



**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.		<b>Favor</b>	Isabella Suleiman	<p>Good morning Chair and Supervisors,</p> <p>My name is Isabella Suleiman, and I am a mother, a student of philosophy , and someone who has directly experienced the harms of our current youth and criminal legal systems. I'm also part of a community working to reduce law enforcement involvement in care systems here in Los Angeles County thought being the associate of the advocacy and community organizing department at The Anti Recidivism coalition.</p> <p>I'm here today in support of Supervisors Lindsey Horvath and Janice Hahn's motion to implement the County's vision for the Department of Youth Development.</p> <p>This motion is not just about shifting responsibilities between departments it is about shifting values. It recognizes something many of us already know from lived experience: that safety does not come from surveillance and punishment, but from support, stability, and meaningful relationships.</p> <p>When I was navigating the system, what made a difference wasn't control it was connection. It was the people who treated me like I had potential, not just risk. That is exactly what DYD represents: an approach rooted in development, healing, and opportunity.</p> <p>The data in this motion is clear. When young people are given access to community based programs, mentorship, and real support, they are far less likely to return to the system. Five percent versus twenty percent is not just a statistic that is thousands of young lives going in a different direction.</p> <p>But DYD cannot succeed without real authority. Right now, too many barriers still exist barriers to accessing youth, to coordinating care, to even getting basic information needed to support them. If we are serious about Youth Justice Reimagined, we have to move beyond partial implementation.</p> <p>This motion takes an important step by clearly distinguishing between security and services. Probation should focus on safety. DYD should lead on programming, care coordination, and youth development. That clarity is long overdue.</p>

				<p>I especially want to highlight the importance of credible messengers and community-based organizations. For many young people, those are the first individuals they trust. Expanding their role inside facilities is critical to changing the culture from one of control to one of care.</p> <p>I urge the Board to fully support this motion and to ensure that DYD is resourced, empowered, and held accountable for delivering the kind of system our young people deserve.</p> <p>Because at the end of the day, this is about whether we believe young people are worth investing in or just managing.</p> <p>Thank you.</p>
			Isabella Suleiman	
			Monica A	
			Ruby T Lizarraga	
			Tyrique Shipp	
		<b>Oppose</b>	CORNELIUS PETTUS	<p>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?</p> <p>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.</p>
		<b>Item Total</b>	<b>6</b>	
22.	20	<b>Favor</b>	Ann Dorsey	
			Monica A	
		<b>Oppose</b>	CORNELIUS PETTUS	IF you can NOT staff juvenile hall, how are you going to staff another specialized unit?
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<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>9</b>	