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To the Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission,

I am submitting written public comment on the draft Inspection Report for Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall, for the Virtual Town Hall on August 6, 2026.

My name is Jasmine Salas. I am a registered nurse, a mother, and the Program Director of Salud Wellness LLC, a bilingual community wellness organization serving South LA, East LA, South Central, and unincorporated LA County. Thank you for publishing the draft report, and for the more than 49 hours your commissioners and staff spent inside the facility.

I want to raise three points, primarily as a nurse.

First, medication access. The report documents a young person who had been at Los Padrinos for 28 days and requested his depression, ADHD, and sleep medications on January 2, 2026. Documentation indicated his first appointment came more than two weeks later, and the recorded resolution was that DMH would try to obtain an earlier appointment. In any clinical setting, two weeks without prescribed psychiatric medication for a child already in distress is a patient safety event, not an administrative delay. I would ask the Commission to request medication initiation timelines from Juvenile Court Health Services and DMH as standing reported data rather than as a one-time inspection finding.

Second, family contact is being administered as something children earn. The report states that facility leadership used FaceTime visits with family as a behavior management reward and expressed frustration that the court ordered FaceTime because it undercuts the need to earn it. Youth described the same practice in their own words. Separately, the report notes that on the specialized unit — which includes youth on 1:1 supervision related to self-harm and suicidal ideation — phone calls are limited due to youth's mental health issues. The result is that family contact is most restricted for the young people who most need it. Family contact is a protective factor against self-harm and a predictor of successful reentry. It should be treated as health-related and protected, not as a privilege contingent on behavior.

Third, the families themselves. The report records youth describing family members being turned away after canine alerts, including a parent who uses a wheelchair, and family members who feel profiled at screening. It also reports that 33 students are identified as English learners and 30 come from foster care settings, and that the facility has a baby bonding room used approximately four times a month for an estimated seven to eight fathers detained there. These are Spanish-speaking parents, foster caregivers, and in some cases young parents themselves, all attempting to stay connected to a child in custody, and no one at the facility is clearly responsible for supporting them.

I would respectfully ask the Commission to consider three recommendations:

1. That family contact — including phone, FaceTime, and in-person visitation — be classified as health-related and protected, and removed from the Behavior Management Program as an earnable reward.
2. That Probation publish its visitor screening policy in English and Spanish, including a written alternative for any family member who cannot be cleared by canine screening, beginning with disabled visitors.
3. That Probation and DMH identify who is responsible for supporting the parents and caregivers of detained youth, and staff that function bilingually — including support for detained young fathers.

I appreciate that this report remains in draft, and I offer these comments while they may still inform the final document. I intend to submit further written comment ahead of the August 13 meeting. Thank you to Executive Director Julien and Commission staff for making the report available.

Respectfully,

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