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The Board of Supervisors has declared that structural reform of the juvenile justice system in Los Angeles County (County) must address the manner in which we rehabilitate those youth who are placed within our probation camps. To this end, the County implemented, in the design of, and planning for, the new Campus Vernon Kilpatrick Replacement Project (Campus Kilpatrick), a small group therapeutic model that is youth centered, collaborative across agencies and within families, and embodies a culture of care to enhance therapeutic opportunities for youth and improve their future.

Campus Kilpatrick, with a project budget of approximately \$52.5 million and a completion date in April 2017, will replace the existing large-dormitory, penitentiary-style Probation Boys' Camp with semi-autonomous cottages of 12 residents each. Each open cottage will include its own separate laundry, administration and support, recreation/activity and counseling rooms for the approximately 120 youth.

So that the girls and young women who are placed in our probation camps may, also, benefit from a similar small-group therapeutic model, the County should prioritize

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the remodel and/or rehabilitation of Camp Scott, which houses girls and young women. Girls and young women who are under Probation Department oversight should have equal access to the same small group therapeutic model and other benefits available to boys and young men at Campus Kilpatrick that emphasizes: (1) reduced recidivism; (2) positive behavioral change; and (3) improved well-being through education, health and mental health. The cost to renovate/modify the existing dormitory-style facility at Camp Scott in order to facilitate such a model is not yet known, however it is expected to be significantly less than that of Campus Kilpatrick, because it does not involve complete demolition and replacement of the existing 11 acre campus.

WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Interim Chief Probation Officer, the Chief Executive Officer, and the Department of Public Works to submit a report with the Fiscal Year 2016-17 Supplemental Changes Budget that includes an analysis on the feasibility of renovating/modifying the dormitory-style facility at Camp Scott to provide for a small-group therapeutic model for girls and young women and a corresponding funding plan, including any available grant funds that may offset the associated costs of the project.

S:KK/Camp Scott