

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR HILDA L. SOLIS

April 15, 2025

**Proclaiming April as Second Chance Month**

The month of April is nationally observed as “Second Chance Month,” which seeks to help individuals, communities, and agencies across the country recognize the importance of providing meaningful opportunities for reducing recidivism, fostering redemption, improving outcomes, and facilitating healing for the justice-involved population through reentry programs, culturally specific services, restorative justice, and trauma-informed care. Second Chance Month empowers individuals, communities, and community-based organizations to extend second chance opportunities for justice-involved individuals that enhance community safety and drive momentum for policy change throughout the country.

Los Angeles County has long demonstrated its commitment to advancing initiatives aligned with the goals of Second Chance Month. The Board of Supervisors has approved several motions authored or co-authored by Supervisor Hilda L. Solis that reflect a sustained investment in second chances for justice-involved and system-impacted individuals.

This includes a 2018 motion in support of the My Brother’s Keeper (MBK) Community Challenge grant, which brought additional County funding through the Department of Mental Health to expand trauma-responsive, school-based interventions

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aimed at improving youth engagement, academic achievement, and overall school climate.<sup>1</sup> In 2019, the Board further advanced this work by approving funding for a two-day MBK/Youth Development Summit, deepening the County's investment in youth development.<sup>2</sup>

Between 2019 and 2022,<sup>3</sup> the Board of Supervisors approved four motions co-authored by Supervisors Hilda L. Solis and Sheila Kuehl to establish the Los Angeles Training Center (LATC) at Camp Gonzales, a residential job training program for transition-age youth with prior justice or foster care involvement, particularly those pursuing careers in fire service. The LATC aimed to reduce recidivism, expand access to employment and housing, and build a dedicated firefighting workforce.

More recently, in February 2024, the Board adopted a Countywide Fair Chance Ordinance through a motion co-authored by Supervisors Solis and Supervisor Holly J. Mitchell. The ordinance aims to expand employment opportunities for individuals with prior justice involvement and directed the Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) and the Department of Consumer and Business Affairs (DCBA) to lead outreach and education efforts for effective implementation.

This year, to commemorate Second Chance Month, the Los Angeles County Justice, Care and Opportunities Department (JCOD), in collaboration with contracted

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<sup>1</sup> <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/130581.pdf>

<sup>2</sup> <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/137017.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/172115.pdf>

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community-based service providers and other partners, are hosting a [series of community resource events](#) in each Supervisorial district. These events recognize and celebrate the efforts of JCOD, the county, and community-based organizations that provide robust services, support, and resources for our reentry population. The Second Chance Month community events feature services and resources that link the community to care management, workforce opportunities, education, legal resources, housing, and other supportive services.

**I, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors proclaim April 2025 as Second Chance Month in Los Angeles County.

**I, FURTHER, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors encourage County Communications to promote the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department's (JCOD), the Community Safety Implementation Team's (CSIT), and other departments' Second Chance Month events on the County website, including in the County's threshold languages.

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