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Subject: **RECOGNITION BY CORRECTIONS STANDARDS AUTHORITY OF  
SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN JUVENILE HALL POPULATION AND  
ELIMINATION OF OVERCROWDING CONDITIONS**

This is to advise you that during the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board meeting of March 10, 2011, CSA Field Representative Toni Gardner and I provided an update on crowding in Los Angeles County Juvenile Halls.

I am pleased to inform you that the CSA recognized the Probation Department for having achieved a significant reduction in population at all three of the juvenile halls and consequently, eliminating overcrowding and improving conditions of confinement.

The following are the key statistics noted:

- Since the CSA's January 8, 2009 Board meeting, our County has maintained the population of each unit at each of the juvenile halls below the limits specified in the January 2009 Suitability Plan with minor exceptions;
- Each unit of each juvenile hall has been at or below its Rated Capacity every day since March 12, 2010, with a single exception;
- The average daily population has strikingly been reduced by 687 (38%) since a high of 1,810 in 2000 to 1,123 in December 2010; and
- Central Juvenile Hall has not experienced populations above the Rated Capacity since December 2009.

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Attached for your reference are charts as distributed by the CSA at the meeting identifying the average daily population from August 1999 to December 2010 and other related information.

As you may be aware, during the CSA's 2006-08 biennial inspection, the juvenile halls were found out of compliance with sections of the California Code of Regulations due to chronically crowded conditions in some of the juvenile hall units. The County was then required to submit a Suitability Plan to the CSA which was received in January 2009 and was accepted.

The CSA's most recent visit was to Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall on January 5, 2011. Probation staff provide detailed population and staffing documentation to the CSA twice per month. CSA representatives received population sheets for each of the juvenile halls during the site visit. On January 5, 2011, the combined population of all three juvenile halls was 1,027, representing: 1) 797 fewer youth than the facilities are rated for; and 2) more than 400 fewer youth than were in custody when the Suitability Plan was approved in January 2009.

Through your support and my staff's efforts, we have been found to have worked within the Suitability Plan for over two years and have been successful in achieving and sustaining a significant population reduction. Consequently, no further updates to the CSA on overcrowding will be required.

Please contact me if you have any questions or require additional information, or your staff may contact Cal Remington, Chief Deputy, at (562) 940-2851.

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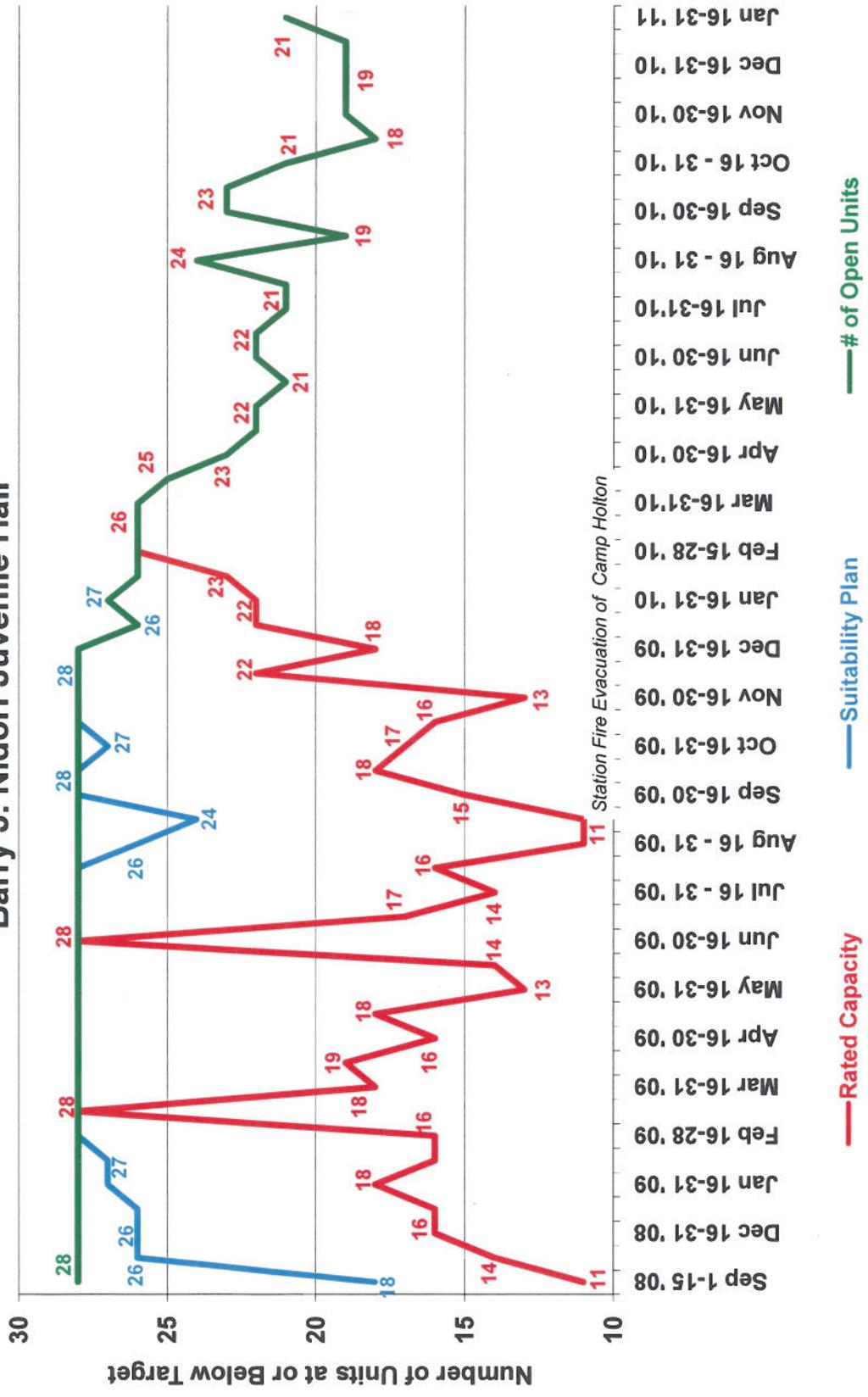
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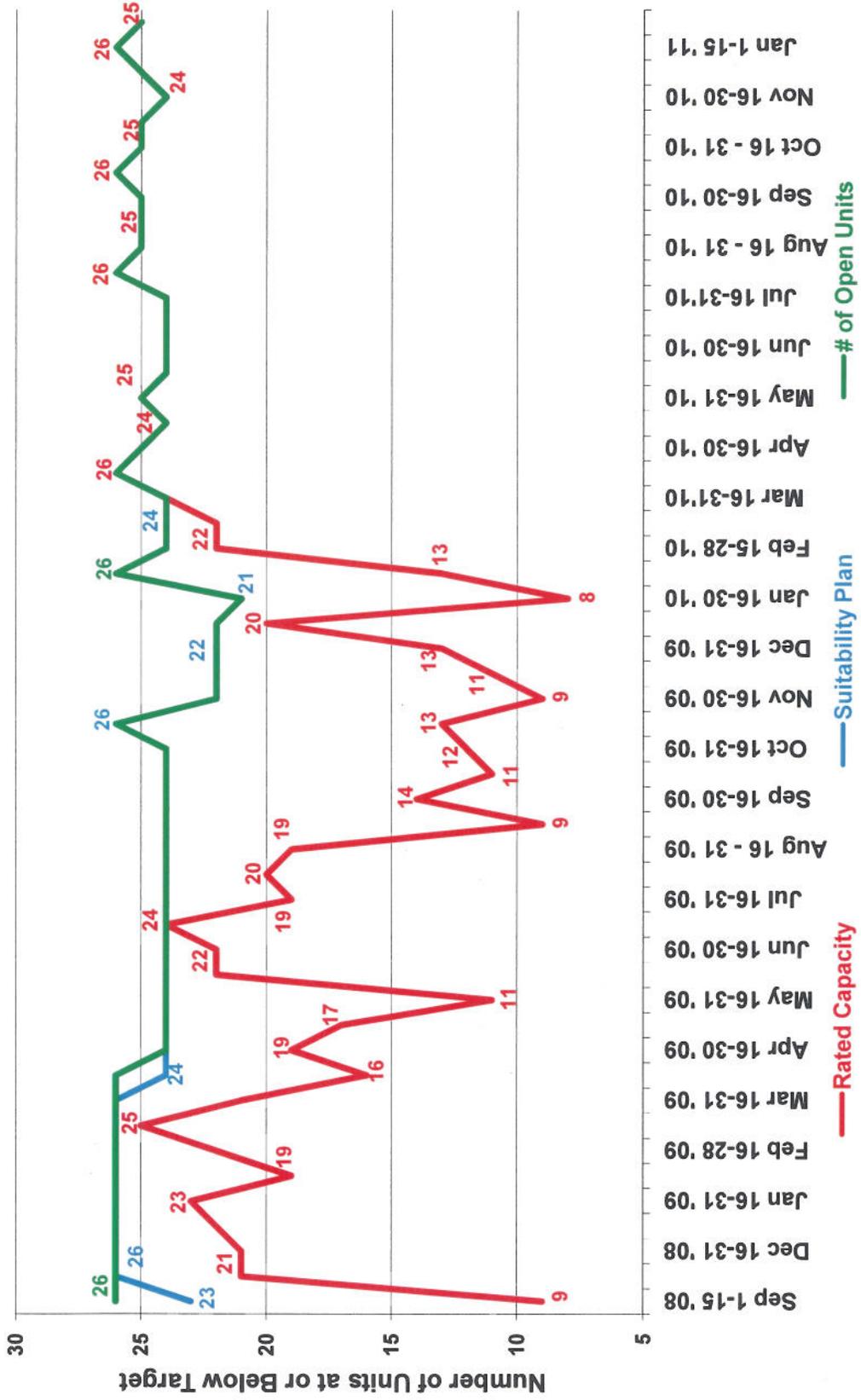
# Los Angeles Juvenile Halls



# Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall



# Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall



# Central Juvenile Hall

