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## Inspection Information

### 1. Location Type and Location \*

- Courts
- Jails
- Sheriff Station

### 2. LA County Jail \*

- Inmate Reception Center (IRC), 450 Bauchet St. Los Angeles, CA. 90012
- Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF), 11705 S. Alameda St., Lynwood CA. 90262
- Los Angeles General Medical Center (LAGMC), 2051 Marengo Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90033
- Men's Central Jail (MCJ), 441 Bauchet Street, Los Angeles, CA. 90012
- Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) - North, 29320 The Old Road, Castaic, California 91384
- Pitchess Detention Center (PDC) -South, 29330 The Old Road, Castaic, California 91384
- North County Correctional Facility (NCCF), 29340 The Old Road,, Castaic, CA. 91384
- Twin Towers Correctional Facility (TTCF), 450 Bauchet St. Los Angeles, CA. 90012

### 3. Date of this Inspection \*



### 4. Time of Inspection \*

### 5. Facility Count \*

## 6. Module(s) inspected: \*

1700, 1750, 9500, 5800

## 7. Total (all modules) current &amp; maximum count \*

Be specific, include Module(s) name(s)

1700A, 1750D, 9500 (K6G), 5800 (MOH- visual inspection only)

## 8. Name of Watch Commander on Duty \*

Lt. Choong Lee, C1Lee@asd.org

## 9. Email Address of Watch Commander on Duty \*

C1Lee@asd.org

## 10. Phone Number of Watch Commander on Duty \*

213-974-4916

## 11. Inspection Report Out to Watch Commander on Duty \*

Yes - verbal

Yes - email

Yes - verbal and email

No Inspection Report Out was given to the Watch Commander on Duty

## 12. Name of Commissioner(s) who conducted the inspection \*

Puja Bhatia

Haley Broder

Norma Cumpian

Wynter Daggs

Eric J. Miller

Katherine Hennigan Ohanesian

Raymond Regalado

Johanna Terrones

Mary Veral

Other

## 13. Other stakeholders' observations were reported to (Select all that Apply): \*

- BOS
- Officer in Charge
- LASD
- ISD
- OIG
- COC
- Other

## 14. Name of the person(s) issues were reported to: \*

Commander Montoya, Lt Gonzalez, COC and OIG

## Conditions of Confinement

## 15. Cells/Toilets/Sinks \*

- Cells
- Toilets
- Sinks
- Other

## 16. Cells/Toilets/Sinks Overall Rating \*

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

17. *If deemed unsatisfactory or corrective action is needed please provide brief comment on why*

One gentleman in 1750D was in a cell with a toilet that did not flush since Friday. He had reported it, and staff indicated they knew it didn't work, but said they submitted a work order, but left him in the cell.

1700 Row A has a plumbing issue. The toilets in cells 3, 7, and 10 were not flushing or only flushing intermittently, and the water pressure in cells 12 and 13 was inadequately low.

3 toilets had been broken for 5 months in 9500.

18. **COMMENTS RE:** Cells/Toilets/Sinks19. **Shower Conditions \*** Water Quality Water temperature Rust Mold Other

## 20. Showers Conditions Overall Rating (water temperature, rust, mold etc.) \*

 Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Corrective Action Needed Not Applicable21. *If deemed unsatisfactory or corrective action is needed please provide brief comment on why*

Though the shower had just been fixed that day, the shower floor in 9500 lacked a drain cover, which is both a safety hazard and a recurrent source of blockages. There was black mold coming out of the shower: the dorm residents used stacked juice cartons to try to prevent the steam exiting the shower and dripping from the ceiling onto the top of the triple bunks.

22. **COMMENT RE:** Showers (water temperature, rust, mold etc.)

In 9500 (large dorm that houses LGBT individuals) has two security cameras that look directly into the shower area, including one into the transgender women's shower area, which the dorm residents had blocked off with cartons. The Deputy Observation Hutch also overlooks the shower, and even though the central panel is blocked by wood, the other two panels look into the shower. In addition, there is a QR code in the shower area that Deputies check on their safety check rounds.

23. **Crowding Overall Rating \*** Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Corrective Action Needed Not Applicable24. **COMMENT RE:** Crowding

Triple bunking throughout both dorms we inspected. There was in excess of the Board of State and County Corrections Title 24 maximum of 64 people in both dorms.

**25. Cleanliness/Graffiti Overall Rating \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**26. COMMENT RE: Cleanliness/Graffiti**

The dorm was generally dirty, and the men and women complained that it was less clean than the dorms on the 5000 floor, where LASD had previously housed the LGBTQ+ dorms.

1700 and 1750 both reported rats. The floors were filthy with food throughout the cells and on the floor. The deputies reported the walkway is cleaned daily, but it did not appear as though that happens. There was hardened food and possibly other waste (human or otherwise) plastered on the columns outside the cells.

Staff reported they give ajax to people when asked. They reported they give it to them when they walk the rows completing their security checks.

**27. Safety, Conflict, Tension Overall Condition \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**28. COMMENT RE: Safety, Conflict, Tension****29. Common Areas Overall Rating \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**30. COMMENT RE: Common Areas**

The areas outside the secure part of the jail were being cleaned by trustees while we completed our inspection.

**31. Air Quality/Temperature Overall Conditions \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**32. COMMENT RE: Air Quality/Temperature**

People in 1750 and 9500 both reported they were very cold. Commissioners could feel the cold temps during the visit.

**33. Deputy/Detainee Relations (Including Specific Incidents or allegations of misconduct) \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**34. COMMENT RE: Deputy/Detainee Relations (Including Specific Incidents or allegations of misconduct)****35. Strip Search Issues \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**36. Drinking Water Overall Rating \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

## 37. Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library) Overall Conditions \*

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

38. **COMMENT RE:** Access (Mail/Reading Materials/Law Library)

People in 1700/1750 only receive mail once per week by policy. Mail is reported to be significantly delayed.

39. **Access to Toilets in Common Room \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

40. **COMMENT RE:** Access to Toilets in Common Room41. **Access to Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes, FISH Kits \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

42. **COMMENT RE:** Access to Toiletries, Appropriate Combs/Brushes, FISH Kits

Many of the women lacked razors even though they are cleared for razor use. This has an obviously demeaning effect on women unable to engage in necessary facial grooming. As the Commissioners have repeatedly observed, there are inadequate clothes (especially underwear) and hygiene (FISH) kits distributed to the men and women in the LGBTQ+ dorm. Multiple dorm residents complained that they had only one set of underwear per week, and so had to wash their underwear using soap. However, the men and women in 9500 are issued only one bar of soap, which is inadequate for both personal hygiene and clothes washing.

43. **Access to Exercise Religious Practices \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**44. Access to Legal Counsel \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**45. Access to Visitation and Correspondence \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**46. COMMENT RE: Access (Visitation, Correspondence)**

See above re mail delays.

**47. Solitary Confinement \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**48. COMMENT RE: Solitary Confinement**

See narrative re k19 housing problems

**49. Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms) \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**50. COMMENT RE: Privacy/Dignity (showers, bathrooms)**

See comment re showers

**51. Special needs populations (pregnant, non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally ill, medical conditions, developmental disability) \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**52. COMMENT RE: Special needs populations (pregnant, non-ambulatory, hearing impaired, mentally ill, medical conditions, developmental disability)**

The dorms on 5000 are all P2 - which is completely inappropriate housing for anyone, but especially people with severe mental illness. P2 is defined as individuals with recurrent episodes of mood instability; Psychotic symptoms maintained by medication and frequent reliance on crisis Stabilization services.

There are no windows, people live in triple bunks in 80+ people in each dorm, and there are no mental health staff assigned full-time to the floor.

**53. Module Information Postings (re: time calculations, complaint, developmental disability) \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**54. Complaint Procedure (e.g., Deputy, Medical Complaints - Confidential Procedures to SBC, OIG, COC) \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**55. Fees Assessed/ Money on Books \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**56. COMMENT RE: Fees Assessed/ Money on Books**

**57. Other Conditions of Confinement Issues or Concerns? \*** Yes No**58. COMMENT RE: Other Conditions of Confinement Issue and or Concern?****59. Other Condition of Confinement Overall Rating \*** Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Corrective Action Needed Not Applicable

## Nutrition

**60. Quality/Concerns** Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Corrective Action Needed Not Applicable**61. Access to special diets** Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Corrective Action Needed Not Applicable

## Trustees

## 62. Quarters

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

## 63. Training and Selection

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

## 64. Workload and Hours

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

## 65. Calculation of Time Served

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

## Medical Services

**66. Medical Services**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait Times	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Responsiveness	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
TB and Other Medical Screening	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Dental	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Vision	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Infectious Disease Protocol	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

**67. Medical Request Forms Available \***

Yes  
 No

**68. COMMENTS RE: Medical****69. Menstrual Products \***

AVAILABLE  
 NOT Available  
 Had to be requested  
 Located in a central location

**70. COMMENTS RE: Menstrual Cycle Products****Mental Health**

**71. Mental Health Services**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Access	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Wait Times	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Treatment Options	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Assessment Procedures	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

**72. COMMENTS RE: Mental Health****PREA and NARCAN****73. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Issues: \***

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

**74. Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) COMMENTS:**

See comments re showers

**75. NARCAN \***

- Available
- Accessible
- Near Reach and no Obstacles
- Not Applicable
- Did not assess

## 76. NARCAN Overall Rating \*

- Satisfactory
- Unsatisfactory
- Corrective Action Needed
- Not Applicable

## Physical Structure of Facility

## 77. Physical Structure

- Walls
- Paint
- Floors
- Drains
- Plumbing
- Fixtures
- Air Vents
- Windows
- This facility is uninhabitable

## 78. Physical Structure Comment(s)

## 79. Are Cleaning fluids and chemicals labeled and safely stored?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

## 80. Weapons locker present?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

## 81. Recreation/Sports Equipment:

## 82. Are the hallways clear, are doors propped open or closed?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

83. **Grounds:**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Conditions	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Unlawful postings on exterior grounds (e.g., if ever been convicted cannot visit a detainee, etc.)	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

84. **Grounds COMMENTS:**

85. **Emergency Preparedness/Systems:**

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Corrective Action Needed	Not Applicable
Fire Extinguishers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Airpack Tags	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Emergency Evacuation Routes	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Control Centers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
Emergency Lighting Fixtures	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Safety Drills	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>
First Aid and Suicide Kits	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input checked="" type="radio"/>

86. **Emergency Preparedness/Systems COMMENTS:**

87. Holding areas (cells/rooms), is there access to drinking water and toilet?

- Yes
- No
- Not Applicable
- Other

88. Condition of individual cells/rooms, or dormitories:

Unsanitary

89. Beds - Type of bed and is it off the floor?

90. Adequate lighting:

91. Temperature:

## 92. Narrative Report

It was Watch Commander Lee's first day on the job. Nonetheless, when Commissioners Veral and Miller arrived, Lt. Lee insisted that the Commissioners be accompanied by a sergeant with their body camera on. The Commissioners explained that Sybil Brand Commission inspections are both unannounced \*and\* unaccompanied. Commissioner Veral asked whether this policy of accompanied inspections was Lt. Lee's own or whether a senior officer had ordered him to adopt the policy. Lt. Lee stated that Captains Thomosal and Marcello had ordered the policy. When Commissioner Veral requested to speak with the Captains, Lt. Lee stated that they had left, that he did not know where they were, and that he could not telephone the Captains' Office because he did not know how to operate the telephone. Commissioner Veral then asked Lt. Lee to connect her with Commander Montoya: Lt. Lee stated he did not know how to do that. Commissioner Veral then flipped through the list of telephone numbers on Lt. Lee's desk: after failing to find Commander Montoya's number, Commissioners Veral and Miller walked to the Captains' Office and waited until the captains appeared. There were several staff members in the captain's office eating cake - the captain's assistant told us they were aware we were there, but they were wrapping up speaking with staff. After about 5 minutes, Captains Thomosal and Marcello came out to meet us. They stated that they had not adopted a policy requiring accompanied inspections nor had they communicated such a policy to Lt. Lee. Captain Marcello accompanied us back into the facility and explained to Lt. Lee that the Commissioners were to proceed unaccompanied around the jail.

The Commissioners visited 1700 rows A and D and then 9500 and visually inspected 5800.

The entire facility smelled like a camp fire. Some areas had a much stronger odor than others.

## 93. Narrative Continued

### 1700A

Deputy Gutierrez told the Commissioners the men in A unit were individuals who had overdosed in the past and were not on discipline but rather waiting for reassignment to a dorm. However, many of the men in the unit had been housed there for over one month and some as many as four months. Many of the men had not overdosed and did not know why they were there. We received a copy of the 14 people in that row and requested the length of stay for those people. We were told they could not determine that info easily, so SBC will follow up with LASD separately to ascertain how long people were in this "temporary" housing.

In addition, Commissioners observed tenting in four cells across two rows and the deputies did not comment upon it or seek to remove any tenting. One of the reasons the Commissioners decided to visit 1700 was representations from Civilian Oversight Commissioners Newhouse and Garcia at the November 20, 2025 Civilian Oversight Commission meeting that there was no tenting in Men's Central Jail 1700 or in the LGBTQ+ dorms. Sybil Brand Commissioners have regularly observed tenting around Men's Central Jail, and so were surprised to hear that representation. Our visit to 1700, 1750, and 9500 confirmed our experience of tenting in the jail.

Row A was dirty and dark, with some tenting. There was 2 square feet of Black mold on the wall and over the vent opposite cell 20. The ceiling, walls, and concrete columns down the row outside the cells were encrusted with what looked like food or vomit.

Multiple men in Row A complained that they had filed grievance forms about lack of night lights, lack of adequate toilets, lack of adequate visiting with lawyers, and being held in the unit indefinitely. These men claimed that their grievances went unaddressed. If true, this may constitute a violation of the LASD's settlement agreements in Rosas v. Luna or Johnson v. County of Los Angeles.

One man in 1700 is required to attend classes, including domestic violence and anger management, in order to regain visitation rights with his children. He has tried to sign up, but he does not have access to these classes in 1700A (where he reported he has been for nearly 3 months). The dependency court social worker requires that he give her documentation that this is unavailable if he can't actually attend the classes but LASD has refused to give him anything that says those classes are not available to him there. SBC will follow up on this issue separately to ensure the court understands the limitations of programming access for this particular individual.

In row A, many of the cell lights did not work: Cells 12 and 13; in addition, the people in cells 2, 3, and 7 complained of lack of a nightlight to read after the lights go out at 9:30pm.

The men in cells 12 and 13 had stuffed a shirt down a hole in the floor to prevent roaches coming out of a hole. Many of the men in the row complained about rat infestation.

Cell 10 had a leak in the ceiling.

One gentleman in 1700 was listed as K-19U which Mr. x said meant that he was a disabled person. He needed a cane, but his cell was not ADA compliant, because Cell 6 was a "top bunk" cell. The empty cell 5 next to him was a bottom bunk cell. Mr. x claimed that LASD officials had told him he would be moved to Wayside where he could be better accommodated, but after briefly being moved elsewhere in Men's Central Jail, the jail officials had returned him to 1700(A). Mr. x claimed to have filed multiple grievances.

### 1750(D)

In addition to mold on the vents and multiple tented cells, the toilet in cell 5 (which was empty) flushed nonstop, disturbing the sleep of the men on either side. In addition, the doors in some of the cells periodically did not work: they had been non-functional earlier in the day, though they were working when the Commissioners did their inspection. The men also complained that the row was cold and asked for more thermal underwear and blankets.

## 94. Narrative Continued

9500 is an LGBTQ+ dorm.

Only four of the ten telephones worked.

The transgender women housed in the 9500 dorm complained that they lacked adequate underwear: often LASD deputies delivered bras with no panties, and the LASD issued bras were often the wrong size for the women. The dorm residents also complained that LASD did not change their blankets regularly.

9500 Dorm's hair clippers were broken, two of the three televisions were broken.

## 95. Narrative Continued

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## 98. Overall, how would you rate this facility? \*

Satisfactory

Unsatisfactory