

## **Weekly Update: June 6, 2025**

### **Probation Los Padrinos Transition Web Page**

Launched on May 30, the Los Angeles County Probation Department is committed to regularly updating the Los Padrinos Transition web page.

This resource is designed to support parents, guardians, community members, and stakeholders in understanding the court-ordered plan, approved by Judge Michael Espinoza on May 16, 2025, to depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and relocate youth to alternative facilities better suited to their needs.

### **Chief Viera-Rosa and Department Leaders Meet with City of Commerce Officials**

This week, Probation Chief Guillermo Viera-Rosa and members of the Los Angeles County Probation Department's executive team met with officials from the City of Commerce to discuss the court-approved plan for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. The plan includes transferring youth to other existing facilities and upgrading the mission of select sites to better address the needs of youth in our care.

The City of Commerce is home to the Dorothy Kirby Center (DKC), the department's only secure treatment facility for youth in Los Angeles County. DKC provides specialized care for adolescents with specific diagnoses combined with emotional and behavioral challenges. Youth are placed at DKC through a comprehensive assessment process and court order. The center's therapeutic model is supported by Department of Mental Health clinicians and psychiatrists, who provide individual and group therapy, medication support, crisis intervention, and case management. Additionally, Treatment & Counseling Deputy Probation Officers deliver one-on-one counseling and substance abuse education. The department remains fully committed to transparent communication and strong collaboration with our local partners as we work together to promote public safety and support youth rehabilitation. We thank the leaders of the City of Commerce for their valuable feedback and continued partnership. The department will continue meeting with city officials across the region in the weeks ahead.

### **Chief Viera-Rosa and Probation Unions Meet**

This week, Chief Viera-Rosa met with representatives from the Professional Managers Association, the Supervisors Union, and the Clerical Union to discuss the court-approved depopulation plan for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and its potential impact on staff. Employees are encouraged to connect with their union representatives, Supervisors, or Directors for more information. Staff town halls will be held soon to ensure everyone remains informed during this important transition.

### **Los Angeles County Probation Participates in Community Meetings with County Partners**

This week, Acting Deputy Director Jocelyn Roman joined a community meeting in the city of Whittier to speak directly with residents about the upcoming youth transfers from Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

Hosted by our partners at the Department of Youth Development, the meeting also featured DYD Director David Carroll, Karen Streich from the Department of Mental Health, and David Oh from Juvenile Court Health Services.

We appreciate the community members who participated and shared valuable feedback to help enhance communication, coordination, and support for youth and families during this critical transition.

### **Youth and Parent Engagement**

Staff at each facility are scheduled to meet with the youth to provide updates on the current transition of some young people to facilities that are better suited to meet their individual needs. In addition, each site is also scheduled to host meetings with parents and guardians, both in-person and virtually, to answer questions and address any concerns. Correspondence were also sent to parents/guardians via email and text inviting them to stay informed on Los Padrinos transition updates by visiting the **Los Padrinos Transition Website** at <https://probation.lacounty.gov/lospadrinostransition/> to learn more about:

- The transition of youth from Los Padrinos
- What's changing and why
- Resources for families and youth
- Community and stakeholder engagement
- News and updates

Parents/Guardians were also invited to text to subscribe and receive probation correspondence and updates.