



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

Thursday, July 16, 2026

4:00PM – 6:30PM

**Earvin Magic Johnson Park- John Hall Room
12645 Wadsworth Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90059**

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

Present: Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead), Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Megan Castillo, Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia Clarke), Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia – delayed arrival), Michelle Gibson, Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix), Clemens Hong (delayed arrival), Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco (delayed arrival), Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller –delayed arrival), Derek Steele (delayed arrival), Joey Williams, Kyla Coates

Appeared Shalonda Battee, Nicolle Blackwood

Remotely:

Absent: Rafael Carbajal, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto

Special Notes: The following members/alternates of the CFCI Advisory Committee appeared remotely for the following “just cause” justifications.

Shalonda Battee: Just Cause – A need related to a physical or mental condition that is not subject to the reasonable accommodation.

Dr. Nicolle Blackwood: Just Cause – Caregiving needs

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.

8. Review and take appropriate action on the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee regular meeting on June 18, 2026 and the minutes of the CFCI Advisory Committee special meeting on July 9, 2026.

Motion made by Member Steele for the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the minutes from the June 18, 2026 regular meeting and the July 9, 2026 special meeting. Member Fuentes-Miranda seconded the motion. Vote taken, motion passed with friendly amendments [including affirmative votes from Members Coates and Lewis and adjustment on June 18 minutes of date correction from May 21 to June 18] by the following vote:

YES	Nicolle Blackwood, Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Megan Castillo, Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia Clarke), Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Michelle Gibson, Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix), Veronica Lewis, Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller), Derek Steele, Joey Williams, Kyla Coates	TOTAL: 17
ABSTAIN	N/A	TOTAL: 0
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	Rafael Carbajal, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto Member Shalonda Battee did not respond, but was present remotely	TOTAL: 4

Members of the public were invited to provide public comment: No public comments made.

II. PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION

9. 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: Byron Jose

III. ACTION ITEMS

10. Discuss and take appropriate action on the 2026 CFCI Underspend and Set-Aside Spending Plan Recommendation

Attachment: [CFCI Year 5 Spending Plan Programs](#)

Attachment: [Preliminary Draft Spending Plan considerations for 2026 Underspend and Set Aside](#)

Attachment: [2026 Underspend and Set Aside Presentation \(Presented 7/9/26\)](#)

Attachment: [CFCI Set-Aside Memo FY26-27 + Additional Information from CEO's Office \(Presented 7/9/26\)](#)

Attachment: [2026 Community Engagement Summary \(April May\) \(Presented 6/18/26\)](#)

Attachment: [CFCI Funding Distribution and Expenditures \(Presented 7/9/26\)](#)

Motion made by Member Steele of the CFCI Advisory Committee to adjust and approve Scenario 2 moving 4% from non-custodial and diversion into small business funding area. Adjust noncustodial from 21% to 17% and small businesses from 9% to 13%. Member Eakins seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion did not pass. Motion failed by following vote:

YES	Shalonda Battee, Nicolle Blackwood, Auleria Eakins, Kelly LoBianco, Derek Steele	TOTAL: 5
ABSTAIN	N/A	TOTAL: 0
NO	Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Megan Castillo, Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia Clarke), Jackie Contreras, Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Michelle Gibson, Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller) Derek Steele, Joey Williams, Kyla Coates,	TOTAL: 15
ABSENT	Rafael Carbajal, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto	TOTAL: 4

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

Public comments were made by: Juan Hoos, Byron Jose, Jennifer Grissom, Anthony Martinez, Mya Hendrix, Cynthia Martinez, Will Torres, Ms. Cran, Danielle Rivas

Motion made by Veronica Lewis to approve scenario 2 funding areas and percentages as is. Motion was seconded by Joey Williams. Vote taken. Motion passed. The vote was approved by the following vote:

YES	Nicolle Blackwood, Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll), Megan Castillo, Patricia Lara (as an alternate to Norma Cecilia Clarke), Wesley Crunk, Victor Cyrus-Franklin, Auleria Eakins, Michelle Fuentes-Miranda, Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia), Michelle Gibson, Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix), Clemens Hong, Veronica Lewis, Kelly LoBianco, Carlos Pineda (as an alternate to Carrie Miller), Derek Steele, Joey Williams, Kyla Coates,	TOTAL: 17
ABSTAIN	Jackie Contreras	TOTAL: 1
NO	Derek Steele	TOTAL: 1
ABSENT	Rafael Carbajal, Mercedes Jackson, Wendy Knight, Rosa Soto Member Shalonda Battee did not respond, but was present remotely	TOTAL: 4

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 for submitting written public comments will be July 15, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

Written Public Comments

Public comments were made by: Dr. Crystal Adams, Justine Esack, Chris Harder, Patty, Ana Alicia Carr, Katarina Massessan

V. ADJOURNMENT

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- Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting of Thursday, July 16, 2026. The meeting adjourned at 6:38p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 6, 2026.