Measure X Community Advisory Board Operating principles

VISION STATEMENT

Contra Costa County will have the necessary funds to invest in and sustain a robust system of care and the social and public services necessary to support a vibrant community and ensure that all county residents have equitable opportunities to thrive.

OPERATING PRINCIPLES

Assumptions and commitments that inform our work together:

- 1. Shared responsibility to practice the values of equity, justice, inclusion and compassion.
- 2. Sustaining a strong social safety net is important for the health and prosperity of all.
- 3. Investments will prioritize prevention as well as addressing current system gaps.
- 4. Investments will help leverage other funding sources when feasible.
- 5. Needs and issues are intersectional and interconnected. Think about needs and services from the point of view of residents.
- 6. Name inequities and disparities, and be specific in naming and recognizing those who are most harmed by them, especially Black and Latinx residents, disabled people and poor people.
- 7. Economic opportunity and equity are at the heart of our purpose.
- 8. Seek transformative solutions, in addition to filling current service gaps.
- 9. Fostering a culture of inclusion, welcoming, and belonging demonstrates our commitment to equity and will improve our work process and outcomes.

How we conduct ourselves in meetings:

- 1. Consider not repeating a point someone else has already made (or briefly agree).
- 2. Treat each other and all participants with mutual respect.
- 3. Be curious; practice active listening; seek to understand.
- 4. To fully embody our principle of inclusion: Support the accessibility needs of all participants to the extent feasible, including language access (interpretation and translation), technical support, and visual/audio support.