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**Youth Justice Reimagined: Supporting Continued Collaboration and Planning to Realize A Care-First Youth Development Model**

Just a few months ago, the Youth Justice Work Group issued a road map (Road Map) to establishing a care-first youth development model in its report entitled, “Los Angeles County: Youth Justice Reimagined.” The Road Map came on the heels of a year-long community-driven process, facilitated by the Chief Executive Office (CEO); the Youth Development and Diversion unit of the Office of Diversion and Reentry (YDD); and a team of consultants led by the Haywood Burns Institute, in which more than one-hundred community members, system-impacted youth, community-based providers, justice partners, and County departments collaborated to envision a new model for youth justice in Los Angeles County. The Road Map calls for a three-phase, five-year implementation plan, which would ultimately transition system impacted youth from supervision under the Probation Department to a care-first model under a future Department of Youth Development.

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The Board of Supervisors (Board) quickly committed to the care-first model outlined in the Road Map. (Supervisors Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas, Youth Justice Reimagined: A New Model for Youth Justice in Los Angeles County). Among other things, the Board adopted the nine core values set forth in the Road Map and instructed CEO and YDD to establish and resource a transition-planning team, including mutually agreed-upon consultant(s). In its January 22, 2021 report to the Board, YDD set forth a plan with four essential components: (1) a core Transition Planning Team comprised of CEO, YDD, County Counsel, the Probation Department, and project Consultants; (2) an Operations Consultant Team to provide recommendations and guidance focused on operationalizing the Department of Youth Development and initial transition processes; (3) a Research and Design Consultant Team to focus on ongoing research and collaborative planning for unanswered questions and recommendations from the Road Map that require further exploration in future phases of the care-first youth development model; and (4) a Youth Justice Transition Advisory Group to be embedded within the existing structure of YDD's permanent Steering Committee.

The Board is committed to moving towards a care-first youth development model with expediency. As the Board awaits further reports in response to the directives it issued in November, it is important for YDD to move forward with identifying and contracting with the Research and Design Consultant Team.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors;

1. Authorize YDD to select a Research and Design Consultant Team and to negotiate, execute, and amend (if necessary) an agreement with the selected contractor, not to exceed three years. The agreement and any amendments

shall be approved as to form by County Counsel.

2. Direct YDD to report back in writing on the progress of these efforts as part of its quarterly Youth Justice Reimagined reports to the Board.

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