



**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
20.		Favor	Ruby T Lizarraga	
			Tyrique Shipp	
		Oppose	CORNELIUS PETTUS	Funding the DYD will ELIMINATE Probation officers jobs. There is NO other way to frame this. Probation CLAIMS it has a staffing shortage - yet this motion will further EXACERBATE the situation. Which Fortune 500 company has been in an "EMERGENCY" for (5) years?  STRIPPING Probation (and ONLY Probation) of Civil Service Protection under the GUISE of an EMERGENCY is absurd. FIRING probation officers will NOT increase officers needed to work in juvenile hall.
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Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors

My name is Tyrique Shipp, and I am the Third Supervisorial appointee to the Probation Oversight Commission (POC), but speaking in my capacity as the Policy Coordinator at the Anti-Recidivism Coalition (ARC). ARC is fully supportive of item 20 because we have seen the need for more programs for young people that pique their interest and challenge them to be different.

Our support comes from both our values and our experience. In preparing our position, we consulted with program providers, formerly incarcerated young people, and currently incarcerated youth. Across those conversations, what we heard was consistent. There is a real need for stronger programming, better coordination, and a model that is more centered on youth development than on custody alone.

That matters because programming cannot be treated as secondary. If we are serious about improving outcomes for young people, then access to meaningful programs, trusted relationships, continuity of care, and reentry support must be treated as central to the work. The youth feedback we received strongly reinforced that point. Young people shared that they see real potential in DYD taking on a stronger role. Some said this is worth trying, that it could help, and that it could make things better. They also made clear that they want this shift to mean something in practice, not just on paper.

We also want to be clear that the youth feedback we received was supportive. Young people told us they see real potential in DYD taking on a stronger role. They said this could help, that it is worth trying, and that it could make things better. At the same time, they were honest about what they wanted this to look like. They want support that follows them as they move through placements and back into the community. They want programming that connects to their real interests and goals. They want opportunities to share what is working and what is not. And they want their progress, effort, and growth to be recognized, not overlooked.

We also heard about the day-to-day barriers that can impede meaningful programming, including issues with materials, space, and coordination. Those things may seem small, but they shape whether programming is actually consistent and useful for young people.

So for ARC, the answer is yes. Yes to this motion, and yes to moving forward in a way that stays grounded in what young people have said they need.

We respectfully urge your support.



Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Tyrique Shipp

Policy Coordinator

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April 6th, 2026

Dear Honorable Board of Supervisors,

My name is Ruby Lizarraga, and I'm writing on behalf of the Anti-Recidivism Coalition in strong support of Motion 20.

This motion is an important step forward in advancing the County's Youth Justice Reimagined vision—one that community members, advocates, and directly impacted youth have been calling for. While the Department of Youth Development has already made meaningful progress expanding diversion, reentry, and community-based programming, it still lacks the authority and access needed to fully lead programming within youth facilities.

Motion 20 does not immediately transfer that power—but it takes a critical and responsible step by asking DYD to present a clear plan for how it *could* assume a stronger leadership role in programming and care coordination. It also ensures that this transition is thoughtful, coordinated, and accountable by requiring collaboration across departments, clear role definitions, and ongoing reporting back to the Board.

We support this motion because it strengthens alignment across County agencies and reinforces that all departments share responsibility in meaningfully serving young people in custody. It also opens the door for more efficient hiring, contracting, and funding strategies—reducing service gaps and allowing programming to better meet the needs of youth.

And those needs are clear. Formerly and currently incarcerated young people have consistently expressed frustration with boredom, limited access to meaningful programming, and barriers to services that support their growth and reentry. They are asking for a true continuum of care—programs and support that follow them from custody into their communities. They are also asking to be heard, to provide feedback, and to see programming that reflects their actual needs and goals.

This motion creates the structure to begin addressing those concerns. By prioritizing youth development, tracking progress, and investing in rehabilitation, education, and life skills, we can reduce long-term system involvement and improve public safety.

Ultimately, investing in young people is how we build safer, stronger communities—not by focusing only on security, but by addressing root causes and creating real pathways forward.



Thank you.

Sincerely,

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