



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

Thursday, August 20, 2026

4:00PM – 7:00PM

**Hacienda Heights Community and Recreation Center
1234 Valencia Ave. Hacienda Heights, CA 91745**

Below is the link to this meeting's transcript:

[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 4:13pm; Dalar Zahrabi from (JCOD-CFCI) called the roll and read the disclosures.

Present:

1. Adam Bettino (as an alternate to Judge Songhai Armstead)
2. Nicolle Blackwood
3. Laura Magallanes (as an alternate to Rafael Carbajal)
4. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll)
5. Norma Cecilia Clarke
6. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras)
7. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk – delayed arrival)
8. Victor Cyrus-Franklin (delayed arrival)
9. Auleria Eakins
10. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda
11. Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia – delayed arrival)
12. Michelle Gibson
13. Clemens Hong
14. Veronica Lewis
15. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco – delayed arrival)
16. Carrie Miller (delayed arrival)

17. Derek Steele (delayed arrival)
18. Joseph (Joey) Williams
19. Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)

Appeared 1. Megan Castillo
Remotely: 2. Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix)
3. Mercedes Jackson

Absent: 1. Shalonda Battee
2. Wendy Knight
3. Rosa Soto

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

Megan Castillo – just cause
Shi'Ann Taylor – just cause
Mercedes Jackson – just cause

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. ACTION ITEM

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

Attachment: [Spending Plan Recommendations Presentation \(Presented 8/20/26\)](#)

Attachment: [Letter to CEO & BOS on Community-Informed Round 6 CFCI Spending Plan Recommendations](#)

Attachment: [Spending Plan Funding Areas Crosswalk \(Presented 8/20/26\)](#)

Attachment: [Revised CEO Set-Aside Memo to Board of Supervisors, Committee \(Presented 8/10/26\)](#)

Attachment: [Preliminary Spending Plan Recommendation \(Presented 8/6/26\)](#)

Attachment: [CFCI Year 5 Spending Plan Programs \(Presented 7/16/2026\)](#)

Attachment: [Preliminary Draft Spending Plan considerations for 2026 Underspend and Set Aside \(Presented 7/16/26\)](#)

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

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

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

Members of the public were invited to provide public comment. Public comments were made by the following individuals: 1. Anthony Robles 2. John Mathreus 3. Janet Asante, 4. Anthony Arenas 5. Marcella Rosen 6. Helen Jones 7. Saharra 8. Daniel Nelson 9. James Takamatsu

Vote 1: Motion made by Chair Lewis of the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the allocation of \$11 million from the CFCI Set-Aside/On-going funds to JCIT. Member Steele seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed.

YES	1. Nicole Blackwood 2. Laura Magallanes (as an alternate to Rafael Carbajal) 3. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to David Carroll) 4. Megan Castillo 5. Norma Cecilia-Clarke 6. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras) 7. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk) 8. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 9. Auleria Eakins 10. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda 11. Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia) 12. Michelle Gibson	TOTAL: 20
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	13. Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix) 14. Mercedes Jackson 15. Veronica Lewis 16. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco) 17. Carrie Miller 18. Derek Steele 19. Joseph (Joey) Williams 20. Kyla Coates	
ABSTAIN	1. Clemens Hong	TOTAL: 1
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
ABSENT	1. Shalonda Battee 2. Wendy Knight 3. Rosa Soto	TOTAL: 3

Vote21: Motion made by Chair Lewis of the CFCI Advisory Committee to approve the funding recommendations and grant administrator assignments as shared in the spending plan document: Community Based Youth Development Programs. Member Williams seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed by the following vote:

YES	1. Laura Magallanes (as an alternate to Rafael Carbajal) 2. Megan Castillo 3. Norma Cecilia-Clarke 4. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras) 5. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk) 6. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 7. Auleria Eakins 8. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda 9. Michelle Gibson 10. Clemens Hong 11. Veronica Lewis 12. Carrie Miller 13. Joseph (Joey) Williams 14. Kyla Coates	TOTAL: 14
ABSTAIN	1. Nicolle Blackwood 2. Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia)	TOTAL: 2
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
RECUSE	1. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to Member Carroll) 2. Derek Steele 3. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco)	TOTAL: 3
ABSENT	1. Shalonda Battee 2. Shi'Ann Taylor (as an alternate to Christopher Hendrix, absent at the time of vote) 3. Mercedes Jackson (absent at the time of vote) 4. Wendy Knight	TOTAL: 5

	5. Rosa Soto	
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Vote 3: Motion made by Chair Lewis of the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt the funding recommendations and grant administrator assignments as shared in the spending plan document: Job Training Programs. Member Williams seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed by the following vote:

YES	1. Laura Magallanes (as an alternate to Rafael Carbajal) 2. Megan Castillo 3. Norma Cecilia-Clarke 4. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to Member Carroll) 5. Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia) 6. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk) 7. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 8. Auleria Eakins 9. Michelle Gibson 10. Clemens Hong 11. Veronica Lewis 12. Derek Steele 13. Joseph (Joey) Williams 14. Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	TOTAL: 14
ABSTAIN	1. Nicolle Blackwood	TOTAL: 1
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
RECUSE	1. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras) 2. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda 3. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco) 4. Carrie Miller	TOTAL: 4
ABSENT	1. Shalonda Battee 2. Wendy Knight 3. Rosa Soto 4. Shi'Ann Taylor (absent at the time of vote) 5. Mercedes Jackson (absent at the time of vote)	TOTAL: 5

Vote 4: Motion made by Chair Lewis of the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt funding recommendations and grant administrator assignments as shared in the spending plan document – rental assistance. Member Williams seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed by the following vote:

YES	1. Nicolle Blackwood	TOTAL: 14
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	2. Megan Castillo 3. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to Member Carroll) 4. Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia) 5. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk) 6. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 7. Auleria Eakins 8. Michelle Gibson 9. Clemens Hong 10. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco) 11. Veronica Lewis 12. Derek Steele 13. Joseph (Joey) Williams 14. Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong)	
ABSTAIN	1. Norma Cecilia-Clarke	TOTAL: 1
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
RECUSE	1. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras) 2. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda 3. Carrie Miller 4. Laura Magallanes (as an alternate to Rafael Carbajal)	TOTAL: 4
ABSENT	1. Shalonda Battee 2. Wendy Knight 3. Rosa Soto 4. Shi'Ann Taylor (absent at the time of vote) 5. Mercedes Jackson (absent at the time of vote)	TOTAL: 5

Vote 5: Motion made by Chair Lewis of the CFCI Advisory Committee to adopt funding recommendations and grant administrator assignments as shared in the spending plan document – Access to capital, Community based health, noncustodial diversion and reentry, JCOD admin costs
Member Bokde seconded the motion. Vote taken. Motion passed by the following vote:

YES	1. Nicolle Blackwood 2. Megan Castillo 3. Norma Cecilia-Clarke 4. Kelly Fischer (as an alternate to Member Carroll) 5. Alina Bokde (as an alternate to Norma Garcia) 6. Corey Crockerham (as an alternate to Wesley Crunk) 7. Victor Cyrus-Franklin 8. Auleria Eakins 9. Michelle Gibson 10. Veronica Lewis 11. Derek Steele	TOTAL: 15
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	12. Joseph (Joey) Williams 13. Kyla Coates (as an alternate to Lisa Wong) 14. Cheryl Blanchette (as an alternate to Jackie Contreras) 15. Carrie Miller	
ABSTAIN	N/A	TOTAL: 0
NO	N/A	TOTAL: 0
RECUSE	1. Michelle Fuentes-Miranda 2. Laura Magallanes (as an alternate to Rafael Carbajal) 3. Clemens Hong 4. Hina Sheikh (as an alternate to Kelly LoBianco)	TOTAL: 4
ABSENT	1. Shalonda Battee 2. Wendy Knight 3. Rosa Soto 4. Shi'Ann Taylor (absent at the time of vote) 5. Mercedes Jackson (absent at the time of vote)	TOTAL: 5

III. MISCELLANEOUS

9. 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 August 5, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.

Attachment: [Additional Written Correspondence from 8/6/26 Special Meeting](#)

Attachment: [Written Correspondence](#)

Members of the public were invited to provide public comment. Public comment were made by the following individuals.

Bruno Corners, Danielle Beal, Joe, Fernando Reyes, Kristina Meza, Byron Jose, Anthony Martinez

IV. ADJOURNMENT

- 10. Adjournment for the CFCI Advisory Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 2026. The

meeting adjourned at 7:33p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2026.