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[Judge Songhai Armstead Appointed Director of JCOD](#)

Judge Songhai Armstead, who has been serving as the Interim Director of the L.A. County Justice, Care & Opportunities Department since its inception in November 2022, had the Interim tag removed last week. The Board of Supervisors has made her appointment official and the official Swearing-In Ceremony is taking place on September 25th. It will be open to the public. More information to follow. Congratulations to Judge Armstead!



Court Finds Measure J Constitutional

In case you missed it, an appellate court has ruled that Measure J, a monumental Los Angeles County criminal justice reform initiative that was approved by voters in 2020, is constitutional. This decision, which comes from a three-judge panel of California's 2nd District Court of Appeal, reverses a 2021 decision from an L.A. County Superior Court Judge that struck down Measure J. Read the full article from the L.A. Times [here](#).



Two CFCI Care Grant Webinars on Wednesday, 8/2

Year Two CFCI Care Grant applications are *live*, and JCOD's Third Party Administrator, Amity Foundation, is hosting a pair of webinars Wednesday August 2nd.

- The first is a budget form webinar scheduled for 12pm PST. Each Community Based Organization (CBO) applying for a Care Grant will need to fill out a proposed budget form. The budget form webinar will be a walkthrough of how to fill out that budget form, including specifics of entering staff positions vs. services, unallowable costs, fringe benefits and much more.
- At 5pm PST, there will be an application walk-through webinar, to walk applicants through the overall process of applying for a Care Grant.
- To register for either webinar, click [here](#).

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