

Weekly Update: July 03, 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 web page. This resource is designed to support parents, guardians, community members, and stakeholders in understanding the court-ordered plan, approved by Judge Micheal Espinoza on May 16, 2025, to depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall and relocate youth to alternative facilities better suited to their needs.

Los Angeles County Probation Department Completes Youth Transfer from Campus Kilpatrick to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall

The Los Angeles County Probation Department has successfully completed the planned transfer of youth from Campus Kilpatrick to Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall, as part of the Department's phased depopulation strategy for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.

The move was completed on Tuesday, July 1, without incident and in close coordination with the Department's safety, health, and educational partners. All youth have been safely received at Barry J. Nidorf, where probation officers, mental health staff, health services, and educational teams will continue to provide comprehensive support and services.

Campus Kilpatrick now has no youth housed at the facility. The Department is preparing the site for the next phase of its transition, reopening Kilpatrick to serve female youth in a specialized, small-group program environment tailored to their needs.

This relocation effort reflects the Department's commitment to creating safer, more rehabilitative spaces for youth in custody, while aligning with the court-approved plan to reduce the population at Los Padrinos.

Chief Viera-Rosa and Department Leaders Meet with Partners

Chief Viera Rosa and members of the executive team met with County partners to finalize this week's preparations for the transition of youth from Campus Kilpatrick to the Barry J. Nidorf Secure Youth Treatment Facility. The collaborative effort focused on ensuring the move would be secure, safe, compassionate, and incident-free.

Key partners included Juvenile Health Services, the Department of Mental Health, the Department of Public Health/Substance Abuse Prevention & Control, the Department of Youth Development, the Los Angeles County Office of Education, the Internal Services Department, and the Department of Public Works.

To support the transition, the Department's Operations Center was activated to assist the Specialized Enforcement Operations and Transportation Unit in the safe depopulation of Campus Kilpatrick.

Youth, Parent, and Staff Townhalls

Follow-up Parent and Guardian Townhalls will be held at Barry J. Nidorf on July 5 and 6 during regular visiting hours. The sessions are intended for families who were unable to attend earlier meetings and will provide an opportunity to ask questions, receive updates, and address any outstanding concerns.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to stay informed about the ongoing Los Padrinos transition by visiting the official transition website: <https://probation.lacounty.gov/lospadrinostransition/>, where they can find information on:

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

Families are also invited to subscribe to receive important updates from the Probation Department via text message.

In support of staff, Chief Viera Rosa is also scheduled to host a Townhall at the Dorothy Kirby Center, continuing the Department's commitment to open communication and providing support during this critical transition period.

New LACP Leadership Appointments

We are pleased to announce the following leadership appointments, effective July 1, 2025:

- **Shawn Arrington**, Superintendent, Barry J. Nidorf – Secure Youth Treatment Facility
- **Monica Gastelum**, Acting Superintendent, Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall
- **Tracy Novak**, Superintendent, East Camps – Rockey and Afflerbaugh
- **Kim Binion**, Superintendent, Dorothy Kirby Center
- **Mozella Evans**, Director, Campus Kilpatrick

- **Dominic Gonzalez**, Director, Barry J. Nidorf
- **Rudy Sanchez**, Director Barry J. Nidorf
- **Tya Shields**, Director, Barry J. Nidorf
- **Norberto Zaragoza**, Juvenile Field Services

These new appointments bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to their respective assignments, further strengthening our leadership as we move through this critical period of transition.

We also extend our sincere gratitude and best wishes to Mr. Eric Raley, former Superintendent of Barry J. Nidorf, as he enters retirement at the end of July. We thank him for his years of dedicated service and lasting contributions to the department, and we wish him continued success in his future endeavors.