

# PROBATION CONNECTION



## Upcoming Events:

[04/09/25 - Long Beach Community Resource Fair](#)

[04/16/25 - Pomona Valley Resource Fair](#)

[05/15/25 - Santa Monica Job & Resource Fair](#)

### LEADERSHIP UPDATE

## Probation Department Announces New Leadership Appointments



The Probation Department is proud to announce key leadership appointments as part of its ongoing commitment to strengthening probation services and community rehabilitation efforts.

Gabriella Aguilera has been named Acting Chief Deputy, overseeing critical department-wide initiatives, including Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall operations. With a strong background in criminal justice and rehabilitation strategies, as well as a long and distinguished career in law enforcement, Ms. Aguilera will play a pivotal role in enhancing the department's effectiveness and ensuring best practices in youth detention and community supervision.

Additionally, two new deputy directors will lead specialized divisions:

Alex Nieto has been named Acting Deputy Director for Adult Probation, where he will focus on community supervision, rehabilitation programs, and strategies to reduce recidivism among adult probationers. Further, Jocelyn Roman will serve as Acting Deputy Director for Juvenile Probation and Facilities, overseeing youth probation services and facility management to improve rehabilitation and support for justice-involved youth.

"These appointments bring experienced leadership and a renewed focus on accountability, rehabilitation, and public safety," said Chief Probation Officer Guillermo Viera Rosa. "We are confident that Gabriella, Alex, and Jocelyn will lead with vision and dedication, ensuring that we continue to serve our communities effectively."

The Probation Department looks forward to working under their leadership to advance its mission of promoting safety, rehabilitation, and positive outcomes for individuals under supervision.

[MEET OUR LEADERSHIP TEAM HERE](#)

## Thank You For Your Service



We extend our deepest gratitude to Chief Deputy Kimberly Epps, who retired in March of 2025, for her 36 years of dedicated service and leadership in probation. After a stellar 34-year career in law enforcement with San Bernardino County, she served over a year (December 2023 to March 2025) with our department. Throughout LA County Probation's period of transition, she was an invaluable asset and a steadfast pillar of support to our department. We appreciate her commitment and contributions and wish her the very best during her retirement and in her future endeavors.

We also express our sincere appreciation to Administrative Deputy Robert Smythe who will retire on August 1st. Smythe has had a remarkable 41 years of service with Los Angeles County—22 years with the Auditor-Controller and 19 years with the Probation Department. His leadership and dedication have played a vital role in our department's success, and we are profoundly grateful for his contributions.

### ON THE JOB

## Probation Removes Drugs from Streets



The Los Angeles County Probation Department remains steadfast in its commitment to providing for healthier and safer communities. On March 20, while conducting compliance checks in the city of Santa Clarita, the Department's AB 109 Region Five Team successfully recovered a substantial quantity of illegal drugs, preventing them from further endangering our communities.

The search led to the discovery of:

- 212 grams of heroin
- 284.5 grams of cocaine
- 25.4 grams of yellow cocaine
- 260.7 grams of fentanyl
- Approximately 35 lbs. of marijuana
- Approximately 4 lbs. of mushrooms



Additionally, officers identified a stolen Dodge Challenger out of Bakersfield with plates belonging to a KIA, further demonstrating the probationer’s alleged continued engagement in illegal activities. The individual, who was previously convicted of sales and possession of a firearm, is now facing additional charges.

Fentanyl remains one of the deadliest substances impacting Los Angeles County. Through strategic enforcement and dedicated oversight, the Los Angeles County Probation Department is proud to play a vital role in removing these harmful substances from our streets.

“This operation is a testament to our unwavering commitment to public safety and rehabilitation. By enforcing accountability, we not only disrupt criminal activity but also provide opportunities for individuals to rebuild their lives,” expressed Robert Arcos, LA County Probation Deputy Director. “We will continue working tirelessly to ensure safer communities for all residents.”

The Los Angeles County Probation Department extends its gratitude to all law enforcement partners and community members who support our mission to enhance public safety and effect positive probationer behavioral change.

JCOC CLASS 2025-01

## Juvenile Corrections Officer Core Academy Graduation



On March 27th, the County of Los Angeles Probation Department welcomed the new graduating Juvenile Corrections Officer Core Academy Class of 2025-01.

Thank you California Senator Bob Archuleta for bringing words of inspiration to the graduates.  
Congratulations and welcome to the Probation family!

SUPERVISOR HAHN VISITS

## Family Day at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall



On March 12th, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall hosted Family Day for units R1 and R2! Families gathered for lunch and fellowship with the youth, dedicated officers, Supervisor Janice Hahn, and the amazing team from Hoops 4 Justice.

This marks the second unit at LPJH to take part in this special event. Youth had the opportunity to share heartfelt, self-written reflections about those who inspire them, while family members expressed gratitude for the dedicated officers who support their children every day. The day was filled with hope, inspiration, and encouragement—a powerful reminder of the strength of community and second chances.

SUPERVISOR SOLIS VISITS

## LACP Recruitment Team Talks to Veterans



On Friday, March 21st, the Los Angeles County Probation Department Recruitment Team represented at the 4th Annual LA Veterans Resource Expo in Pomona. They met with Veterans and others interested in career opportunities with the department. Supervisor Hilda Solis stopped by the booth to show her support.

[LEARN ABOUT LACP CAREERS FOR VETS](#)

VIDEO CORNER



Learn about the LA County Probation Department's FOREVER FRIENDS program, featuring Gary and Adrian.  
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LACP Has a New Look!  
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## Los Padrinos Behavioral Management Program



The Behavior Management Program (BMP) is an approach to behavior modification that is in use at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. BMP allows youth to earn points and privileges as they demonstrate behavioral control and use of skillful behavior in their daily activities. Points earned by the youth can be exchanged for various rewards including snacks, magazines, writing or drawing tablets, and many other items. Points can be traded for items every Thursday afternoon after recreation at the BMP store.

Thank you to the LP BMP TEAM!

### CAMPUS KILPATRICK

## Barista Program Empowers Young Adults Through Job Skills and Work Ethic Training



The Campus Kilpatrick Barista Program was founded by the late DPO Marilu Velasco, whose vision was to provide young adults with hands-on training in the art of coffee making while instilling essential job skills and a strong work ethic. Today, DPO De La Torre has graciously stepped up to carry forward this vision, expanding the program's impact and engaging young adults in meaningful skill development.

Through the Campus Kilpatrick Barista Program, young adults gain valuable experience in customer service, teamwork, and professional responsibility—preparing them for future employment opportunities in the food and beverage industry and beyond.

The Campus Kilpatrick Barista Program is designed to equip young adults with essential job skills and a strong work ethic through hands-on training in the art of coffee making. Young adults will learn everything from brewing techniques and customer service to time management and teamwork, preparing them for potential employment in the food and beverage industry. Beyond technical skills, the program emphasizes professionalism, responsibility, and communication, fostering confidence and a sense of accomplishment. By creating a supportive learning environment, the Campus Kilpatrick Barista Program empowers young adults to develop career readiness while gaining valuable real-world experience.

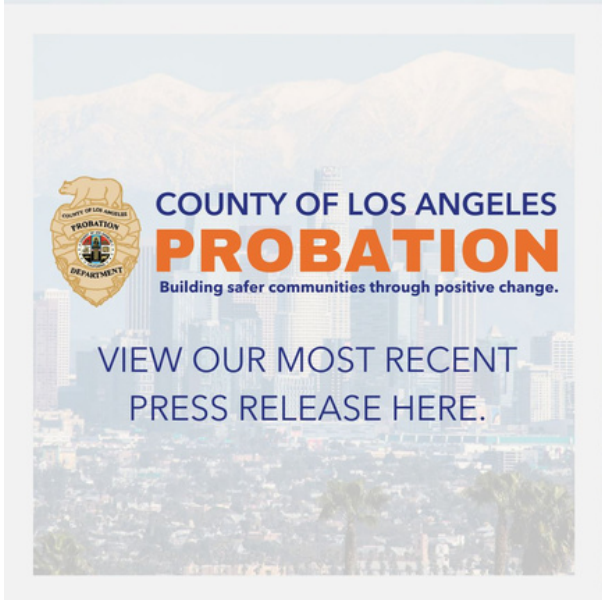
### BARRY J. NIDORF - SYTF

## Community Partners and Credible Messengers Host Cookout



Our amazing community partners and a Credible Messengers from Anti-Recidivism Coalition and Healing Dialogue and Action brought the BBQ vibes to the youth and staff at Barry J. Nidorff SYTF! The Swan Within Organization also led outdoor activities and friendly competitions for all units. Partnerships like these make a difference! Huge thanks to everyone who helped lift spirits and create moments of joy!

### IN THE NEWS



[County of Los Angeles Probation Department Statement on Probation Officer Indictments](#)

### CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

## LACP is Hiring Now!







# ARE YOU A PROBATION OFFICER?

**\$24,000 bonus**  
awaits you at LA County  
Probation as a Deputy  
Probation Officer I

**APPLY TODAY!**

Join  
our team  
and **make a  
real impact!**

[APPLY NOW](#)

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is currently hiring for Deputy Probation Officer I Lateral! For detailed information on current employment opportunities. Questions? Contact our Exams Unit at (562)940-2659.

- DPO I Lateral
- Bachelor’s degree
- Currently a probation officer not employed by LA County
- Flexible benefits plan
- Robus retirement package
- Generous leave benefits
- \$24,000 hiring bonus

CARRYING THE TORCH

## LACP Celebrates Women's History Month



While America is full of influential women today, thousands of women came before them, paving the way. Women’s History Month serves as a way to not only remember them but keep carrying their torch onward. We hope the month of March brought you inspiration and empowerment. Happy Women’s History Month!

[See Our WHM Social Media Campaign!](#)

March is the best time to start again,  
because if the spring can do it, then why can’t you?  
— *Anonymous*



**Los Angeles County Probation Department**

The Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to rebuilding lives and providing for healthier and safer communities for all 10 million residents of Los Angeles County. Through a variety of programs, community partnerships and services, the Probation Department's mission is to enhance public safety, ensure victims' rights and effect positive probationer behavioral change. The Probation Department comprises nearly 4,000 employees and has an operational budget of \$1.14 billion for fiscal year 2024-2025.

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