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Probation Presentation on SB 794 Funds and Child Trafficking Unit

On April 7, 2026, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors (Board) unanimously adopted the “Strengthening Services and Aligning Resources for Probation and Foster Youth Impacted by Human Trafficking” motion, which, among other things, directed the Department of Probation (Probation), in coordination with the Chief Executive Officer, to immediately transfer, or otherwise make immediately available, the remaining unspent SB 794 funds, to the Department of Youth Development (DYD) to contract with service providers to engage in street outreach and services for young people. The unspent funds totaled approximately \$166,413, and needed to be spent by June 30, 2026, or they would revert to the State.

At the April 7, 2026, Board meeting, the Board unanimously directed Probation to transfer the remaining \$166,413 to DYD, with Probation’s representative committing to move the funds as quickly as possible. During that meeting, the Board also expressed that the funds should be used on services and supports for young people, and not to fund Probation staff salaries.

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Despite this discussion and verbal commitment, Probation's staff could not determine how much, if any, SB 794 funds were spent or unspent or what they had been spent on. Probation's staff were also unclear as to whether the funds could be transferred to DYD (previously \$250,000 of these funds had been transferred to DYD), if the funds require a federal match, or if the funds could be used for direct services. As a result, no SB 794 funds were transferred to DYD before June 30, 2026, and it is unclear if the SB 794 funds were spent by Probation before the June 30, 2026, deadline.

While the "Strengthening Services and Aligning Resources for Probation and Foster Youth Impacted by Human Trafficking" motion called for a number of report backs and a Board presentation in the coming months, we cannot wait. The young people impacted by trafficking that could have been served by these dollars cannot wait. We must understand why Probation did not transfer these funds, what they spent the dollars on, and what we can do to ensure this state funding is not wasted again.

I WE, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Department of Probation, in collaboration with the Chief Executive Office, include a discussion of their SB 794 fund expenditure as part of their scheduled presentation for the July 21, 2026, Board of Supervisors meeting. This discussion should include information on the total funds spent and unspent, what the funding was spent on, why the funds were not transferred to DYD, and the plan for moving these funds in the future. Probation should also include an update on the Child Trafficking Unit (CTU) staffing, including plans for Unit leadership and continuity.

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