

MEASURE J
"REIMAGINE LA"



2021 SPENDING RECOMMENDATIONS PROCESS

Reentry Subcommittee Meeting #3



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In the chat...

- ☐ Please add your name and city or neighborhood
- ☐ In the Chat, shout out a person, place, or practice that grounds you and brings you peace

About Measure J

LA County Voters approved
Measure J in the November 2020
Election.



Measure J mandates at
least **10%** of the
County's locally generated
unrestricted funding will
address impact of racial
injustice.

**How will Measure J address the impact
of systemic racism and incarceration?**

By investing those funds in
community recommended
programs such as:

- youth development
- job training
- mental health services
- small business development
- supportive housing services
- and other alternatives to incarceration.

Your Facilitation Team



Chrysta Wilson
she/her/hers



Aparna Shah
she/they

A vibrant landscape photograph featuring a wide river with white-capped rapids in the foreground. A brilliant rainbow arches across the sky, its base resting on the distant shore. The riverbanks are covered in dense, lush green tropical forest. The sky is a clear, deep blue with a few wispy clouds near the horizon.

Breathe

The background of the slide is a photograph of a beach at sunset. Numerous palm trees are silhouetted against a sky that transitions from a deep purple at the top to a bright orange near the horizon where the sun is setting. In the foreground, the silhouettes of people are visible, some standing and others sitting, looking towards the ocean. There are also some structures, like a lifeguard stand, visible in the distance.

Acknowledgement of Local Native Peoples

Tongva/Kizh/Gabrieleño, Tataviam & Chumash

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS OF WHAT'S COME BEFORE

*Multi-decade efforts to address mass incarceration, systemic racism,
equity and community healing*

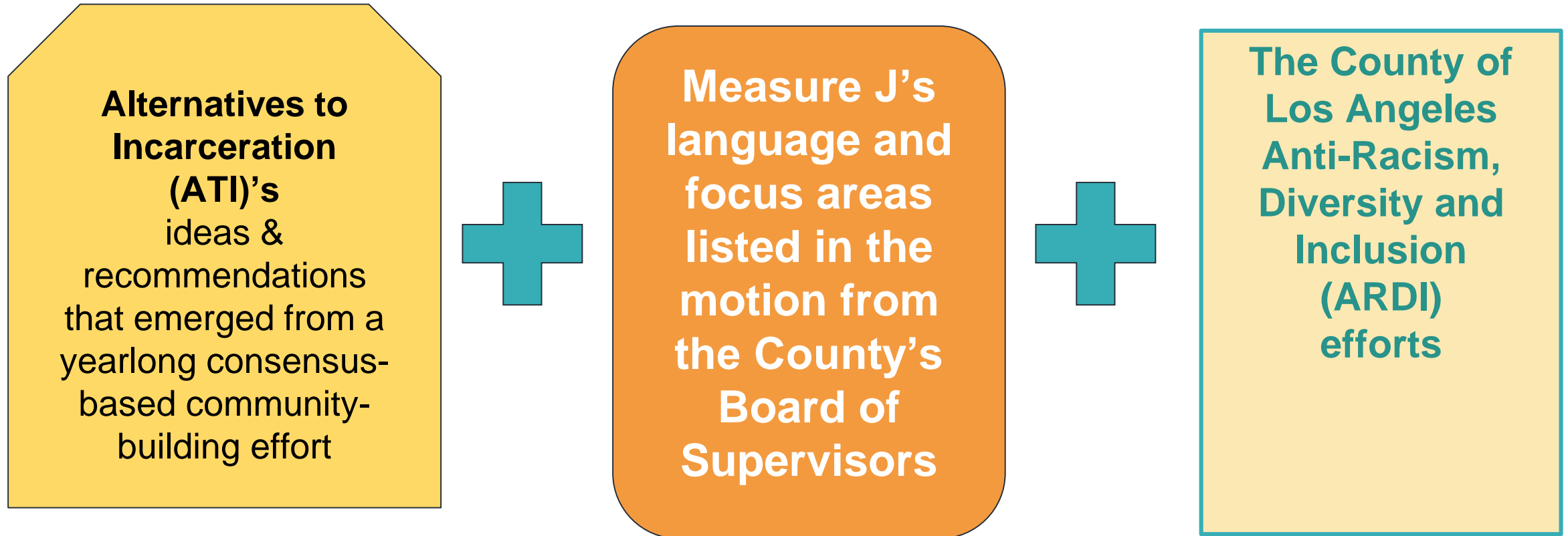
**Measure J is one strategy
of many **key efforts**
for advancing **equity**,
decarceration, **healing**,
repair and **wellbeing** of
our communities**

**2-Year Process to
develop
recommendations
for Alternatives to
Incarceration
(ATI Process)**

**November 2020:
Voters Approve
Measure J to redirect
funding to support
community
investments and
alternatives to
incarceration**

**Efforts to Close
Men's Central
Jail in LA County**

This Measure J Funding Recommendations Process Will be Grounded in



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EDGAR VILLANUEVA | LUMBEE



#MoneyAsMedicine

Meeting #3 Goals

- Community members share their wisdom
- Community Leaders share their experiences of working and what's needed with Measure J investments
- Learn about services and programs that are working to address disparities, build community power, and heal



An illustration on the left side of the slide shows a person with dark hair, wearing an orange sweater and teal pants, standing next to a large, light blue document. The document has several horizontal lines representing text. The first line is circled in red and has the number '1' next to it. The second line has the number '2' next to it, and the third line has the number '3' next to it. The person is holding a red pencil and pointing at the first line. In the background, there are stylized green leaves and a teal shape.

Agenda

1. Introduction and Grounding
2. Community Identified Presentations
3. Community Discussion
 - *Discuss emerging funding recommendations emerging from Subcommittee Insights*
4. Public Comment
5. Next Steps and Close



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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)

optional



USE THE CHAT

- To connect
- To respond
- To ask questions



RAISE YOUR HAND

You can “Raise your hand” by looking under the “**Reactions**” **Icon**

OR

Type “**STACK**” in the chat to get in the speaking order



FOR THE PHONE

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



Interpretation in Spanish at this Meeting

- ❖ Please speak *more slowly* for Interpretation
- ❖ If you are receiving Spanish Interpretation, please put a “#1” before your Name by **RENAMING** for Breakout Groups

Sample: #1 - Chrysta Wilson (she/her), Mass Liberation

- ❖ Spanish Interpretation in Main Room only so **Spanish language Breakout Group** will be in **Main Room**

- ❖ Hable *más despacio* para los que están interpretando
- ❖ Si está recibiendo interpretación en español, coloque un “# 1” antes de su nombre CAMBIANDO EL NOMBRE para ayudar a facilitar la creación de los Grupos de trabajo

Por ejemplo: # 1 - Chrysta Wilson (ella/ ella), Mass Liberation

- ❖ Interpretación estará disponible en español solo en la sala principal, **por lo que el grupo de trabajo en español sera en la sala principal**



II. Reports and Presentations

Community-Identified Presentations





Presenter 1:

Susan Burton

A New Way of Life

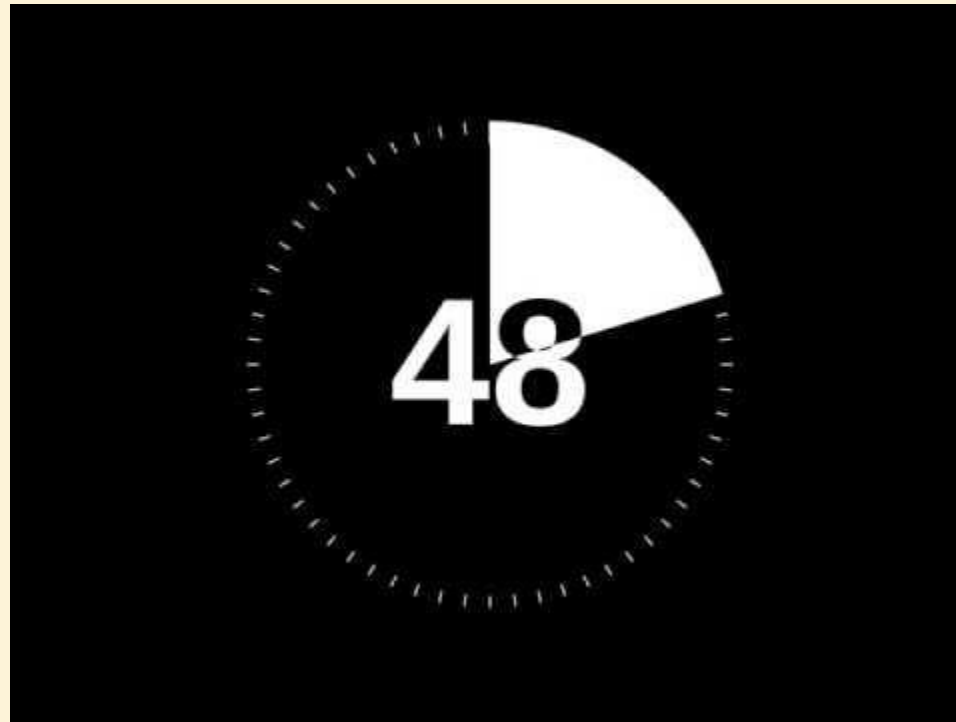


PUBLIC COMMENT

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2. What question do you have about what you heard?
3. What reflections do you have about what you heard?
4. Do you have a story to share that connects to what you heard?
5. What ideas came to your mind?
6. Any other thoughts or ideas you'd like to share?



Public Comment





Presenter 2:

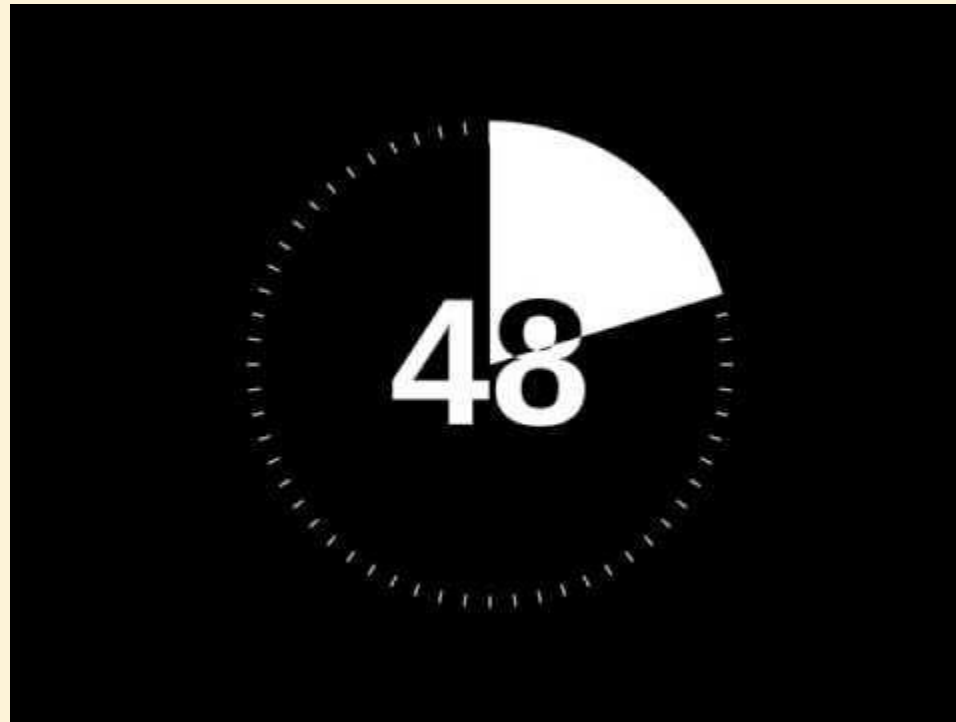
Bamby Salcedo
TransLatin@ Coalition



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Presenter 3:

Dr. Aquil Basheer
Maximum Force Enterprises



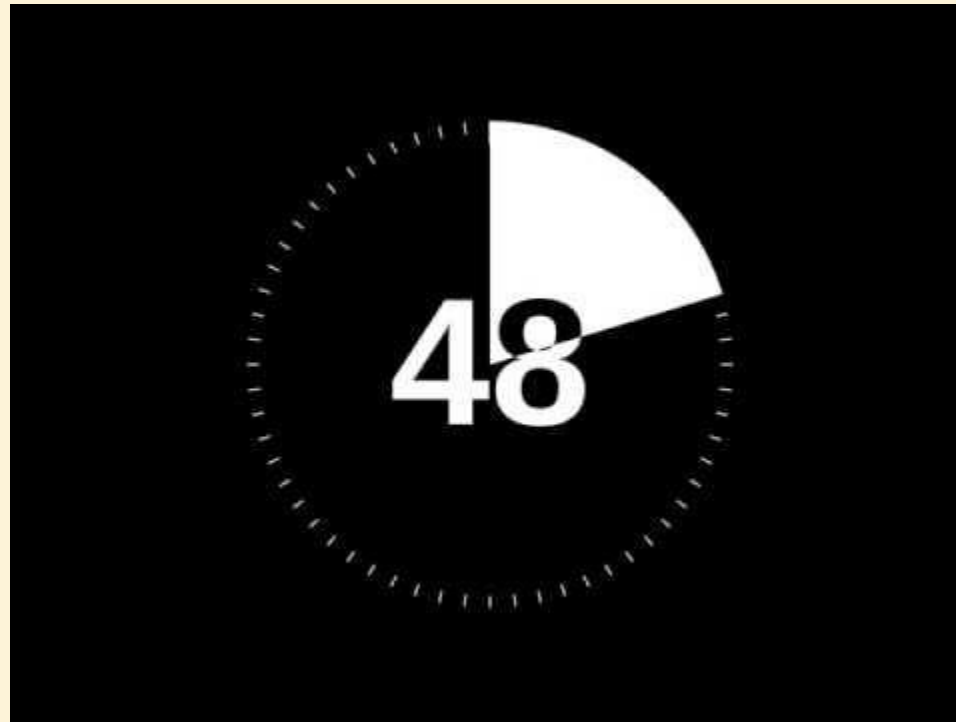


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Public Comment





Bio & Stretch Break

III. Community Discussion

*Reviewing Community Wisdom &
Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements*



Reminder:

The goal of this Subcommittee is to **develop Measure J Funding Recommendations** for the **2021-2022** budget of the County of Los Angeles.



What Are Key Elements of A Funding Recommendation?



WHO

Identifying the most impacted groups in this subcommittee's focus area



WHAT

Identifying the disparities or challenges that exist for those impacted groups



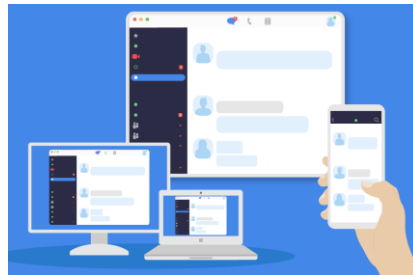
HOW

Identifying the services, investments, and/or strategies that can eliminate (or greatly reduce) those disparities and challenges for the impacted groups in Reentry

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements ● from This Subcommittee

You've been generating Funding Recommendations Elements since we starting meeting 2 weeks ago.

Zoom Chat
Meeting #1 & 2



Meeting #2
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*Word Cloud &
Comment section*

 **Mentimeter**



Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements:

“Who”

- **Black Women**

- **Trans women**

- **Black people**

- African Americans, Black youth, Black trans undocumented, Black women, Black men, Black gang members, Black families in Antelope Valley, African American families, African American gang members

- **Black and Brown folks**

- Black and Brown youth, Black and Brown trans women, Trans Black and Latina women, Black and Latinx youth

- **People experiencing Mental Illness**

- Severely mentally ill, Mental health individuals

- **Systems-impacted folks**

- Incarcerated Trans women, Lifers, Formerly incarcerated, Systems impacted people of color, Former juvenile lifers, Justice involved people, Currently incarcerated, Highest prison population, Ex lifers long term prison

- **Indigenous folks**

- **Latinx folks**

- Young Latinos, Latinx TAY, Brown gang involved people, Immigrants, Criminalized immigrants

- **LGBTQ Community**

- LGBTQ youth of color, Trans community, LGBTQ youth
 - Foster care youth, TAY (Transitioned Aged Youth)
 - Historically resilient, Anybody willing to heal
 - Poor people, Disinvested communities

- **Additional Groups**

- Housing insecure, Unsheltered folks



The most impacted groups in Reentry

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements:

“Who”



WHO

**The most impacted
groups in Reentry**

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “What disparities do our most impacted groups experience?”



Lack of programs
and funding for
programs

Difficulties with
service navigation

Lack of
opportunities
e.g., jobs, education)

Lack of coordinated
service delivery

Lack of social safety
net

Lack of effective technology
for community-based
service providers

Police
Brutality

Systemic violence
towards African
Americans

Job
Discrimination

Background
checks

Learned violence

The impact from **one**
parent being incarcerated
while growing up

Unresolved
intergenerational
trauma

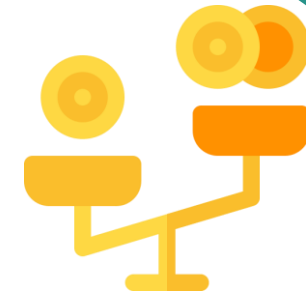
Mental health
issues,
particularly in youth

Immigrants held
indefinitely who
face deportation

Requirements
for housing (e.g.,
income, rental history)

Lack of affordable
housing

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements: “What disparities do our most impacted groups experience?”



WHAT

Identifying the disparities or challenges that exist for those impacted groups



Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements:

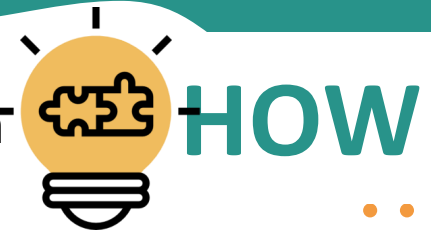
What were this Subcommittee's ideas for services, investments, and/or strategies that can eliminate (or greatly reduce) those disparities and challenges for the impacted groups in Reentry?



1. **Employment services** (11) - job training programs, jobs after being released from prison, youth job placement in various types of jobs (union jobs, public service (e.g., fire department), entertainment industry)
2. Strengthen community infrastructure, including directly **giving money to community-based organizations doing reentry work**, third party/fiscal sponsor processes (5)
3. **Transitional services and education centers located throughout the city** (e.g., vocational and technical training, education, learn about community resources available, get driver license/ID card, employment services (fill out a job application, build a resume, how to manage in the workplace), life skills (use a phone, use a computer, hold a conversation, control/manage anger, etc.) (5)
4. **Health and mental health centers**, including substance use programming (4)
5. **Housing** – permanent, supportive, rapid rehousing (6)
6. **Supporting women and families**, including reunification with children & families (4)

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements:

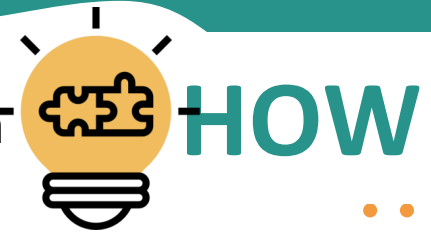
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7. **Supportive services for lifers** coming back home (e.g., elder care, medical care) (2)
8. More **resources in Black & brown communities** to **prevent incarceration** (3)
9. **Mentorship** (2)
10. **Pairing people with counselors/ case managers** to support all of their needs (e.g., mental health and health needs, housing, education, jobs)
11. **Wraparound services**, such as Wrap-around Engagement Desert Outreach (WEDO), a successful collaborative program in the Antelope Valley
12. **Healing spaces/ Healing circles** (6)
13. **Gang prevention and interventions** that **heal & empower gang members** to reduce the violence from an equitable & truthful lens and include them in the solution (5)
14. **Peer led** programming and advocacy (2)

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements:

What were this Subcommittee's ideas for services, investments, and/or strategies that can eliminate (or greatly reduce) those disparities and challenges for the impacted groups in Reentry?



15. **Services providing positive social connections**, trauma-informed, harm reduction, culturally competent and informed, flexible to **meet individual needs**, COVID-19 strategies, and provide basic needs(7)
16. **Collaborative, integrated and coordinated efforts** across multiple programs and sectors that create a pipeline of care (5), including conducting a landscape analysis of community-based organizations providing reentry services and programs, substance use (e.g., overdose prevention and education), legal aid, gun control, immigration. Examples of programs: DOORS (Developing Opportunities and Offering Reentry Solutions)
17. **Transformative and restorative justice programs and practices** (2)
18. **Invest in Successful services** - Breaking Barriers (Brilliant Corners program), Arc Housing, Mass Liberation (Torrance), Amity, Homieunidos, Homeboy Industries, A New Way of Life, The Goodseed, LA Voice Peacemakers, Project 180, Health Right 360, Hope and Redemption team, DOORS (Developing Opportunities and Offering Reentry Solutions), Wrap-around Engagement Desert Outreach (WEDO), Amity Foundation, Los Angeles Regional Reentry Partnership (LARRP), Pride In Truth
19. Solutions and service staff **include people with lived experience** (8)

Emerging Funding Recommendation Elements:

What were this Subcommittee's ideas for services, investments, and/or strategies that can **eliminate** (or *greatly reduce*) those disparities and challenges for the impacted groups in Reentry?



- 20. Funding should not go back to LA County programs (2)
- 21. Services/programs should **include ways to measure impact and outcomes**, including using community-based participatory research, non-traditional and indigenous evaluation methods (3)
- 22. Invest in **immigrant youth**
- 23. Universal **health care and insurance**
- 24. New **funding streams outside of the systems** that cause us harm
- 25. Build off of the **ATI report recommendations** (4)
- 26. Use **community land trusts**
- 27. Embrace and include **Native American tribal consultation** when developing services and programs

The Alternative to Incarceration Recommendations related to our Subcommittee:

Shared at Meeting #1

These recommendations were developed by community members to center care, build community, and lead to decarceration.

Our Subcommittee may want to develop these recommendations or find ways to fund them with Measure J



Alternatives to Incarceration Recommendations: ●

Reentry

Shared at
Meeting #1

- 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.
- **Expand family reunification models and connect families to low-cost or no-cost parenting groups.**
- Establish effective restorative justice programs for the adult justice-involved population by learning from existing County and other programs, especially those serving youth.
- **Optimize and increase the appropriate use and process for mental health conservatorship and assisted outpatient treatment, and resource them accordingly.**



Alternatives to Incarceration Recommendations:

Reentry

Shared at
Meeting #1

- Support and broaden implementation of community-based harm reduction strategies for individuals with mental health, substance use disorders, and/or individuals who use alcohol/drugs, including, but not limited to, sustained prescribing of psychiatric medications and MAT.
- Increase employment and retention of Community Health Workers (CHWs) to expand service capacity, cultural competency, and client/provider trust.
- Institute a presumption of pre-trial release for all individuals, especially people with clinical behavioral health disorders, whenever possible and appropriate, coupled with warm handoffs to community-based systems of care, to provide targeted services, if necessary, to help individuals remain safely in the community and support their return to court.
- Improve equal access to all treatment resources for justice-involved individuals, wherever they may be (in or out of custody).



Breakout Session & Discussion



Public Comment & Large Group Reflection



Want to Share Breakout Session Highlights?
“Raise your Hand” or type **STACK** in the chat.

Want to offer an idea for a Funding
Recommendation: the WHO or a SERVICE,
PROGRAM or INVESTMENT? **Type that the chat or raise your hand.**

IV. PUBLIC COMMENT





Next Steps for this Subcommittee



NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Meeting Dates for the Reentry Subcommittee:

- ❑ March 3, 6:00pm - 8:30pm
- ❑ March 10, 6:00pm - 8:30pm

❑ Meeting Slides, Minutes and Recordings will be posted:
<https://ceo.lacounty.gov/measure-j-2021-spending/>

❑ You can send feedback and requests for the [INSERT NAME]
Subcommittee to ati@lacounty.gov



Meeting Materials will be posted on the Measure J Website

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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 | |