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Resolution Relating to Solitary Confinement
Resolution #2016-01

Whereas the President of the United States recently used his executive power to eliminate the use of solitary confinement and isolation for juveniles in all federal institutions; and

Whereas in 2012, the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry concluded that solitary confinement of juveniles can lead to depression, anxiety and even psychosis and called for an end to the practice; and

Whereas United Nations representatives found that solitary confinement can amount to torture and urged a ban on solitary confinement of children; and

Whereas the Los Angeles County Probation Commission is concerned about the overuse and the potential harmful impacts of punitively isolating children in incarceration facilities including the common practice of segregating children punitively; and

Whereas the Commission urges the Department to be transparent in its use of solitary or isolation, including administrative holds or the label "Special Supervision Program," the special plan designation that has historically allowed youth to be isolated in solitary without being counted in the daily census of those segregated in isolation; and

Whereas the Probation Department will open a new incarceration facility next year that is being built without isolation rooms, reflecting the development of a new rehabilitative model, one that is meant to be a blueprint for how the Probation Department will evolve to serve troubled young people in its care without utilizing isolation; therefore

We urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to direct the Probation Department to cease the use of Special Handling Units, solitary or isolation, in all of its names, and the practice and policies which allow isolation to be used for any purposes of coercion, control or discipline other than when all other intercessions have been unsuccessful and when segregation is limited to as short as time as possible and not to exceed four hours and only if the youth's behavior threatens themselves or others, or when requested by the youth.

We further urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to direct the Probation Department to develop a policy on the subject that reflects the best practices around the care and rehabilitation of young people, including a comprehensive policy of engaging youth to learn how to manage their own misbehavior, including impulse control with a primary focus on conflict de-escalation. Furthermore, we urge the Supervisors to direct the Probation Department to present—in conjunction with this policy—to the Board of Supervisors and the Probation Commission as part of this plan: an outline for training staff in effective, humane alternatives to confinement, a schedule for the policy to be

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implemented, and a satisfactory means of monitoring this policy to ensure it is enacted swiftly and administered consistently.

A roll call vote was taken. Those Commissioners present cast their votes as follows:

Commissioner Elizabeth Butler	Yes
Commissioner Jacqueline Caster	Yes
Commissioner Jo Kaplan	Yes
Commissioner Peter Shutan	Yes
Commissioner Joe Gardner	Yes
Commissioner Jan Levine	Yes
Commissioner Dan Seaver	Yes
Commissioner Clay Hollopeter	Yes
Commissioner Fitzgerald Jones	Yes
Commissioner Olivia Mitchell	No
Commissioner Don Meredith	No

THIS RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON THIS 14th DAY OF APRIL, 2016

Joe Gardner
President, Los Angeles County Probation Commission

Date signed April 14, 2016

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