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**Advancing Juvenile Justice Data Transparency Through a Public Dashboard**

Transparency and access to data is essential for building trust and fostering accountability within the Los Angeles County (County) juvenile justice system. Robust data collection allows us to understand not only what is happening, but why, ensuring that the right issues are being addressed with informed solutions. Transforming the County's juvenile justice system requires comprehensive and consistent data collection practices and a centralized platform that identifies gaps, opportunities, and persistent challenges.

On November 24, 2020, the Board of Supervisors passed a motion titled, *Including Juvenile Data in Los Angeles County's Criminal Justice Data Sharing Initiative*.<sup>1</sup> The motion sought to enhance data transparency around youth in the juvenile justice system and produced a comprehensive report outlining key recommendations and identifying areas for continued studies on improved data collection and interagency information sharing. Although implementation work paused due to systems and platforms changes, the need for access to juvenile data remains critical for the safety and service of youth in the County's care.

Additionally, data on youth in the juvenile justice system has been requested by stakeholders including community-based organizations and the Probation Oversight

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<sup>1</sup> <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/150703.pdf>

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Commission. On December 16, 2024, the Los Angeles Youth Uprising (LAYUP) Coalition cited Santa Clara County's Probation Department as a best-practice example for data transparency, noting its public-facing dashboard that provides clear, accessible insights into youth demographics, charges, overrides, and deep understanding of the landscape that can contribute to solutions that increase diversion and depopulation.<sup>2</sup> This platform should serve as a model for developing a public-facing dashboard for the County's Probation Department.

Accurate and reliable data not only drives reform, but also strengthens accountability.<sup>3</sup> A centralized, reliable data platform empowers the Probation Department and oversight bodies such as the Probation Oversight Commission to support prevention and reentry initiatives more effectively, streamline data requests and enhance collaboration. Standardizing data reporting on a routine cadence would further improve monitoring efforts, internal data collection processes, and the department's ability to set and communicate clear specific, measurable goals while working alongside community to address key barriers to reducing youth incarceration.

Building on this foundation, a centralized dashboard can boost cross-departmental collaboration and align efforts to depopulate the juvenile facilities while advancing the County's efforts on prevention. The County's Open Data portal already demonstrates a tested and proven platform that integrates work across departments and reflects the County's "commitment to transparency, accountability and community engagement."<sup>4</sup> Leveraging this data portal to develop a public-facing platform for the Probation Department would provide a comprehensive view of County data, enabling a data-informed approach to address complex challenges and better serve our most impacted communities and the youth in our care.

**I THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:**

1. Direct the Chief Probation Officer, in collaboration with the Chief Information Officer, County Counsel, and the Director of the Department of Children and

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<sup>2</sup> [Data dashboard | Probation Department | County of Santa Clara](#)

<sup>3</sup> [Activities to Improve Data Capacity: A Deep-End Evaluation Feature Brief](#)

<sup>4</sup> [County of Los Angeles Open Data](#)

Family Services, to report to the Board in writing in 60 days with a recommended plan to launch a juvenile justice public-facing dashboard that is maintained and consistently updated with comprehensive statistical data that can be publicly disclosed consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. The data provided should include but not be limited to:

- a. The data fields outlined in the November 24, 2020, motion.
- b. Demographics of the juvenile population disaggregated by race, age, gender (including male, female, nonbinary) sexual orientation, if known, etc.
- c. Tracking of releases and facility transfers.
- d. Number of youth in community placements.
- e. Total population of each facility.
- f. Number of youth with current or past DCFS involvement.
- g. Booking charges and Los Angeles Detention Screener scores (assessment tool used to screen youth accused of crimes prior to recommending detention or alternatives to detention).
- h. Average length of stay in detention.

2. Direct the Chief Probation Officer, in collaboration with the Chief Information Officer, to report back to the Board and the Probation Oversight Commission in writing in 60 days, and every 60 days thereafter, on progress toward launching the juvenile justice public-facing dashboard until it is fully implemented. The report should include, but not be limited to the following:
  - a. Opportunities to utilize and expand existing contracts with external organizations who can provide technical and data assistance.
  - b. Efforts to ensure the quality and reliability of data.
  - c. Any barriers and challenges that arise in the development of the public-facing dashboard.
3. Direct the Chief Probation Officer to provide monthly data reports, consistent with applicable laws, rules, and regulations governing access to such data, to the Department of Youth Development, the Probation Oversight Commission, and the Anti-Racism, Diversity, and Inclusion Initiative. These reports must

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include:

- a. Location of residence of detained youth by zip code.
- b. Arresting agency.
- c. Status of detention, including whether the youth was cited and released.
- d. Reason for detention or petition referral.

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