



**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:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
43.		Other	Adult Field Service Bureau- PRCS Deputy	<p>I urge the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to stop deploying Field Deputy Probation Officer IIs into the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) and Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. These field deputies are critical to supervising high-risk individuals and the officers' reassignment has disrupted supervision, weakened public safety, and strained remaining staff.</p> <p>I proposes replacing field officers, particularly those working with adults, with Deputy Probation Officers from camps, who are underutilized and already trained for environments similar to SYTF and Los Padrinos. Field Deputies, classified under Physical Class 2, are now being required to work in Class 4 conditions without the appropriate training or consent, raising ethical, legal, and liability concerns. This misalignment has damaged morale and increased injuries and attrition.</p> <p>I respectfully recommend:</p> <p>Immediately end Field Deputy Probation Officer II deployments into SYTF and Los Padrinos.</p> <p>Reassign Camp Deputy Probation Officers instead, as their training and physical classifications are better suited to these facilities.</p> <p>The change would protect staff safety, uphold ethical standards, and maintain effective juvenile rehabilitation efforts.</p>
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Dear Honorable Members of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to respectfully urge the Board to reconsider and cease the continued deployment of Field Deputy Probation Officer IIs into the Secure Youth Treatment Facility (SYTF) and Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. In their place, I propose the assignment of Deputy Probation Officers (DPOs) from the camps—an alternative that is more operationally sound and ethically aligned with current classifications and responsibilities.

Field Deputy Probation Officers, such as those assigned to the AB109 unit, play a critical role in the community by supervising individuals under Post Release Community Supervision (PRCS). Their deployment into SYTF and Los Padrinos has disrupted this vital supervision, resulting in inconsistent monitoring and referrals for service of high-risk populations in the community. This shift not only undermines public safety but places additional strain on remaining field staff and compromises the integrity of community-based rehabilitation efforts.

In contrast, Deputy Probation Officers assigned to camps have not been deployed and remain underutilized. These officers already operate within environments similar to those in SYTF and Los Padrinos, making their transition smoother and more appropriate. Importantly, their current work physical classification aligns with the demands of such facilities, unlike Field Deputies who were hired under a Physical Class 2 designation but are now being ordered to work in Class 4 conditions—conditions for which they neither trained nor consented when they took their oath.

This misalignment presents not only ethical concerns but potential legal and liability issues for the County. Reassigning Field Deputies outside the scope of their classification and intended function also erodes morale and has contributed to increased injury, burnout, call-outs and attrition among skilled professionals.

To ensure the safety of both staff and youth, and to uphold the County's commitment to ethical and effective rehabilitation, I respectfully recommend:

An immediate cessation of Field Deputy Probation Officer II deployments into SYTF and Los Padrinos.

A strategic reassignment of Camp Deputy Probation Officers—whose physical and training qualifications are appropriately matched to these environments.

This change would honor both the professional integrity of Field Deputies and the County's responsibility to ensure safe and effective juvenile rehabilitation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued dedication to a safer and more just Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

An Adult Field Services Bureau Deputy