

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

**Correspondence Received** 

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			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:			
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments		
51.		Oppose	Monisha Parker	Dear Board of Supervisors,		
				I hope this letter finds you well. I am writing to highlight the importance of program evaluation services for our local probation department and to recommend several organizations that specialize in this area. As our community continues to seek effective responses to criminal justice challenges, it is vital that we evaluate and enhance the effectiveness, compliance, and community impact of our probation programs.		
				There are several reputable organizations that specialize in program evaluation services tailored for probation departments. These organizations can provide valuable insights and evidence-based recommendations to improve our systems and outcomes. Here are a few well-known entities that we could consider partnering with:		
				1. The Urban Institute - They offer a range of research and evaluation services focused on criminal justice, including specific initiatives related to probation programs. Their expertise can help us assess our current practices and recommend improvements.		
				2. RAND Corporation - Renowned for its comprehensive research, RAND provides program evaluation and policy analysis specifically in the field of criminal justice. Their analytical approach can assist us in making data-driven decisions.		
				3. National Center for State Courts (NCSC) - NCSC conducts extensive research and provides resources tailored to state courts, including probation services. Their insights into best practices can support our department in aligning with national standards.		
				4. Crime and Justice Institute - With a focus on improving the criminal justice system, this organization offers evaluation services and technical assistance. They can guide our efforts to make strategic improvements to our probation programs.		
				5. Johns Hopkins University - Institute for Evidence-Based Decisions in State and Local Government - This institute evaluates social programs and policies, encompassing those related to probation. Their rigorous evaluation frameworks can provide us with impactful data and strategies.		
				In addition to these organizations, we should also consider reaching out to local universities or community organizations that may offer tailored evaluation services based on our specific needs. It is essential that we align our evaluation efforts with our unique goals and challenges in order to		
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			achieve the best outcomes for our probation department and, ultimately, our community.
			I encourage the Board to explore these options further, as investing in program evaluation can not only enhance the effectiveness of our probation services but also foster greater accountability and transparency within our justice system. Thank you for your attention to this important matter. Sincerely, Monisha Parker
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