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## **CFCI ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**Changing communities, changing lives.**

*Attend the Care First Community Investment (CFCI) Advisory Committee Meeting in person or virtually.*

**Thursday, June 15, 2023, at 4:00 p.m.**

Hall of Records  
320 W. Temple Street  
First Floor, Room 150  
Los Angeles 90012

*To participate virtually*

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## **CFCI Care Grant Recipient Luncheon: Highlights**

JCOD is thrilled to announce that last Thursday's first-ever CFCI Care Grant Recipient Luncheon was an extraordinary success. All 118 community-based organizations (CBOs) who received our year one CFCI Care Grants were in attendance. CBOs in all five districts provided updates on their programs, including how the first infusion of funding has already helped them with the work they're doing and the communities they serve.

These CBOs are a shining example of how, together, we can move forward with our shared goal of “Care First, Jails Last.” All 118 of these CBOs are providing services in the highest-need zip codes. In the coming weeks and months, we will continue to provide updates on the positive impact these organizations are having all across L.A. County.

In addition to subscribing to this newsletter, we invite you to stay engaged with us across all social media platforms @LACJCOD, as we will be sharing updates on the remarkable outcomes generated by CFCI Care Grants within our communities, as well as important upcoming dates related to our year two Care Grants, and how to apply.

More photos from our CFCI Care Grant Recipient Luncheon can be found on our Instagram page @LACJCOD.









## [Camille's Story: from Homeless to Homeownership](#)

The Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) is the newest department in Los Angeles County, and it is already making a significant impact on the community by focusing on community service, engagement, and effective communication. The goal of this newsletter is to share information and foster connections, allowing others to witness the transformative work being done by JCOD. One of the programs at the heart of our mission is the Reentry Interim Housing (RIH) program, which provides temporary shelter to individuals in need. This program is supported by dedicated caseworkers from JCOD's Reentry Intensive Case Management Services (RICMS) Program.

Let's take a moment to explore Camille Walker's journey. She was determined to turn her life around, and we were able to assist with help from our RICMS and RIH programs, including interim housing, help with updating her resume, preparing her for interviews, and providing one-on-one financial literacy education. Working closely with her community health worker (CHW) from RICMS, Camille developed a comprehensive plan to establish credit, saving money, and pave the way for a brighter future. She was able to secure a job at LAUSD.

But the story doesn't end there. On September 9, 2022, Camille's CHW from RICMS shared an exciting opportunity – Bank of America's First Time Home Buyers Program. Recognizing Camille's tenacity, the worker encouraged her to dive into research and self-advocacy. Camille embraced the challenge, putting in unwavering efforts to educate herself and pursue this opportunity. And on October 6<sup>th</sup>, her hard work paid off as she

successfully obtained a grant from Bank of America, which would cover crucial expenses, including the down payment for her very first home. With determination and persistence, Camille cleared escrow, and just last week she received the keys to her new home.

Here's what Camille had to say while she was going through the process:

*What does homeownership mean to you?*

**“It still really hasn’t uh settled on me yet. It still seems unreal because I’ve been homeless for over 1 year and my current environment makes it pretty tough to see the light. Nevertheless, I am proud of myself and looking forward to the next chapter in my book of life. Homeownership means *stability responsibility and equity in myself*. Building value and setting an example for the next generation. God said and So it is So...Black Girls Rock!!!!!!”**

*What was the lending process like?*

**“The process to apply was very simple. I was provided a link where I answered simple questions, uploaded documents, or gave permission for a company to access my personal info. [Two] days later I received a pre-qualification letter from that lender.”**

**How does Camille feel about her new home? Make sure you’re subscribed to our newsletter to find out in her own words. *Stay tuned for part two of Camille’s story.***

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