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Addressing Allegations of Sexual Assault in Probation Juvenile Facilities

In March, 2022, a lawsuit was filed alleging that 20 young women and girls had been sexually assaulted by staff while at a Los Angeles County (County) juvenile detention facility from 1996 to 2008. These horrifying allegations focused on Camp Scott (Camp), an all-girls detention facility run by the Probation Department (Department) that closed in 2020. The lawsuit details extended sexual abuse of minors at the hands of Probation Department employees, some of whom allegedly continued to abuse girls even after they left the Camp.

On August 19, 2022, the Los Angeles Times published an article explaining that the aforementioned lawsuit has been expanded to include at least 70 young women and girls in multiple juvenile detention facilities from 1985 to 2019. The expanded scope of this lawsuit paints a picture of a devastating problem that is not limited to one facility, one employee, or one time frame. Needless to say, such allegations are extremely disturbing. The County must take immediate, decisive action to both learn the underlying facts and to ensure that no such abuse occurs in our facilities.

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WE, THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Supervisors order the Chief Probation Officer to do the following:

- 1) Appear on August 30, 2022, to update the Board of Supervisors on steps that the Department is taking to prevent sexual assault in juvenile facilities; and
- 2) Appear before the Board during closed session on August 30, 2022, to discuss the recent allegations of sexual assault in juvenile facilities.

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