



## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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Ms. Rita Hall  
Mr. John A. Hammargren  
Mr. Carl E. Moore

### **MINUTES OF THE** **SYBIL BRAND COMMISSION FOR INSTITUTIONAL INSPECTIONS** **REGULAR WEEKLY MEETING** **AUGUST 6, 2008**

#### **CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Montañó called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

#### **OPENING CEREMONIES**

Chair Montañó led the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a moment of silence.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

##### Present

Chair Eleanor R. Montañó  
Frank Bacio  
Barbara Bigby  
John A. Hammargren  
Rita Hall  
Carl E. Moore

##### Excused Absence

Vito Cannella

##### Staff

Sandra Barbee, Chief, Commission Services  
Janice Davis, Commission Services Staff  
Garen Khachian, Commission Services Staff

#### **APPROVAL OF JULY 23, 2008, MEETING MINUTES**

**On motion of Commissioner Hammargren, seconded by Vice Chair Bacio, and unanimously carried, the minutes of July 23, 2008, were approved with no changes.**

#### **CHAIR'S REPORT**

Chair Montañó reported on three (3) articles and one event:

- “Finally, A Foster Care Fix”, Los Angeles Times, July 25, 2008, regarding legislation before Congress that can end years of inattention to reforming foster care.
- “The Children Come Last”, Los Angeles Times, July 29, 2008, regarding hiring more social workers who are adept at completing forms, drawing a salary and ignoring the youngsters they serve.
- “Hospital Worker’s Records Delayed”, Los Angeles Times, July 30, 2008, regarding the Los Angeles County Supervisors continuing to refuse to release details about (17) employees who worked at Martin Luther King Jr. Harbor Hospital despite having serious criminal histories or lying about their records.
- The “Police Night Out” event to honor the Los Angeles Police and Fire Department was held on August 5, 2008 from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Harbor Christian Center in Wilmington.

### **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Commissioner Bacio reported that the current balance of the Commission’s Charitable Fund is \$2,002.83.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Ms. Janice Davis, Staff, Commission Services, distributed the following report:

- “Sheriff’s Department Twenty-Fifth Semiannual Report” for fiscal year 2006-2007.

### **INVITED GUEST, MR. NICK CHICO, SECTION MANAGER, ISD PARKING**

Mr. Nick Chico, Section Manager, ISD gave the following report:

- The green parking card allows the commissioners to park at all County parking lots.
- A special temporary pass application form was distributed to the commissioners allowing them access to Parking Lot Numbers “10 and 82” for one (1) year intervals.

### **DISCUSSION ON SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS**

The Scholarship Awards Presentation is scheduled for August 12, 2008. Supervisor Knabe generously offered to host the reception for the recipients and their families.

### **INSPECTIONS OF YOUTH FACILITIES AND JAILS IN NORTHWEST AREA OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY**

Chair Montaño distributed a list of group homes that need to be inspected in the Northwest area of Los Angeles County.

### **CORRESPONDENCE/AUDIT REPORT**

Chair Montaña read a letter of thanks received from Honorable Sheriff Lee Baca, regarding the letter sent by the Commission commending Sergeant Haney for his dedication and excellent work ethic.

### **FACILITY/GROUP HOME INSPECTION REPORTS FROM JULY 23, 2008 TO AUGUST 5, 2008**

#### **Zenith Youth Home/A-W Friendship Homes (Zenith III) – 63, #4 – Commissioners Hall and Moore**

The facility was visited on July 24, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Smoke detector in the hallway needs to be repaired.

#### **McKinley Children’s Center – 38, #2 – Commissioners Bacio and Bigby**

The facility was visited on July 24, 2008, and found to be a very nice home.

#### **San Gabriel Children’s Center (RTI/Homerest) – 52, #5 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on July 28, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** Needs and Services Plan needs to be updated; house rules, chores, emergency telephone numbers, and emergency plan not posted; first aid kit needs to be restocked.

#### **Heritage Group Home #1 – 27, #5 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on July 29, 2008, and no one was home.

#### **Boyle Heights Technical Academy – Commissioner Bacio**

The facility was visited on July 30, 2008, and found to be a very nice school.

#### **Care Provider Organization Foundation #1 – 6, #2 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on July 30, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Areas of Concern:** Needs and Service Plans not at site; staff did not have access to keys.

#### **Counseling & Research Associate/Masada Home (Newell) – 12, #1 – Commissioners Bacio and Moore**

The facility was visited on July 31, 2008, and found to be a very nice home.

#### **South Bay Bright Future Youth Center #1 – 55, #1 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on August 4, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

**Area of Concern:** Oven fan is missing in the kitchen.

#### **Orange County Children’s Foundation (Harbor City) – 45, #5 – Commissioner Montaña**

The facility was visited on August 5, 2008, and found to be in satisfactory condition.

### **NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Commissioner Hall participated in “Fishing in the City” event held at the Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area Park sponsored by the Los Angeles County Second Supervisorial District on August 1, 2008.

**MATTERS NOT ON THE AGENDA (To be presented and placed on a future agenda)**

There was none.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There was none.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chair Montaña adjourned the meeting at 11:26 p.m. in memory of Deputy Juan A. Escalante, and Lieutenant Derrick Norfleet who were killed in the line of duty.

Respectfully submitted,

*Janice A. Davis*  
Commission Services Division