



## COMMUNITY BUDGET IDEA COLLECTION FORM

The Office of Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell in collaboration with Reimagine LA Coalition, Participatory Budgeting Project and Tres Lunas Consulting, is launching its first participatory budgeting pilot program in the 2nd District, **Community Budget**, allocating a total of \$1 million dollars between Florence-Firestone and Ladera Heights communities (\$500,000 for each community).

Participatory budgeting or PB is a democratic and inclusive process that invites community members to directly influence and decide how a public budget will be allocated. PB is an approach to public engagement that puts real decision-making power over real money directly into the hands of residents.

**Between April 15 and June 15**, we are collecting ideas of how you think this money should be spent. The Advisory Committee has created a “Priority Area List” of the types of projects that we would like to receive ideas for. This is a one-time funding source; therefore, the ideas/projects cannot add to County’s personnel costs to existing departments. Ideas/projects need to be in alignment with Care-First models – an initiative by the County that states our commitment to investing in our most marginalized residents and communities, prioritizing care, services, and opportunities over incarceration for those who have long suffered from the injustices of a flawed legal system rooted in racial and economic disparities.

### Priority Area List:

***The definitions below are aimed to inspire your thinking but not limit your aspirations.*** If you have any questions or need support participating in this process, please email us at [flopez@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:flopez@bos.lacounty.gov) or [twebb@bos.lacounty.gov](mailto:twebb@bos.lacounty.gov).

To respond online, please go to <https://forms.gle/uqrkGjVARLAXuRUy8>

### Green and Safe Infrastructure

- Investing in developing environmentally sustainable infrastructure, including but is not limited to renewable energy, green spaces, and infrastructure improvements that enhance community safety

*[priority areas continued on next page]*

### **Housing & Homelessness**

- Investments aimed at addressing housing affordability, homelessness prevention, and supportive services for those experiencing homelessness and those on the brink of homelessness

### **Economic Opportunities**

- Funding initiatives crafted to stimulate the local economy – job creation, workforce development, business development, small business support

### **Traffic and Transportation**

- Investing in transportation and infrastructure improvements, including but is not limited to traffic management, traffic safety, promoting other methods of transportation besides private vehicles (e.g. bikes and public transit)

### **Mobile, Public, and Accessible Resources**

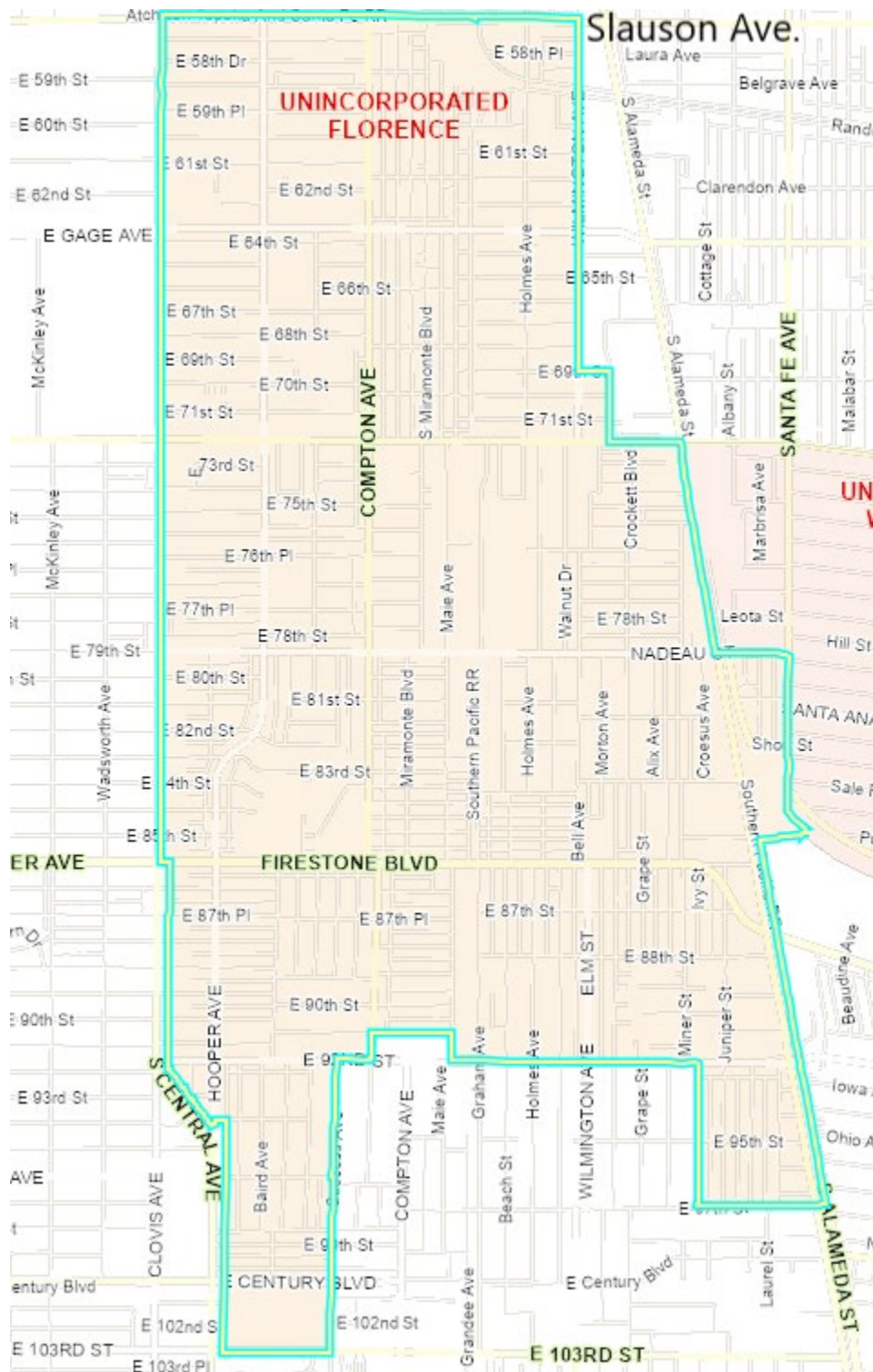
- Funding projects and resources that equitably increase overall access to essential services and delivery of those services to residents who have historically lacked access

### **Confirm if you are eligible to participate.**

Anyone who lives and/or works in Florence-Firestone or Ladera Heights can share their ideas. Persons of any age are able to submit ideas, but only those 16 and over will be able to vote.

<https://www.lavote.gov/apps/precinctsmaps>

1. Enter the address number and street name of your place of work or residence. Or the nearest address to the intersection you reside in.
2. The tool may give you a few options. Be sure to check your ZIP code.
3. This tool shows you all of the jurisdictions that represent you. Go down a few lines, you should see “Second Supervisorial District,” and a few lines below that, you should see “Unincorporated Ladera Heights” or “Unincorporated Florence.”
4. If you see Ladera Heights or Florence-Firestone listed as unincorporated, congratulations, you qualify to submit your idea!



Florence-Firestone Google Map:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?hl=en&mid=1Pbo2hZlaq-oHkerMfFG-Vjuj0qCiv5U&ll=33.958930287548085%2C-118.2281279013481&z=14>

Enter your address, cross streets or the nearest address to the intersection where you live and/or work.

**Prioritization Question**

Please share your opinion by ranking the following priority areas in order of importance for you ( 1 = most important and 5 = least important)

Priority Area	Ranking
Green and Safe Infrastructure	
Housing & Homelessness	
Economic Opportunities	
Traffic and Transportation	
Mobile, Public, and Accessible Resources	

**Example:**

Priority Area	Ranking
Green and Safe Infrastructure	1
Housing & Homelessness	5
Economic Opportunities	3
Traffic and Transportation	4
Mobile, Public, and Accessible Resources	2

**Based on the priority areas (green and safe infrastructure, housing, economic opportunity, traffic and transportation, accessible resources) , what ideas for services, projects, or programs would help the community?**


**Thank you for submitting your idea!**

**Provide your contact information if you would like to receive updates and our newsletters.**

**Name:**

**Email Address:**

**Phone:**

After idea collection ends, the Planning Team and Advisory Committee (AC) will review ideas and identify project ideas to develop into proposals, during the Proposal Development Phase (Summer 2024). AC develops the proposals that are placed on the ballot with Community Based Organization feedback to ensure they are responsive to COB capacity and resources. After the vote, there will be a participatory grantmaking process to determine which CBOs will implement winning projects. Follow the process and stay connected at the Community Budget website (<https://mitchell.lacounty.gov/cb-2023/>). Stay on the lookout for community voting this Fall!

*[Optional survey on next page]*

## Optional: Tell us more about you.

This form asks about you and how you identify yourself. The questions below will help us understand who we are engaging. **You may skip any questions that you do not want to answer.** All of your answers will be kept private.

### Which neighborhood do you live in?

Florence Firestone  
Ladera Heights  
Other

### What is your age?

Under 18                      35-44  
18-24                         45-54  
25-34                         55 or older

### What is your race/ethnicity? (select all that apply)

Asian  
Black or African American  
Latino or Hispanic  
Native American or Alaska Native  
Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander  
White  
Another (please specify):  
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### What is your Gender?

Female  
Male  
Transgender Female  
Transgender Male  
Gender Nonconforming  
Another (please specify):  
Prefer not to respond

### Do you identify as LGBTQ+?

Yes  
No

### Do you have a disability (physical, mental, etc.)?

Yes  
No

### Do you have children five years of age or younger?

Yes  
No

### Have you ever been in foster care?

Yes, currently in foster care  
Yes, previously in foster care  
No

### Have you ever been homeless/houseless (e.g., couch surfing, living in a motel, living in a car or tent, unsheltered)?

Yes, currently homeless/houseless  
Yes, previously homeless/houseless  
No

### Are you experiencing financial or housing insecurity (e.g., struggling to make ends meet, having trouble paying rent, spending the bulk of income on housing, etc)?

Yes  
No

### Do you receive or have you applied for Food Stamps, Section 8, and/or CalWorks?

Yes  
No

### Have you ever been involved with the justice system as a juvenile or adult?

Yes  
No