



**MEASURE J RE-IMAGINE LA
ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY
AND SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE**

Monday, February 22, 2021, 4:00 PM

1. The Economic Opportunity and Sustainability Subcommittee was called to order by co-chair Ivette Ale at 4:03 p.m.

2. Introduction/Grounding
 - a. Co-chair Ivette Ale provided measure J background and purpose of subcommittee, and introduced facilitators Liz Sunwoo and Mari Ryono
 - b. Liz provided more background behind measure J and repeated subcommittee goal of using Measure J funds to heal communities
 - c. Liz provided meeting goals including the sharing of data and refocus of the subcommittee focus area, and also reminded the subcommittee of group agreements including reminders of meeting decorum.

3. Presentation by Deanna Van Buren and Ramy Kim – Designing Justice, Designing Spaces
 - a. Presentation
 - i. Vision of organization is to end mass incarceration through building infrastructure by addressing root causes of mass incarceration (poverty, racism, etc.)
 - ii. Build spaces that solve infrastructure issues instead of building more jails
 - iii. Part of process to use co-learning to ignite imagination on how to build infrastructure
 - iv. Deanna shared some their prototypes and strategies
 1. Restore Oakland (Restorative Justice Initiative) – asks what Oakland would look like if restorative justice was primary way of addressing harm. Transformed building in Oakland to now provide career training, community organizing space and restorative justice space
 2. Shared a project in Detroit, a building that houses social justice non-profits
 3. Repurpose and reimagine criminal justice buildings and turn empty locations into places to help the community and how this could affect local projects like Youth Justice Reimagined and the closing of Men’s Central Jail

4. Presentation from Lola Smallwood Quavis (UCLA Labor Center – Los Angeles Black Worker Center) and David Minor (National Skills Coalition)

- a. Lola discussed work of Los Angeles Black Worker Center and how to improve employment opportunities for Black people and other systems-impacted groups
 - i. Training programs not enough, need to put people in job placement programs that offer job training
 - ii. Create learning opportunities early in process
 - iii. Programs are community based and community must understand that system must be changed and not just the individual
 - iv. Work long term with community members
 - b. Devon Minor presented that his organization fights for inclusive high-level job training for systems impacted people and discussed the Worker Equity Initiative which is designed to ensure proper supports in place to help Black and Brown people thrive in labor market
5. Following the presentations, Mari opened the floor for public comment.
- a. The following people addressed the subcommittee:
 - i. Karen Carter
 - ii. Treneatra Muhammad
 - iii. Bamby Salcedo
 - iv. Rebecca Kauma
 - v. Maagic Collins
 - vi. Joe Altepeter
 - vii. Carl Harsha
6. Breakout Room Exercise
- a. Following a short break, the subcommittee was separated into breakout to answer the following questions:
 - i. What are programs/initiatives your breakout group thinks the subcommittee should prioritize for funding for 2021? (under the guidance of Measure J and ATI Recommendations).
 - ii. What doesn't need funding, but the subcommittee should recommend (policies, administrative practices, advocacy, etc.) that makes sense within this Measure J context?
 - b. Several answers were provided including but not limited to:
 - i. Universal basic income program, employment training, supplying programs to supply wages, childcare, transportation and other Necessary resources during the employment training
 - c. Following the exercise, the following people provided comment:
 - i. Karen Carter
 - ii. Treneatra Muhammad
 - iii. Taegen Meyer
 - iv. Joana
 - v. Baba Akili

- vi. Rebeca Kauma
 - vii. Roxana Aguilar
 - viii. Steve Delgado
7. General Public comment:
- a. The following people addressed the subcommittee
 - i. Curly Dynamite
 - b. Following general public comment, Co-chairs Ivette and Dan provide closing comments.
8. Adjournment

Adjournment for the Measure J Re-Imagine LA Economic Opportunity and Sustainability Subcommittee of February 22, 2021.

There being no objection, the meeting was adjourned by co-chairs Dan Langford and Ivette Ale at 6:29 p.m.