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**Including Juvenile Data in Los Angeles County's Criminal Justice Data Sharing Initiative**

The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic have amplified longstanding racial inequities in our justice and healthcare systems. The devastating impact of the pandemic, in tandem with recent high-profile incidents of police brutality against Black people, has intensified the demand for widespread collective action. The Board of Supervisors (Board) has undertaken important steps to address these disparities through a variety of initiatives.

In July, the Board unanimously approved a motion to establish an anti-racist policy agenda for Los Angeles County (Supervisor Ridley-Thomas, *Establishing an Anti-Racist Policy Agenda for Los Angeles County*). On August 4, 2020 the Board passed another motion intended to simultaneously name and work toward dismantling systemic racism through a focus on data sharing and transparency (Supervisors Kuehl and Ridley-Thomas, *Creation of a Criminal Justice Data Sharing Initiative in Los Angeles County*). This initiative is designed to publicize data about system involved adults in order to foster participatory democracy, hold the County accountable for its policies and spending, provide evidence that the Board's policies are working, and finally, to help the

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Board make informed and cost-effective policy decisions.

While this initiative concentrated on adults, it is imperative that existing data regarding young people in the juvenile system is also made accessible through the County's Open Data Portal. Over the last ten months, the Youth Justice Work Group (YJWG) has regularly convened with the goal of reimagining juvenile justice in Los Angeles. YJWG's efforts have culminated in a comprehensive report that provides key recommendations and highlights areas requiring further research—including data and information collection and sharing (*Youth Justice Reimagined*, October 2020). This is a prime opportunity to merge the Board's commitment to data transparency with its ongoing work to transform the justice system for youth. Extending data transparency to system-involved youth will play a vital role in propelling the County toward increased racial equity and a thriving network of effective community-based support for all residents.

**WE, THEREFORE, MOVE** that the Board of Supervisors:

1. Direct the Information Systems Advisory Board (ISAB) to coordinate a joint effort involving the Chief Executive Office, Chief Information Office, County Counsel, Probation Department, Office of Youth Diversion and Development, Los Angeles County Office of Education, Department of Children and Family Services, and Department of Mental Health, to expand its current work pursuant to the *Creation of a Criminal Justice Data Sharing Initiative in Los Angeles County* motion as follows: Report back in writing within 60 days with a plan to collect, analyze, and publish data that is currently and reasonably accessible about the justice-impacted juvenile population to the County Open Data Portal. The data should be published monthly, beginning in 150 days, with the goal of

publishing data weekly within six months of the start of this data sharing initiative. The refresh should be accomplished using automation.

- a. The published data points should be stratified by gender (including male, female, transgender male, transgender female, gender non-conforming, non-binary, or other, if possible), sexual orientation, age, race, facility, and top charges where possible. If it's not possible to provide these data elements, report back on why and what would be needed to make it possible. When appropriate, graphics, tables, and charts should be used, but the data should be easily downloadable for use by researchers.
- b. At minimum, the following data points should be published:
  - i. Population levels for Detention Services Bureau;
  - ii. Population levels for Residential Treatment Services Bureau;
  - iii. Number of releases to community (camps and halls);
  - iv. Number of youth in community placements;
  - v. Total number of new admission(s) and reason(s) for detainment at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall;
  - vi. Total number of new admission(s) and reason(s) for detainment at Central Juvenile Hall;
  - vii. Number of youth with current or past DCFS involvement;
  - viii. Number of youth who are on track with school credits and number of youth who are not on track;
  - ix. Number of completed mental health services sessions by location and frequency.

2. The report back to the Board should also include:

- a. The data sources required to produce the above-referenced information.
  - b. Identification of any legal impediments to providing this information and options for overcoming them.
3. Direct ISAB to consult with the departments and entities named above to identify other readily accessible data points related to areas such as the provision of services and any other relevant information to be included in the collection for publication on the County Open Data Portal.