



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS  
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
			The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:	
13.		Favor	Akayla Turner	
			Alonzo Alcalá	
			Anasiah Brown	
			Angela Arroyo	
			Araya Blakely	At Students Deserve, we are working to end the school-to-prison pipeline and support Black/brown youth in reaching graduation and beyond. In the 5 years since this board committed to ending the incarceration of girls and gender-expansive youth, little to no progress has been made to hold Probation accountable to the harm they cause in juvenile halls and community. It is essential that not only Supervisor Mitchell re-commits to this effort, but each board member must re-commit while we, the community, continue to apply pressure on each Board member to ensure the wellbeing of incarcerated girls and gender-expansive youth who are incarcerated in LA County's failing and abusive juvenile halls. In your commitment, we need you to work closely with Liberation Fund Coalition, as we are the survivors, the experts, and your constituents.
			Evelyn Espinal	
			Han Vuong	
			Jasmine Castaneda	
			Jordin Gonzalez	
			Kassidi Maladona	
			Nayelie Gonzalez	
			Rachel Baraka	
			Samantha Huerta	
		Vanessa Guerrero		
zoe rawson	this is way over due and we have coordinated community care that is in place and ready to receive girls and gender expansive young people now.			
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<b>Grand Total</b>			<b>16</b>	

My name is Jasmine Castaneda, 16 years old, in the 2nd district from south central La. I am here to talk about my concern in freeing the 50 and stop the incarceration of girls. I care about this issue because girls shouldn't be living like that and especially in the type of conditions halls are in now. They endure physical and mental abuse in there and aren't cared for in there. The board should continue to try and stop this from happening. The youth needs actual resources that help them instead of dismissing them. If this issue doesn't get resolved it will probably only get worse from here on out. They should continue to strive for this treatment on girls to end and help them. #FreeThe50.

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You have power. So if you call yourself a good person, use it for the future of L.A., for the futures of these kids. Change their trajectory of these kids life. Free the 50.

Good afternoon, my name is Akayla Turner.

I am here to speak on Free the 50. I care about this issue because many incarcerated young women have experienced foster care, homelessness, trauma, and a lack of support. They deserve opportunities for healing and growth, not continued punishment.

I ask the Board of Supervisors to invest in housing, mental health services, education, and community-based programs that help young women succeed.

Thank you for your time. Free the 50.

My name is Han Vuong, the issue today is us as a society still think that it's okay to incarcerate children. They are children. They need discipline, hands on support, and unconditional understanding and grace as they continue to grow. That cannot happen if they are being placed into a worse situation that they weren't in in the first place. I believe we need to break the cycle and try other alternatives. I'm not too sure what alternatives because the world is changing and everyone is in it but it definitely isn't youth incarceration.

Hey I'm Anasiah/a1 ima hairstylist I dance I work in a hair salon , I'm here to talk about my journey in juvie and how I can encourage girl to not go there , I care about this issue because I wouldn't want anybody to go threw what I went threw, they should take to going to school very serious and havin patience and not getting angry so fast to breath in hard situations and think positive things if the issues doesn't get resolved don't give up keep going there is going to be somebody out there that hears you also always remember close mouths don't get fed  
#freethe50

Jordin Gonzalez, 20, South Central, the system is formerly incarcerated because they have so many people from California(LA county) specifically in prison. The issue is that people in California are being sent to prisons and returning back to LA county. I care about the issue because people get sent to prison for the things that they do but then they end up sending them to LA county.

My name is Samantha Huerta I'm 15 and have been in Juvenile hall. I am here to talk about female of all ages shouldn't be incarcerated. I care about this issue because girls are being locked up for no reason and getting abuse in the halls for no reason. They shouldn't incarcerated girls no more they should just make more programs and therapy. Last they should let all girls free .

Hi my name is Rachel Baraka and I'm apart of the young women freedom freedoms center. I'm discussed that you guys have made empty promises of freeing the 50 incarcerated gender expansive youth that have been dealing with in human treatment while being promised that they'd be freed 6 years ago. We demand that women and gender expansive youth be let free to centers like us.

My name is Evelyn Espinal I'm 19 and live in district 2 I'm formerly a system impacted youth. I'm here today to demand the end of incarceration for all girls and gender expansive youth in the la county. In 2021 the Bos passed a motion to end incarceration for all girls and gender expansive yet here we are in 2026 and nothing has changed. We know the issue why have we still not found a promising solution nor change. This matters to me because I work closely with girls and gender expansive youth who have to go thru this in a daily basis. This girls need care , housing , attention, healing substance abuse treatment .. opportunities for growth not to be thrown in a cage. I'm here to demands for a rapid release of girls and gender expansive Youth. It's time to do something about this serious issue. We are the alternative Free the 50!

My Name is Alonzo Alcala im 23 formerly incarcerated and apart of district 2. Girls and gender expansive youth are not receiving the proper care they require. We are demanding for the immediate release of all girls and gender-expansive youth from this unsustainable and harmful facility. Young people deserve care, stability, and opportunities to thrive not confinement in systems that have repeatedly failed to meet their needs. When young people receive support, it can lead to better educational outcomes, and healthier communities. Care Not Cages, #FreeThe50

Hello my Nmae is Nayelie and i am glad you guys are recommitting to decarcerate girls and gge I remember my experience in the juvenile system as something really difficult to go through. The living situation itself felt horrible at times crowded, stressful, and lacking the kind of comfort or stability that young people actually need to feel safe. Instead of a place to reset and get better, it often felt cold and isolating, like you're just trying to get through each day. Being in that environment made it harder to focus on anything positive about the future because everything around you felt tense and restrictive. That's why I understand why people talk about "Free the 50," because it brings attention to how many youth are still stuck in systems that don't always support real healing. It also makes me think about how important it is for groups like the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to seriously invest in alternatives that prioritize counseling, education, and safe community programs instead of environments that can feel so damaging.

hygiene was horrible food was horrible under garments where horrible over all everything was and they had money to change thing but just don and I this it's not fair and I don think that should be the first option to send youth to juvenile

I can include those points, but I'll phrase it in a clear, respectful way so it reads like a strong statement rather than just venting:

I remember my experience in the juvenile system as something really hard, especially because even basic needs didn't feel properly met. Hygiene conditions were poor, and it was difficult to feel clean or comfortable day to day. The food also felt low quality and not very nourishing, which only added to the stress of being there. Even small things like undergarments and personal items didn't feel properly provided or maintained, which made the environment feel even more uncomfortable and discouraging. What made it more frustrating is knowing there are resources and funding that could be used to improve these conditions, but it often felt like nothing was changing. Because of that, it doesn't feel fair that juvenile detention is the first option for youth. In my view, young people should be directed toward support systems that focus on healing, education, and guidance instead of being placed in environments that can feel neglectful and harmful. This is why conversations around "Free the 50" matter, and why it's important for groups like the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to rethink how they approach youth justice and invest more seriously in real alternatives

Good afternoon my name is Angela Arroyo from district 1 with the Young Women's Freedom Center, here today on behalf of the incarcerated Girls and Gender Expansive youth at CVK. As a formally incarcerated/system impacted youth myself I recall the promise you guys made 5 years ago, and that was the decarceration of Girls and Gender Expansive. It has now been 5 years and still no decarceration has been done, the youth housed at CVK are being stigmatized for their pronouns they are complaining of unappetizing meals, educational oppression and so much more that I can confirm is going on in juvenile hall from personal experience as a young girl who navigated the system until I aged out. As a member of the young women's freedom center and advocate of my community I demand that you guys deliver the promises made thank you FREETHE50!!

Good morning My name is Kassidi Maldonado I am part of Young Women freedom center I am 24 years old and I been affected by the system sense I was 15 and I want you to take in consideration all the abuse and neglect from part of probation all the allegations take in consideration the they doesn't have a voice because when they talk you guys don't listen we want you to make the right decision we want you to help us help the youth # free the 50

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