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Agenda No. 22
03/01/22

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012


Re: Ordinance Amending Title 2 – Administration

Dear Supervisors:

On March 1, 2022, your Board directed our office to prepare an ordinance for the creation of the Department of Youth Development. This ordinance amends Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code by adding Chapter 2.120 to create the Department of Youth Development and its Director. The ordinance will be effective by July 1, 2022, if approved by your Board during your May 17, 2022 and adopted during the May 24, 2022 Board meetings. Enclosed is the final revised analysis and ordinance for your Board's consideration.

Very truly yours,

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Enclosure

c: Fesia A. Davenport, Chief Executive Officer
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ANALYSIS - REVISED

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ORDINANCE NO. _____

An ordinance amending Title 2 – Administration of the Los Angeles County Code, to create the Department of Youth Development.

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles ordains as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2.120 is hereby added to read as follows:

Chapter 2.120 Department of Youth Development.

2.120.010 Creation of Department of Youth Development.

2.120.020 Director – Appointment and Authority.

2.120.030 Definitions.

2.120.040 Duties of the Director.

2.120.050 Department Functions.

2.120.060 Agreements with Other County Departments.

2.120.010 Creation of Department of Youth Development.

A department of the County of Los Angeles, which shall be known as the Department of Youth Development, is hereby created (hereafter referred to in this chapter as "Department").

2.120.020 Director – Appointment and Authority.

The position of Director of the Department of Youth Development is created and hereafter in this chapter, will be referred to as "Director". The Department shall be under the direction and management of the Director.

2.120.030 Definitions.

When interpreting this chapter, words and phrases having initial capital letters shall have the following meanings:

A. "Care Coordination" shall mean the function of coordinating or managing services, opportunities, and support for Youth, Transition Age Youth~~Young Adults~~, and their families or guardians, including assessing strengths, needs, and goals; identifying or managing referrals; and providing other support as needed.

B. "Criminal Justice" shall mean the system of law enforcement used for all stages of the criminal proceedings and punishment, involving any contact with law enforcement, courts, correctional facilities, and post-release supervision.

C. "Delinquency Court" shall mean the section of the Juvenile Court in Los Angeles County that handles petitions filed against individuals who were under the age of 18 at time of the alleged offense.

D. "Reentry" shall mean services, opportunities, and supports provided to Youth and Transition Age Youth ~~Young Adults~~ as they exit detention or incarceration.

E. "Transition Age Youth" or "TAY" ~~"Young Adults"~~ shall mean individuals between the ages of 18 and 26, acknowledging the science of adolescent development that shows Youth and Transition Age Youth~~Young Adults~~ are in stages of development that require approaches that address their unique strengths and needs compared to those developed for adults.

F. "Youth" shall mean individuals under 18 years of age.

G. "Youth Development" shall mean the strengths-based approaches to working with Yyouth, TAY, families, and communities characterized by services, opportunities, and supports that promote care, belonging, and responsibility by empowering young people to develop competencies that enable them to grow and thrive.

H. "Youth Diversion and Development" (YDD) is a division of Department of Health Services Office of Diversion and Reentry (DHS-ODR) focused on youth diversion and development.

I. "Youth Diversion" shall mean an intervention that redirects a response to law enforcement contact in order to prevent a young person's involvement or further involvement in the Criminal Justice system and to better align the response to youth development and underlying strengths and needs. This definition includes Youth Diversion at the following stages: pre-arrest, post-arrest, and pre-filing.

J. "Youth Justice Reimagined" shall mean the vision adopted by the Board of Supervisors on November 24, 2020 based on the collaborative report and recommendations of the same name. This initiative reflects the Board's commitment to transitioning the County's Youth Justice system to the care-first model outlined in the Youth Justice Reimagined report by 2025, pending resolution of the necessary legal, budgetary, and legislative issues.

K. "Youth Justice" shall mean the system of law enforcement, Probation, or Delinquency Court contact for youth under the age of 18. This definition includes the historical term "Juvenile Justice".

2.120.040 Duties of the Director.

The Director's duties shall include, but are not limited to:

A. Planning, organizing, and directing all functions of the Department in accordance with applicable federal, State and local laws, and regulations, as well as ordinances and policies established by the Board of Supervisors.

B. Coordinating activities, including entering into written agreements where necessary, with those of related County officers and Departments to achieve maximum effectiveness and service to the public.

C. Expanding support for community-based Youth Diversion services for Youth and ~~TAY~~Young Adults.

D. Supporting Youth Development non-clinical services and opportunities for the Youth and ~~TAY~~Young Adults in Los Angeles County, including but not limited to, the following types of services:

1. Youth Centers
2. School- and community-based mentorship and Care Coordination
3. Other services, opportunities, and supports that increase Youth

Development

E. Leading further development of the Youth Justice Reimagined model and advancing related efforts to expand Youth Development and care-first approaches to young people involved in the Justice Systems, as allowed by law.

F. Supporting research and analysis focused on program evaluation and assessing opportunities to equitably advance Youth Development and reduce Youth

Justice System contact. Analyzing the County-wide system of care for Youth and TAYYoung Adults involved in the Criminal and Youth Justice Systems, Youth Development, and Youth Diversion, including the equity and quality of criminal justice, and developing recommendations for improvements, services, and programs to the Board of Supervisors. This shall include informing and recommending policy and legislative priorities and changes to the Board of Supervisors on the County-wide system of care for Youth and TAYYoung Adults.

2.120.050 Department Functions.

A. Where legally permissible, the Department shall assume the functions, including any existing funding streams, from the following County departments:

1. DHS-ODR's YDD.
2. Any other County functions by further directive of the Board of

Supervisors.

B. The Department may not lead functions of which the Los Angeles County Probation Department is the sole entity identified under the Welfare and Institutions Code and/or other federal, State and local laws and ordinances as the responsible County agency.

2.120.060 Agreements with Other County Departments.

~~Where the Director determines the need to utilize the capabilities of other County departments to accomplish the purposes of the Department, t~~The Department shall coordinate its activities and delivery of services with these necessary County departments to prevent redundancy, confusion, and achieve maximum effectiveness in

service to the public and shall accomplish this through executing one or more agreements, approved by the Board of Supervisors. If any dispute arises relating to the interdepartmental agreements, those shall be resolved by the Chief Executive Office.

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