



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

Thursday, July 9, 2026

4:00PM – 6:00PM

**Jesse Owens Park – Gymnasium 9651 S
Western Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90047**

Below is the link to this meeting's transcript:

[CART Transcript](#)

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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 4:12p.m Dalar Zahrabi from (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll and read the disclosures.

Present:

Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead), Rafael Carbajal, David Carroll, Megan Castillo, Norma Cecilia Clarke, Jackie Contreras, Kyle Patterson (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk), Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Michelle Gibson), Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix), Wendy Knight Veronica Lewis, Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller), Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Joey Williams

Appeared
Remotely:

Clemens Hong, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda

Absent:

Norma Garcia, Shalonda Battee, Mercedes Jackson, Kelly LoBianco, Lisa Wong

Special Notes

The following members/alternates of the CFCI Advisory Committee appeared remotely for the following "just cause" justifications.

Clemens Hong: "Caregiving responsibility."

Michelle Fuentes-Miranda: "Personal physical or mental health need"

I. ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS

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

Attachment: [Land Acknowledgement](#)

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

5. CFCI Advisory Committee Labor Acknowledgement. Recording played.
Attachment: [Labor Acknowledgement](#)
6. Review of the CFCI Advisory Committee Community Agreement read by various members
Attachment: [Community Agreement](#)
7. Administrative Reminders by Chair Lewis.

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

8. Discussion: Measure G/Measure J Update

Attachment: [Motion from Supervisor Mitchell and Horvath](#)

Members of the public were invited to provide public comments.
Public comments were made by: Reba Stevens, Byron Jose

9. Presentation: Part II: CFCI Funding Distribution Presentation

Attachment: [CFCI Expenditure Presentation Continued](#)

Members of the public were invited to provide public comments.
Public comments were made by: Reba Stevens, Byron Jose

III. ACTION ITEMS

10. Discuss and take appropriate action on the 2026 CFCI Underspend and Set-Aside Allocation

Attachment: [Additional Information on Set-Aside Memo Recommendations from CEO](#)

Attachment: [2026 CFCI Underspend and Set-Aside Allocation](#)

Motion made by Member Steele for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the following 6 funding area to be included in the funding recommendation for the FY2025-2026 Underspend and Set-Aside Allocation: Rental assistance and housing supportive services, Workforce Development, Youth Development and Education, Community Based Health services, Small Business Development for Minority Owned Business, Noncustodial diversion and reentry programs. Member Carroll seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed.

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

Public comments were made by: Michael Green, Reba Stevens, Eba Laye Whole Systems Learning, Waunette Cullors, Byron Jose, Chris Carter, Yvette Crayon

The motion for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the following 6 funding area to be included in the funding recommendation for the FY2025-2026 Underspend and Set-Aside Allocation: Rental assistance and housing supportive services, Workforce Development, Youth Development and Education, Community Based Health services, Small Business Development for Minority Owned Business, Noncustodial diversion and reentry programs **was approved** by the following vote:

YES	Rafael Carbajal, David Carroll, Megan Castillo, Norma Cecilia Clarke, Kyle Patterson (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk), Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Yanira Lima (as an alternate to Michelle Gibson), Wendy Knight, Veronica Lewis, Rosa Soto, Derek Steele, Clemens Hong, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda	TOTAL: 14
ABSTAIN	Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix)	TOTAL: 1
NO	Jackie Contreras, Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller), Joey Williams	TOTAL: 3
ABSENT	Norma Garcia, Shalonda Battee, Mercedes Jackson, Kelly LoBianco, Lisa Wong	TOTAL: 5

IV. MISCELLANEOUS

11. 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 July 8, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

No written public comments submitted

Public comments were made by: Michael Green, Reba Stevens, Eba Laye (Whole Systems Learning), Terrall Tillman, Waunette Cullors, Chris Carter

V. ADJOURNMENT

- 12.** Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, July 9, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 6:37p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 16, 2026.