

MEASURE J  
"REIMAGINE LA"



# 2021 SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

**Reentry Subcommittee Meeting #5**

**Funding Recommendations**

**March 10, 2021**

## Interpretation on Your Computer

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Seleccione el icono de interpretación en la parte inferior de la pantalla.



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Aparecerá un menú. Seleccione el idioma que desea escuchar.



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# Interpretation in Spanish at this Meeting

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**Breathe**

A photograph of a sunset over a beach. The sky is a mix of purple, pink, and orange. In the foreground, the silhouettes of many palm trees are visible against the bright horizon. Several people are also silhouetted, some standing and some taking photos. The overall scene is peaceful and scenic.

# **Acknowledgement of Local Native Peoples Tongva/Kizh/Gabrieleño, Tataviam & Chumash**

# Meeting #5 Goal

**Vote on Final  
Subcommittee Funding  
Recommendations**



# Agenda

1. Introduction and Grounding
2. Discussion & Action Item: Funding Recommendation Slate #1
3. Discussion & Action Item: Funding Recommendation Slate #2
4. Discussion on Further Considerations (if necessary)
5. Public Comment
6. Adjournment



# Group Agreements

- 1) **Be Present** - Try to have cameras on, listen actively and turn off other devices and apps during the meeting
- 2) **Equity in Participation**
  - *Please mute while others are speaking*
  - *Raise your hand to be in the speaking stack (\*9 on the phone)*
  - *Be ready to unmute (\*6 to mute and unmute on the phone)*
  - *If you have spoken allow space for others to speak before you. Facilitators will call on others in the stack if you have spoken so we can hear everyone's comments and voice*
- 3) **Practice Grace and Openness** - We are all here with good intentions and want to improve people's lives, let's give each other a chance
- 4) **Take Care of Your Bodies** - Get up to stretch, use restroom, hydrate, etc.
- 5) **Use Human-First Language**
- 6) **Respect Everyone's Pronouns**

# Zoom Instructions to Support Participation

## RENAME

Name you want to be called, Gender Pronouns & Organization (if affiliated)

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## USE THE CHAT

- To connect
- To respond
- To ask questions



## RAISE YOUR HAND

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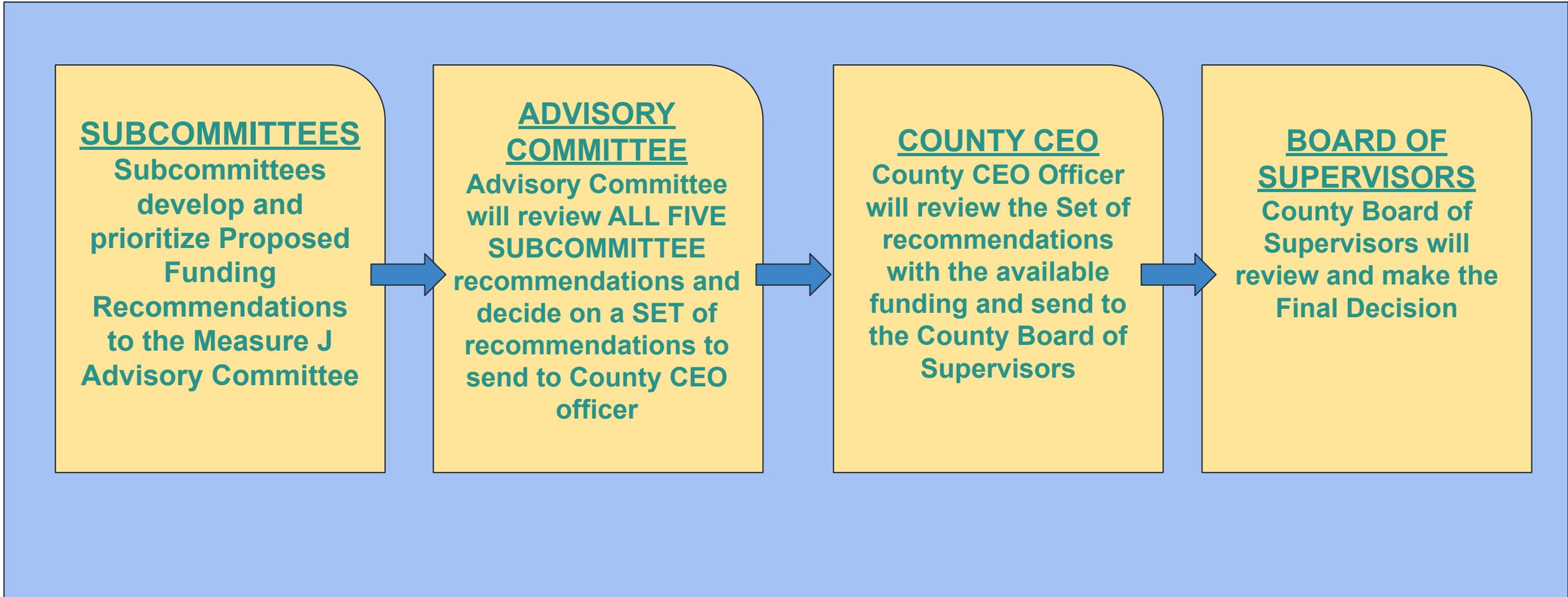


## FOR THE PHONE

- \*6 - Mute/Unmute
- \*9 - Raise Hand



# Overall Decision Making Process for Funding Recommendations



# NEXT STEPS

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# Focusing on Black LA County Residents

From the very beginning of the Reentry Subcommittee Process, Black subcommittee members have vocalized remembering the important organizing the Black people across Los Angeles County put in to mobilize voters and pass Measure J in November 2020.

Throughout each meeting, they elevated the need to have Black leadership in the Co-Chair role, and the need to have Black Women, Black youth, and in general, Black people be a focus of the Measure J investments because, as they shared, the African American community has disproportionately been harmed by systemic racism, over-policing, capitalism, and mass incarceration.

These Subcommittee members made sure, throughout the process to elevate the language of Measure J, which specifies intentional focus to invest dollars, resources and build infrastructure in the African American community.

As the Funding Recommendations were developed and voted on in Meeting #5, Black participants requested these amended Subcommittee Recommendations be submitted with notice that:

- The voices of the Black Subcommittee be amplified through a statement such as this
- Since the funding recommendations did not specifically name Black People because of California Proposition 209's restrictions, the Advisory Committee should develop a strategy to advance racial equity, and
- The Advisory Committee make a commitment to ensure that Measure J addresses the historic disinvestments and systemic racism that impact the Black community specifically, because in doing this, all other communities of color and systems-impacted communities will benefit.



# Funding Recommendations Framing

*Based on the Reentry Subcommittee's recommendations and wisdom shared over the last four meetings, these funding recommendations have been developed for this portion of the allotment of the 10% of the budget allocated by Measure J to assist former and current residents of LA County affected by this nation and state's mass incarceration of its people especially:*

- *Black women, youth and communities*
- *Trans women and LGBTQI communities*
- *Latinx youth and people*
- *Native communities*
- *Pacific Islander and Asian communities*
- *People experiencing mental illness*
- *Undocumented youth and communities*
- *Systems-impacted communities including systems-impacted veterans*

*These recommendations direct funds to be spent in assisting Returning Individuals who are still incarcerated or who have recently returned home from incarceration.*



# Recommendations from Transgender Subcommittee members on *Transgender-related Funding Recommendations*

During the Funding Recommendations process, Transgender people actively engaged in the Reentry Subcommittee shared a number of ideas to strengthen the funding recommendations for this community. Transgender people are one of the most impacted groups when it comes to Reentry community.

In addition to what has been captured in the funding recommendations, the following two requests were made to be included as a note before the funding recommendations:

- 1) The concept of family should be expanded to include **chosen family**, given the stigma, transphobia, and/or rejection the Transgender people may experience from their blood relatives. The request was that as family is considered within the Measure J Recommendations, that the definition of **family** is expanded to include “chosen family” in addition to blood relatives.
- 2) For those organizations that will provide services to the Transgender community, preference should be given to Trans-led organizations.



# REMINDER FOR MARCH 10 SUBCOMMITTEE ROLL CALL VOTE PROCESS

## How We Will Vote for Slate #1 and Slate #2:

1. Say Your Name
2. Say Your Vote: “Yay/Yes” OR “Nay/No” OR “I Abstain”

# Funding Recommendations Slates

(When we say “slate,” we refer to a set of funding and policy recommendations that the Subcommittee will refine and vote on as one package.)



## SLATE #1

# Ensuring Measure J Funding Can Be Accessed by Community-Based Organizations (CBOs)

### Recommendation #1

Identify a Third-Party Administrator (*such as a Foundation Partner*) to Fund Community-Based Organizations Directly



# Amended Slate #1: Ensuring Measure J Funding Can Be Accessed by Community-Based Organizations



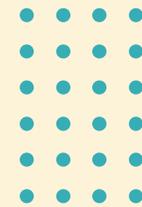
## Recommendation #1:

Identify a Third Party Administrator *(such as a Foundation Partner)* to Fund Reentry-focused Community-Based Organizations Directly *(through a RFQ process)* to support capacity building including tech support, professional development, and insurance requirements

- a. Third Party Administrator should have expertise in Reentry
- b. Eligible nonprofit/community-based organizations must:
  - i. have an annual budget of less than \$1.5 million, **or**
  - ii. have a staff size of or less than 30 full-time employees; **or**
  - iii. be larger CBOs led by over 70% impacted leaders and are in service of the communities most impacted by incarceration and divestment with a proven track records of success.
- c. No County or City Entities should be allowed to apply for this funding based on the inequities it would create.
- d. CBOs in SPAs and zip codes of specific economic disadvantage and disproportionately impacted by LA County's carceral system must be prioritized
- e. Third Party Administrator must be accountable to an advisory board of impacted community members (such as the Reentry Health Advisory Collaborative, RHAC)



# PUBLIC COMMENT



# ROLL CALL VOTE ON SLATE #1

## Recommendation #1

Identify a Third-Party Administrator (such as a Foundation Partner) to Fund Community-Based Organizations Directly (through a RFQ process)



# Amended SLATE #2 Community-Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2: Fund the following Priorities for 2021-2022

- A. Reentry Services for Returning Women
- B. Culturally Affirming Family Reunification, Pre-Trial Family Support, and Parenting Classes and Groups
- C. Support Services for Returning Transgender Identified and LGBTQI+ Members
- D. Short and Long Term Housing with Supportive Services
- E. Community-Based Intervention, Reentry and Anti-Recidivism Services
- F. Service Coordination, Integration, Community Intervention Workers Outreach
- G. Workforce and Professional Development
- H. Countywide Resource Hubs



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2A:

### Reentry Services for Returning Women

Fund and expand **trauma-informed care** services that provide **service plans** based on assessment of needs and barriers **such as:** case management; **housing and rental assistance**; **substance use treatment**; **mental health services**; **education, employment, and vocational training**; **art and culture programs**, **paid internships**; **clothing** support; family reunification, child support and family court services; and **advocacy** and legal services.



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2B:

### Invest in Culturally Affirming Family Reunification, Pre-Trial Family Support, and Parenting Classes and Groups

Invest in **family reunification models** and connect returning parents to **pre-trial family support, free parenting classes** and **no-cost parenting groups** provided by community organizations.

- These resources should be tailored to the unique needs of cisgender women who identify as mothers as well as LGBTQ+ and Transgender identified parents.

*\* ATI Foundational Recommendation #3: Expand family reunification models and connect families to low-cost or no-cost parenting groups.*



## **Slate #2:**

# **Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding**

## **Recommendation #2C:**

### **Support Services for Returning Transgender Identified and LGBTQI+ Members**

**Fund and expand programs, services and drop-in centers** including: Reentry Services, Violence Prevention including Domestic Violence and Ending Human Trafficking, Workforce Development, Legal Services, Transitional Housing, Mental Health Services, Food Distribution, Gender affirming clothing, Immigration Services, English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, Technology Training and Access, HIV Prevention Services, and COVID-19 Prevention and Education



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2D:

### Short and Long Term Housing with Supportive Services

Continue to fund programs that provide **rental assistance** to Returning Individuals in their first year after leaving incarceration. Provide funding to and create **housing programs that provide systems navigation, financial literacy**, technology support and training, life skills, vocational and technical training, reunification services, and trauma-informed and healing-centered care.

- Specifically seek to **provide housing supports for women with children, the elderly, and LGBTQI+ individuals.**

## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2Ei:

### Community-Based Intervention Services

Provide **intervention services and programs to young people** to prevent their involvement in the carceral system, such as:

- **transformative justice and** community conflict resolution training
- **case management**
- **academic and vocational training and support**
- arts and cultural programming that affirms their cultures
- life skills training
- violence interruption
- services for survivors of human trafficking
- interventions to dismantle the School-to-Prison pipeline



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2Eii:

### Community-Based Reentry and Anti-Recidivism Services

Provide services and programs to support reentry in the most impacted communities including:

- **transformative justice and community conflict resolution training**
- **violence interruption**
- **intensive reentry case management** for youth and adults
- arts and cultural programming that affirms their cultures
- immigration services
- tattoo removal
- life skills workshops such as anger management, financial literacy
- domestic violence classes
- services for survivors of human trafficking



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2F:

### Service Coordination, Integration, Community Intervention Workers Outreach

Provide grants for reentry **outreach workers** to network and build relations **within carceral facilities** for both youth and adults to **assist with the transition back into their home communities** in order to:

- 1) address the disconnect for returning community members lacking information regarding supportive services they can access
- 2) lower the recidivism rate by working with the reentry population from the inside out, and
- 3) prevent deportation of undocumented Returning Individuals after release and end the prison to deportation pipeline



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2G:

### Workforce and Professional Development

**Create and fund professional development and workforce development programs for Returning Individuals to become effective trauma-informed providers of systems navigation, case management, and substance abuse counseling.** The vision of this recommendation is to empower those most affected by mass incarceration and systemic racism rather than exclude them.



## Slate #2:

# Community Identified Priorities for Third Party Administrator Funding

## Recommendation #2H:

### Countywide Resource Hubs

Fund and expand **coordinated service hubs** in the most impacted areas as well as a **24-hour online resource hub** where Returning Individuals, their families, and support networks can seek referral and/or immediate admission to a spectrum of trauma-informed and healing-centered services. These hubs will be coordinated by Community-Based Organizations based in each respective area.

*ATI Foundational Recommendation #2: Create and expand decentralized, coordinated service hubs in strategic locations across the eight Service Planning Areas (especially SPA 1, 3, and 7) where people, their families, and support network can seek referral and/or immediate admission 24-hours a day to a spectrum of trauma-informed services.*

## **SLATE #2 REVIEW**

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# PUBLIC COMMENT



# ROLL CALL VOTE ON SLATE #2

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**AWEESHKONE XAA, ASHE, GRACIAS,  
MALO 'AUPITO, 감사합니다, THANK YOU**

**All Returning Individuals, Young People, Family Members and  
Community Members Who Have Participated in  
Meetings 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5**

**All Returning Individuals, Young People, Family Members and  
Community Members Who Envisioned, Organized, Mobilized,  
and WON MEASURE J**



**DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEM:**  
**Discussion and Roll Call vote**  
**(if necessary)**



# PUBLIC COMMENT



# Next Steps



Field	Description
Subcommittee Name	Subcommittee Name
Strategy Name	Name of Strategy
New or Existing Program	Indicate whether the strategy is and 1) Expansion of Existing Program, 2) Existing Program with Modifications or 3) New Program
ATI Foundational Recommendations this Strategy Addresses	ATI Recommendation number(s) is entered here
Related Intercept Number(s)	The respective ATI Intercept Model numbers are entered here if applicable
Description of Program Services and Activities	Detailed description of the intervention, services, imitative being recommended
Intended Program Outcomes	Details about the qualitative and quantitative intended program outcomes as a result of this strategy
Population to be Served	Details about who this strategy is designed to serve (recently returning citizens, soon to be returning people, people in the community already, people awaiting trial, small nonprofits, black owned businesses, etc.0
Projected Cost	Cost associated with direct services and administration of this strategy (i.e. per night costs, annual or monthly cost for services, grant administration expenses, etc.0
Leverage Opportunities	Details about other (non-Measure J) funding that can be leveraged for this strategy
Feasible to Launch in Year 1	Indicate whether or not the strategy is feasible to be implemented during Fiscal Year 2021-22
Suggested Implementation Timeline	Details about steps needed to execute and implement this strategy (in months, days, etc.)
Suggested Funding Administrator	Recommendations about how this strategy is funded (i.e. through County Departments, other public entities, third party private entity, other)
Does this Strategy Pass the Racial Equity Assessment	Indicating whether or not this strategy satisfied the 13-point Racial and Gender Equity assessment
Voting Record for this Strategy	How many people in the subcommittee voted for this strategy, voted against this strategy, an for abstained

## Next Steps:

Co-Chairs are charged with taking the approved funding recommendations and putting them into a spreadsheet like the one of the left.

This is how the Subcommittee's Funding Recommendations will be submitted to the Advisory Committee.

# Measure J Advisory Committee

## Board Appointees

**Veronica Lewis, Chair**  
SSG/HOPICS

**George Andrews**  
NAACP, Antelope Valley Branch

**Eunisses Hernandez**  
La Defensa, JLA Coalition

**Dr. Robert Ross**  
California Endowment

**April Verrett**  
SEIU, Local 2015

## County Department Leads

**Dr. Jon Sherin, Vice Chair**  
Department of Mental Health (DMH)

**Judge Peter Espinoza (ret)**  
Office of Diversion & Reentry (ODR)

**Dr. Barbara Ferrer**  
Department of Public Health (DPH)

**Dr. Christina Ghaly**  
Department of Health Services (DHS)

**Dr. Gary Tsai**  
Substance Abuse Prevention & Control (SAPC)

## Lived Experience Members

**Mandie Dixon**  
A New Way of Life Reentry Project

**Ta (Duc) Huynh**  
API RISE

**Roberto Luca**  
Mass Liberation

**Hector Ramirez**  
Disability Rights California National Disability Rights Network

**Bill Tarkanian**  
LA Center for Alcohol & Drug Abuse (LACADA)

## Labor Representatives

Daniel Langford  
Southwest Regional Council of Carpenters

Bob Schoonover  
SEIU, Local 721

The first term will end on September 30, 2022

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Economic Opportunities and Sustainability		Diversion, Behavioral Health, and Health		Education Access and Youth Development		Housing	
Reentry							
Tuesday, Feb 9	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda	Minutes	Presentation Meeting Record		ZOOM	
Tuesday, Feb 16	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda		Advancement Project JENI briefing ICHS Overview Presentation SAPC – DPH-SAPC SUD Data		ZOOM	
Tuesday, Feb 23	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda				ZOOM	
Tuesday, Mar 2	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda				ZOOM	
Tuesday, Mar 9	4:00 – 6:30 PM	Agenda				ZOOM	