



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
10.		Favor	Cynthia Wong	<p>My name is Cynthia Wong 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>
			Francisco M Villarruel	
			helen eigenberg	What keeps youth and staff safe---programming programming programming. LP has failed and continues to fail. MP3 players are not "programming". Human beings need programming!
			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. This motion is performative and fails to address the root causes of WHY there are programming discrepancies- we know staffing is the biggest issue, and we also know through several oversight reports, that the Probation department has a longstanding track record of manipulating documentation for self-preservation. This board and the community know well that a BSCC Corrective Action Plan (CAP) is a hollow bureaucratic documentation process that has failed to bring about any legitimate reforms that support the well-being and safety of young people. When recommendations are drafted, community engagement must be prioritized.
			Luis L Vargas	I am in full favor of this item.
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10.		Favor	Lupe Ross	<p>Again this morning 07-21-2024 in the Daily News it reports that Probation again keep and reported false records on attorney and social worker waiting times to see the youth. How many times are you going to let probation make false reports to you and the state agencies. You can say give the new Chief a change. He has been here long enough to have made a positive change by now. Ask for proof that administration of probation participated at Walt Disney's Probation Graduation security planning.</p> <p>You can approve consultants with Intervention Agencies that are reformed ex-felons to work and train juvenile hall staff on how to deal with violence at juvenile hall. They are not going to allow today's youth to go through what they went through as youth in our systems. I appreciate DYD chiming in on the Commission meeting this month. QA</p> <p>Now again they have moved more DPO's and no additional DPO's to the RFA program. Traditional resources and training can not be applied to today's youth. We have a more violent youth in juvenile halls. We have to change the training of the staff and some are old school employees and can't change because of disabilities but can still work. DPO's need to know the streets to work at juvenile hall. What happened last night, who is fighting with who, who shot who. This is leaked to the youth inside and juvenile hall issues are leaked outside into the street. We have to stop those leaks.</p>
		Oppose	John Doe	I do not understand why you Supervisors allow for officers to languish. Aren't these Probation Officers allowed to work their shifts in a safe manner. Any and all programming stops of it is not safe. These kids brutalize each other and engage in gang riots. So you ladies should be voted out or replaced for allowing such violent crimes inflicted on Peace Officers. You should be ashamed of yourselves. Stop listening to these violent gang members who are supposedly disguise themselves as DYD credible messengers. These kids always refuse programming.
		Other	Probation Officer John Doe	
		Item Total		10
Grand Total			10	

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.