

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

AGN. NO.
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Responding to the Probation Oversight Commission’s Recommendations to Safely Depopulate Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall

The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors proclaimed a local emergency at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall on December 17, 2024, in response to the Board of State and Community Corrections (BSCC) determining Los Padrinos to be unsuitable for the detention of youth. The local emergency is ongoing. On April 10, 2025, the BSCC reaffirmed that Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall remained unsuitable for the confinement of youth. One week later, on April 18, 2025, Judge Miguel Espinoza ordered the Los Angeles County Probation Department to submit a proposal and timeline to depopulate Los Padrinos by transferring youth from Los Padrinos to other Probation-run facilities until Los Padrinos can come into compliance with BSCC regulations. The report with Probation’s plan and timeline is due to the Court on May 2, 2025, and the next order to show cause hearing will be in front of Judge Espinoza on May 16, 2025.

While the Probation Department has made it clear that moving youth to other facilities will be the primary strategy that they plan to employ to depopulate Los Padrinos,¹ there is an opportunity for the Department to do more. While some movement of youth from Los Padrinos to other Probation-run facilities is necessary and inevitable, the

¹ <https://probation.lacounty.gov/losangelescountyprobationdepartmentstatementonlospadrinoscourtruling/>

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Department should also do what it can to release youth to community and on Community Detention Program (i.e. ankle monitor) as well, if it has been determined by the Courts that it is safe to do so. The Los Angeles County Probation Oversight Commission (POC) held a special meeting on April 24, 2025, in response to Judge Espinoza's order. At that meeting, the POC commissioners unanimously approved a set of recommendations for the Probation Department to implement in order to safely depopulate Los Padrinos.

This moment is unprecedented. The Board has a responsibility to ensure the Probation Department follows Judge Espinoza's court order to submit a comprehensive plan that will be reviewed by justice partners and stakeholders before the May 16, 2025, court hearing. Probation's depopulation plan should protect public safety, provide the youth in our care the services and support they need for rehabilitation, and allow the Probation Department to come into compliance with state laws. The POC laid out a set of recommendations that may support the Department in doing that, and the recommendations should be assessed before the upcoming order to show cause hearing on May 16, 2025.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Probation Officer to do the following:

1. Assess the following [recommendations](#), as amended and unanimously approved during the April 24, 2025 Probation Oversight Commission (POC) special meeting, to swiftly reduce the population at Los Padrinos, as legally permissible, and in compliance with Judge Espinoza's April 18, 2025, ruling. Report back to the Probation Oversight Commission (in writing or verbally at the May 8, 2025 Probation Oversight Commission meeting) on the assessment of the recommendations, including which ones are currently being implemented, which ones will be implemented in the future,

and which ones the Department does not plan to implement and why.

- a. Reassess and return currently detained youth to court to revisit the findings in the initial detention hearing;
- b. Send all post-disposition youth to their placements within 24-48 hours, in alignment with the July 23, 2024 [Board motion](#) and best practices;
- c. Slow the influx of new youth by immediately reforming the Intake, Detention, and Control (IDC) Division;
- d. Recommit to reducing incarceration of girls and gender-expansive youth;
- e. Evaluate the SYTF population at Campus Kilpatrick for release to step-down programs, especially including Pine Grove;
- f. Move most pre-disposition girls and gender-expansive youth to Dorothy Kirby center; and
- g. Move lower-risk boys to camp.

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