**

a. Public Comment

- A) Opportunity for members of the public to address the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- B) Public comment should not exceed one minute per participant.
- C) Please Note: General public comment is limited to the matters within the subject matter jurisdiction of the CFCI Advisory Committee.
- D) Public comment can also be provided via email at JCOD@lacounty.gov. Deadline to submit written public comments will be Wednesday, December 17, 25, by 5:00 p.m.

No written public comments submitted.

Public Comment: David Cattle, Byron Jose, Megan Emme, Ericka Wilson, Janie Hodge, Joel Garcia.

IV. **ADJOURNMENT**

- b. Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, December 18, 2025. The meeting adjourned 6:06 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 15, 2026.