

# LOS ANGELES COUNTY SUPERVISOR AND CHIEF OF PROBATION VISIT THE R.O.C.

## PROBATION DEPARTMENT'S REENTRY OPPORTUNITY CENTER WELCOMES SUPERVISOR MITCHELL AND CHIEF GONZALES

On May 5, 2021, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell and Chief Probation Officer Dr. Adolfo Gonzales visited the Probation Department's Reentry Opportunity Center. "The R.O.C.," as it is also known as, is in the heart of South Los Angeles. It sits just a few blocks from the University of Southern California and adjacent to the historic Los Angeles Coliseum. Upon arriving at the center, Supervisor Mitchell and Chief Gonzales were greeted in the lobby by Senior Probation Director John Baima, Office Director Lori Placide, and the center's staff.

During the tour, they visited the third floor, where they learned about the D.O.O.R.S. (Developing Opportunities and Offering Reentry Solutions) Community Reentry Center. Program Manager Tasha Stiger explained the vision of being an inclusive community where everyone impacted by the justice system can thrive and fully participate in society. The center has an open floor plan surrounded by floor-to-ceiling windows overlooking South Los Angeles. Walls are painted with bright colors of orange, yellow and green, and the room is furnished with soft couches and fluffy pillows. It exudes a feeling of warmth and home. The center immediately invites a spirit of hope.

Chief Gonzales and Supervisor Mitchell had the opportunity to also meet and engage with community partners. Many of whom thanked the Probation Department for the services offered at the center. They expressed genuine gratitude for the collaboration between agencies for the betterment of the community. The partners spoke on the center's supportive services that address common barriers to reentry for justice-involved individuals, their families, and the community. They elaborated on how the R.O.C. offers services in housing, employment, legal aid, education, mental health assessments and linkage, substance abuse counseling, and health and healing through the arts.



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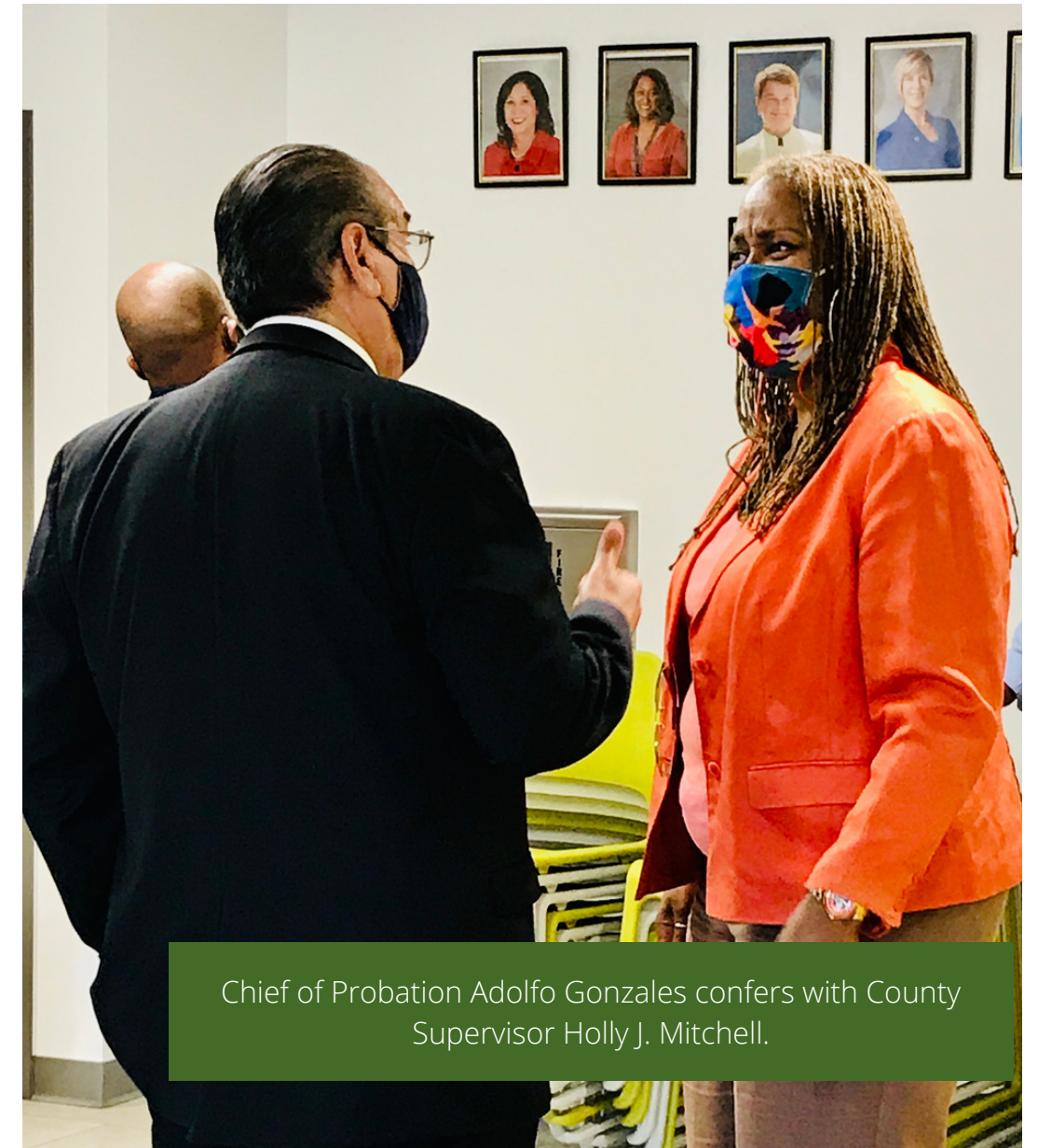


(L to R): Director Lori Placide, Los Angeles County Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell, and Community Reentry Center Program Manager Tasha Stiger

It was an informative afternoon. Supervisor Mitchell, Chief Gonzales, and all in attendance were excited about this place of promise and how it serves as a space of collaboration for effective change in the city of angels. Attendees left with anticipation of the continued impact of the services offered to the Los Angeles community by the Reentry Opportunity Center.

To learn more about the Los Angeles County Probation Department's Office of Diversion and Reentry D.O.O.R.S. Community Reentry Center, tune into one of their weekly orientations via zoom at 9:30 AM on Monday or Tuesday or 2 PM on Thursdays. The Zoom Link is 836-3062-3920 (No password required). Or dial into zoom at 1-866-900-9128.

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