



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
9.		Favor	Cynthia Wong	<p>My name is Cynthia Wong with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I thank Supervisor Hahn for bringing forward Item #9, which will speed up the youth movement out of Los Padrinos.</p> <p>It is crucial that youth do not have to wait until they are sentenced to receive adequate programming. Youth at Los Padrinos should have access to the same programming opportunities as other youth.</p> <p>California Welfare and Institutions Code Section 202 mandates that youth receive care and treatment that align with their best interests and public safety. However, Los Padrinos faces significant challenges, including staff shortages and programming issues, necessitating an urgent focus on expediting youth transfers.</p> <p>The lack of care and effective programming can hinder youth rehabilitation. Currently, ARC has only two credible messengers at Los Padrinos, compared to over ten at other facilities, which impacts the effectiveness and reach of support services. We support this motion and ask the board to help bring in more credible messengers and programing inside Los Padrinos.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Cynthia Wong</p>
			Francisco M Villarruel	
			helen eigenberg	Please lets get them out of LP as soon as possible. We know LP is failling these youth. We also know youth are being held beyond the recommended time. Please lets do right by these youth.
			Imelda Rodriguez	
			Janine Roach	
			Lena Mallett	Lena Mallett, with the Children's Defense Fund, LA Youth Uprising, and Re-Imagine LA Coalition in support of this motion. While this is an effort to interrogate some critical gaps in the current placement process, it is shortsighted, does not engage community voice, and does not promise any meaningful outcomes. Additionally, his motion fails to address the other 85-90% of the LP population and does not integrate alternatives or push the decarceration of young people. The board should consider incorporating the expertise of advocates, providers, and young people inside when drafting the recommendations stipulated in the fourth directive.
			Luis L Vargas	
			Luis L Vargas	I am in full favor of this item.



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9.		Favor	Lupe Ross	Youth can not be moved because they have to go through an RFA process that only has one employee to handle probation, DCFS, Adoptions, out of county, several return visits to the homes to verify repairs, fingerprint issues, and then an exit interview before it is approved or denied. So the youth stays in camp or juvenile hall pass their times. Some youth do follow the rules and want to go home. DPO's have recommended that youth go home early but can't because of the RFA process not complete. Sometimes up to months waiting time for the youth. That is incompetence and the only thing the Chief cares about is the BCSS reports allowing him to keep the juvenile halls open. Then you take our field DPO's and deploy them to juvenile hall. You are allowing the communities to suffer because you have someone in charge that does not know how to administer a probation program. How can he leave the communities without DPO's to report criminal activity by someone in probation when they are deployed. He has made DPO's stay home when they could be at juvenile hall doing desk or paperwork duties. The board should check the MOU's before and after the sending of the DPO's home. How can the Chief justify only having one person working to clear homes for the youth to come to. His incompetence is threaten a lawsuit by youth and families of Los Angeles County.
			Rey D Quintero	<p>My name is _Rey Quintero ____ with the Anti-Recidivism Coalition. I thank Supervisor Hahn for bringing forward Item #10, Accountability for Programming at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall.</p> <p>Consistent programming is crucial for youth development, significantly influencing their behavior, growth, and well-being. Reliable delivery of these programs ensures positive outcomes for young people.</p> <p>Effective oversight from the Department of Youth Development (DYD) and the Auditor Controller's Office is essential to maintain program effectiveness and address issues. Enhancing collaboration with community-based organizations (CBOs) strengthens the support network for these programs.</p> <p>Additionally, streamlining the clearance process for credible messengers from ARC would improve their ability to support youth within facilities. These programs are crucial for providing youth with essential life skills, significantly enhancing their chances for successful reintegration into society. To maintain our youth development commitment, we must act and ensure compliance with programming standards.</p> <p>Thank you</p>
			Rey D Quintero	

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9.		Oppose	Jane Doe	The Board of Supervisors need to stop siding with hardcore criminal murderers. Why don't you send these criminal youth where they belong which is state prison. You ladies are mentally sick to let so many prisoners free. I hope you get voted out. Officer safety should come first before anything.
			Rusty Mcdonnell	Are you Supervisors really in charge or have you just completely allowed for the criminal youth who have murdered victims take over? You can't be serious right? Why can't you just allow these Probation Officers to do their jobs. Leave the Probation Department alone let the Chief run it the way he needs to. I hope the fox 11 news exposes how violent these kids truly are. I bet you the victims are outraged by how you Supervisors handle these criminals when they are wreaking havoc on the community. These are not "kids" these are gang violent gang members. The probation department needs to Hire more officers to actually deal with these violent predators? You destroyed the Probation Department by listening to these stupid CBO's who never worked any shifts inside these facilities. I hope these kids never hurt one of your family members because you would be singing a different tune. Disgraceful. You need to be voted out.
		Other	Probation Officer John Doe	
		Item Total	14	
Grand Total			14	

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Thank you,

Francisco Villarruel

I am an Anonymous Deputy Probation Officer II. I would like to make a comment regarding agenda items 9, 10.

First of all, the Board of Supervisors have no clue regarding public safety. You have continuously put the public at risk. 95% of these youth in the juvenile detention facilities have committed violent crimes mostly for murder. The Board of Supervisors have used unsound executive decisions to tear the Probation Department down. Stop listening to these uneducated ex-convicts who just simply want a payday. Something must give. Programming implementation or movement of these youth can not BE ATTAINED WITHOUT OFFICER SAFETY. I was brutally attacked and almost murdered because I was attempting to implement the recreation schedule all while preventing an escape and making sure every child was fed a hot tray. After my brutal attack, not one manager called 911.

I do not appreciate the dangerous working conditions that management has allowed towards my Deputy Probation Officers who place their lives on the line every day, while maintaining some type of order at Los Padrinos. The Deputies are putting in the grunt work. If Officer safety is not at the forefront on these two agenda items, then they can not be passed. Stop ignoring the fact that hundreds of officers are on leave because they were violently and brutally attacked by criminal youth in our care. The best thing your friend Guillermo ever did was re-implement pepper spray and got rid of the bureau chiefs in the Probation department.

Now, our Chief is barely regaining his employees trust so you ladies need to really protect law enforcement or else some of you ladies will be voted out. The victims' families will speak for our communities. There are hundreds of victims who were murdered by the kids in our care, and I could have been murdered. I know firsthand how violent these "kids" can be. The racist gang-violence against officers and youth-on-youth violence must stop.

Here are some possible solutions to pass your agenda items.

1. Re-implement the Special Handling Unit.
2. Officer Training on self-defense such as jujitsu or kick boxing.
3. Re-implement Handcuffing training.
4. Hire more Detention Service Officers. (Stop calling us Staff. We are sworn Peace officers who keep the community safe).

5. Do not hand our dept off to DYD or fake CBO's. They have never put in the work.
6. Give credible messengers clearance for a pathway to employment into the Probation department. But the ARC credible messengers need to put in the work and will need medical insurance because they can get brutally assaulted especially since most of them have former gang ties.