



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

HILDA L. SOLIS
HOLLY J. MITCHELL
LINDSEY P. HORVATH
JANICE HAHN
KATHRYN BARGER

Correspondence Received

The following individuals submitted comments on agenda item:				
Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
15.	59-B	Favor	Anthony Arenas	I am submitting this written comment alongside the over 500 letters sent to the Board since May demanding the Board take jail closure seriously. The Board directed the Jail Closure Implementation Team to urgently produce a plan to close Men's Central Jail by expanding the services that promote community care and safety. Now it is time to commit to closure unabashedly. While board members twiddle their thumbs about taking jail closure seriously, here are some things they are currently funding: 1. Deadly drinking water in the jails, that is visibly brown, has an odor, and visible worms/maggots 2. Sheriff Department gangs which cost millions in settlements (and in department funding) 3. Billions in litigation and settlement costs due to human rights abuses 4. Mental deterioration inside which inevitably leads people to return to jails due to mental illnesses, or plead guilty in desperation to be released 5. Over 300 people dying in jails since the 2020 vote to close MCJ 6. As reported by the LA Times, women at CRDF have testified that male jail staffers forced them to engage in oral sex, groped and ogled them and offered clean water and other basic supplies in exchange for sexual acts. When the women came forward and filed reports, they say, they were met with retaliation, including long stretches of solitary confinement in an area known as "the hole." Decisions made by the Board of Supervisors and Sheriff's Department have continued to cost taxpayers in lawsuits, settlement costs, and even their lives. When will the Board treat Jail Closure Implementation with the urgency it requires? Invest in what the community voted for—not just because it's the will of the people, but because it's the right thing to do. Any problem the board sees with the jail closure plan should be solved by the board expeditiously. No more delay, Close MCJ!
			Mark S Gale	
		Oppose	Brenda Olmos	On behalf of the City of Paramount, I write in advance of your July 21, 2026 consideration of Agenda Item 15, the Jail Closure Implementation Team's (JCIT) Eighth Quarterly

As of: 7/21/2026 9:00:08 PM



PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

HILDA L. SOLIS
HOLLY J. MITCHELL
LINDSEY P. HORVATH
JANICE HAHN
KATHRYN BARGER

Correspondence Received

Report regarding the proposed closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within five years. After reviewing the JCIT report and the correspondence submitted by the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) -an organization representing 74 cities countywide - we strongly support CCCA's position and share its concerns. As the County's own analysis acknowledges, the strategies identified to date would reduce the average daily jail population by only approximately 836 people by 2031, relative to a projected baseline population of roughly 14,500. Facility driven actions would relocate about 1,050 individuals but would not reduce the systemwide population, and the report concludes that these measures are not sufficient to support closure within five years without replacement capacity. Additionally, the estimated \$2.7 billion in implementation costs -including \$1.5 billion in unfunded new investments—raises significant fiscal concerns for cities like Paramount and for County residents who rely on essential services. Before any final determination is made, a transparent and credible financing plan must be provided. Paramount's foremost priority is public safety. We fully support expanded investments in diversion, mental health treatment, and alternatives to incarceration where appropriate. However, those efforts must be balanced with the County's responsibility to maintain adequate detention capacity for individuals who pose a risk to the public. Premature closure of MCJ -without demonstrated replacement capacity, sufficient behavioral health infrastructure, judicial resources, and sustainable funding- would threaten the stability and safety our communities depend on.

As CCCA has articulated, closure should be based on demonstrated readiness, not on a fixed timeline. All options, including replacement detention capacity, must remain available until the County completes its full analysis, expected in September 2026. For these reasons, the City of Paramount respectfully urges the Board not to commit to a predetermined five year closure timeline at this time and instead adopt the position advocated by CCCA:

- Keep all options on the table;



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

HILDA L. SOLIS
HOLLY J. MITCHELL
LINDSEY P. HORVATH
JANICE HAHN
KATHRYN BARGER

Correspondence Received

Other		• Ensure that no decision is made until adequate capacity and resources are fully in place; and • Prioritize public safety above all other considerations. Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued leadership on issues affecting our communities.
	Theresa Olivares	
	Anthony A Otero	
	Gustavo Camacho	
	Marcel Rodarte	Our member cities recognize that Men's Central Jail is an aging facility with serious deficiencies that have persisted for decades. We also agree that individuals suffering from mental illness deserve treatment in appropriate clinical settings rather than incarceration whenever possible. These are goals we share. However, closing one of the County's primary detention facilities before replacement capacity is available raises significant public safety and operational concerns. Any transition of this magnitude should be driven by demonstrated readiness rather than a predetermined timeline, and every option, including new or replacement detention capacity, must remain on the table. We respectfully urge the Board to keep all options on the table when it comes to Men's Central Jail, including replacement detention capacity, phased approaches, and continued operation of existing facilities, rather than committing to a fixed five-year closure timeline. With JCIT's comprehensive report expected in September 2026, the Board should not foreclose any alternative before that analysis is complete. Any final decision should ensure that adequate replacement detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, and sustainable funding are fully in place before Men's Central Jail is permanently closed. Los Angeles County has an obligation to modernize its correctional and behavioral health systems. It also has an equally important obligation to protect public safety and ensure continuity of essential services throughout that process. We believe these objectives can and should be

				accomplished together.
			Mya Coleman	
			Ruby Picon	
		Salpy Kabaklian-Slantz		Concerns and urge for reconsideration
		Item Total	10	
59-B.		Favor	Mark S Gale	
		Other	Mya Coleman	
		Item Total	2	
Grand Total			12	



City of Pico Rivera

OFFICE OF THE CITY COUNCIL

6615 Passons Boulevard · Pico Rivera, California 90660 · (562) 801-4371

www.pico-rivera.org

GUSTAVO V. CAMACHO

Mayor

July 16, 2026

Los Angeles County
Board of Supervisors

**RE: AGENDA ITEM 15, JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 8
(JULY 21, 2026 BOARD MEETING)**

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of Pico Rivera, I respectfully submit this letter regarding Agenda Item 15 on your July 21, 2026, agenda, the Jail Closure Implementation Team's (JCIT) Eighth Quarterly Report concerning the proposed closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within five years.

The City recognizes that MCJ is an aging facility with longstanding deficiencies and supports expanding behavioral health treatment and diversion programs for individuals whose needs are better addressed outside the criminal justice system. However, we remain concerned that the County continues to pursue a fixed closure timeline before demonstrating that adequate replacement detention capacity and the necessary public safety, behavioral health, judicial, and operational infrastructure are in place.

The Eighth Quarterly Report reinforces these concerns. JCIT estimates that the seven Required Actions and additional population reduction strategies would reduce the average daily jail population by only approximately 836 people by 2031 from a projected baseline of roughly 14,500. While proposed facility actions would relocate approximately 1,050 individuals from MCJ to other County facilities, they would not reduce the overall jail population. The report concludes that these measures alone are insufficient to support closing MCJ within five years without replacement capacity. Moreover, even with expanded diversion programs, increased behavioral health services, additional staffing, and enhanced judicial resources, there is no assurance the necessary population reductions will be achieved, as diversion and release decisions ultimately remain within the independent discretion of the courts.

The fiscal implications also warrant careful consideration. Although Los Angeles County voters recently approved Measure ER to help sustain healthcare and social services, the report identifies approximately \$2.7 billion in implementation costs over the next five years, including roughly \$1.5

LETTER – 07.20.2026: AGENDA ITEM 15, JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 8 (JULY 21, 2026 BOARD MEETING)

billion in new expenditures beyond existing commitments. Before advancing this proposal, the County should provide a transparent financing plan demonstrating how these costs will be funded without diminishing essential County services.

Public safety remains the City of Pico Rivera's highest priority. We support continued investments in diversion, mental health treatment, and alternatives to incarceration where appropriate. However, those investments must not outpace the County's responsibility to maintain sufficient detention capacity for individuals who pose a threat to public safety.

Accordingly, we respectfully urge the Board to keep all options under consideration, including replacement detention capacity, phased implementation, and continued operation of existing facilities until appropriate alternatives are available. With JCIT's comprehensive report expected in September 2026, the Board should not foreclose any option before that analysis is complete. Any final decision should ensure that adequate detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, operational readiness, and sustainable funding are fully in place before Men's Central Jail is permanently closed.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Gustavo V. Camacho', with a stylized, cursive script.

Gustavo V. Camacho
Mayor
City of Pico Rivera



BRENDA OLMOS
Mayor

VILMA CUELLAR STALLINGS
Vice Mayor

ISABEL AGUAYO
Councilmember

ANNETTE C. DELGADILLO
Councilmember

PEGGY LEMONS
Councilmember

July 20, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

**RE: Agenda Item 15, Jail Closure Implementation Team Quarterly Report No. 8
(July 21, 2026 Board Meeting)**

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of Paramount, I write in advance of your July 21, 2026 consideration of Agenda Item 15, the Jail Closure Implementation Team's (JCIT) Eighth Quarterly Report regarding the proposed closure of Men's Central Jail (MCJ) within five years.

After reviewing the JCIT report and the correspondence submitted by the California Contract Cities Association (CCCA) -an organization representing 74 cities countywide - we strongly support CCCA's position and share its concerns. As the County's own analysis acknowledges, the strategies identified to date would reduce the average daily jail population by only approximately 836 people by 2031, relative to a projected baseline population of roughly 14,500. Facility driven actions would relocate about 1,050 individuals but would not reduce the systemwide population, and the report concludes that these measures are not sufficient to support closure within five years without replacement capacity.

Additionally, the estimated \$2.7 billion in implementation costs -including \$1.5 billion in unfunded new investments—raises significant fiscal concerns for cities like Paramount and for County residents who rely on essential services. Before any final determination is made, a transparent and credible financing plan must be provided.

Paramount's foremost priority is public safety. We fully support expanded investments in diversion, mental health treatment, and alternatives to incarceration where appropriate. However, those efforts must be balanced with the County's responsibility to maintain adequate detention capacity for individuals who pose a risk to the public. Premature closure of MCJ -without demonstrated replacement capacity, sufficient behavioral health infrastructure, judicial resources, and sustainable funding- would threaten the stability and safety our communities depend on.

As CCCA has articulated, closure should be based on demonstrated readiness, not on a fixed timeline. All options, including replacement detention capacity, must remain available until the County completes its full analysis, expected in September 2026.

For these reasons, the City of Paramount respectfully urges the Board not to commit to a predetermined five year closure timeline at this time and instead adopt the position advocated by CCCA:

- Keep all options on the table;
- Ensure that no decision is made until adequate capacity and resources are fully in place; and
- Prioritize public safety above all other considerations.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your continued leadership on issues affecting our communities.

CITY OF PARAMOUNT

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Brenda Olmos', written in a cursive style.

Brenda Olmos
Mayor



CITY OF LA MIRADA

DEDICATED TO SERVICE

13700 La Mirada Boulevard
La Mirada, California 90638
P.O. Box 828
La Mirada, California 90637-0828
Phone: (562) 943-0131 Fax: (562) 943-1464
www.cityoflamirada.org

July 20, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

**SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM 15 – JAIL CLOSURE IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
QUARTERLY REPORT NO. 8**

Dear Members of the Board:

On behalf of the City of La Mirada, I am writing regarding Agenda Item 15 and the proposed closure of Men's Central Jail within five years. The City shares concerns raised by the California Contract Cities Association that the closure should be based on demonstrated readiness rather than a predetermined timeline.

The City recognizes the need to modernize the County's correctional system and supports appropriate investments in behavioral health treatment, diversion programs, and alternatives to incarceration. However, these efforts must be implemented in a manner that maintains adequate detention capacity and protects public safety.

The Jail Closure Implementation Team's report indicates that the proposed actions would reduce the projected jail population by approximately 836 people in 2031, while relocating approximately, 1,050 individuals to other facilities without reducing the overall systemwide population. The report further acknowledges that these measures would not be sufficient to close Men's Central Jail within five years without replacement capacity.

The estimated fiscal impact also warrants careful consideration. The report identifies approximately \$2.7 billion implementation costs over five years, including approximately \$1.5 billion in new investments beyond existing commitments. The County should establish a transparent and sustainable funding plan before proceeding with a decision that could affect other essential services.

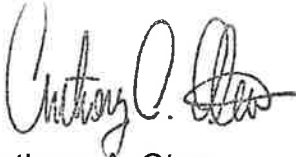
The City of La Mirada respectfully urges the Board to keep all options available, including replacement detention capacity, a phased transition, and the continued operation of existing facilities. No final closure decision should be made until adequate detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, staffing, and sustainable funding are fully in place.

Public safety decisions of this magnitude must be guided by facts, operational readiness, and the County's ability to responsibly carry out the transition. Moving forward with a fixed closure timeline before the necessary capacity, services, staffing, and funding are secured would create unacceptable risks for communities throughout Los Angeles County. The Board should therefore refrain from committing to the proposed timeline and preserve all available options until a safe, practical, and fully funded plan is in place.

Thank you for your consideration and your continued commitment to protecting residents and communities of Los Angeles County.

Sincerely,

CITY OF LA MIRADA

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Anthony A. Otero", written over a horizontal line.

Anthony A. Otero
Mayor

AO:ah:jo



July 20, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 W. Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Via publiccomment@bos.lacounty.gov

Dear Board of Supervisors:

On behalf of the City of Lakewood, I write to express our concerns regarding Agenda Item No. 15 – Jail Closure Implementation Team’s (JCIT) Eighth Quarterly Report on your July 21, 2026, agenda.

A government’s foremost duty is to protect its residents, and the City of Lakewood remains steadfast in its commitment to that responsibility. Through strategic investments in public safety, proactive prevention efforts, and strong interagency partnerships, the city continues to uphold and enhance the quality of life for all members of the community.

We recognize that Men’s Central Jail is an aging facility with serious deficiencies that have persisted for decades. We also agree that individuals suffering from mental illness deserve treatment in appropriate clinical settings rather than incarceration whenever possible. These are goals we share.

However, closing one of the County’s primary detention facilities before replacement capacity is available raises significant public safety and operational concerns. Any transition of this magnitude should be driven by demonstrated readiness rather than a predetermined timeline, and every option, including new or replacement detention capacity for individuals who pose a threat to public safety, must remain on the table.

The Eighth Quarterly Report before your Board underscores how substantial the remaining challenges are. By JCIT’s own analysis, the seven Required Actions and additional depopulation strategies would reduce the average daily jail population by only approximately 836 people by 2031, against a projected baseline of roughly 14,500. The proposed facility-driven actions would relocate approximately 1,050 people from Men’s Central Jail to other facilities but would not reduce the systemwide population. The report itself concludes that these measures, taken together, are not sufficient on their own to allow closure of the facility within five years without a replacement. Even with substantial new judicial resources, expanded diversion programs, increased staffing, and additional behavioral health investments, there is no assurance that the necessary population reductions will be achieved, as decisions regarding diversion and release ultimately remain within the independent discretion of the courts.

Equally concerning are the significant fiscal implications, particularly at a time when public agencies are navigating substantial budgetary challenges. The Eighth Quarterly Report identifies approximately \$2.7 billion in total implementation costs over the next five years, including roughly \$1.5 billion in new

Lakewood

investments beyond existing commitments. Before moving forward with a decision of this magnitude, the County should provide a transparent financing strategy and clearly demonstrate how these additional costs will be funded without adversely affecting essential County services relied upon by residents and local governments.

We respectfully urge the Board to keep all options on the table when it comes to Men's Central Jail, including replacement detention capacity, phased approaches, and continued operation of existing facilities, rather than committing to a fixed five-year closure timeline. With JCIT's comprehensive report expected in September 2026, the Board should not foreclose any alternative before that analysis is complete. Any final decision should ensure that adequate replacement detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, and sustainable funding are fully in place before Men's Central Jail is permanently closed.

Los Angeles County has an obligation to modernize its correctional and behavioral health systems. It also has an equally important obligation to protect public safety and ensure continuity of essential services throughout that process. We believe these objectives can and should be accomplished together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Wood", is positioned above the printed name.

Jeff Wood
Mayor



Jennifer Perez, Mayor
Margarita L. Rios, Vice Mayor
Tony Ayala, Councilmember
Rick Ramirez, Councilmember
Ana Valencia, Councilmember

Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager

July 16, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 822
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Agenda Item 15, Jail Closure Implementation Team Quarterly Report No. 8 (July 21, 2026 Board Meeting)

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

The City of Norwalk has concerns that the effort to close Men's Central Jail continues to advance toward a predetermined timeline without first ensuring that adequate replacement detention capacity and the necessary public safety, behavioral health, judicial, and operational infrastructure are in place.

While there is no dispute that Men's Central Jail is an aging facility with serious Deficiencies, closing one of the County's primary detention facilities before replacement capacity is available raises significant public safety and operational concerns. Any transition of this magnitude should be driven by demonstrated readiness rather than a predetermined timeline, and every option, including new or replacement detention capacity, should remain on the table.

The Eighth Quarterly Report before your Board underscores how substantial the remaining challenges are. By the Jail Closure Implementation Team's ("JCIT") own analysis, the seven Required Actions are not sufficient on their own to allow closure of the facility within five years without a replacement detention capacity. Public safety is one of Norwalk's top priorities and we cannot support actions that will result in insufficient detention capacity of individuals who pose a threat to public safety.

Equally concerning are the significant fiscal implications. Los Angeles County voters recently approved Measure ER to help sustain the County's healthcare and social service responsibilities. Yet the Eighth Quarterly Report identifies approximately \$2.7 billion in total implementation costs over the next five years, including roughly \$1.5 billion in new investments beyond existing commitments. Before moving forward with a decision of this magnitude, the County should provide a transparent financing strategy and clearly demonstrate how these additional costs will be funded without adversely affecting essential County services relied upon by residents and local governments.



Jennifer Perez, Mayor
Margarita L. Rios, Vice Mayor
Tony Ayala, Councilmember
Rick Ramirez, Councilmember
Ana Valencia, Councilmember

Jesus M. Gomez, City Manager

We respectfully urge the Board to keep all options on the table when it comes to Men's Central Jail, including replacement detention capacity, phased approaches, and continued operation of existing facilities, rather than committing to a fixed five-year closure timeline. With JCIT's comprehensive report expected in September 2026, the Board should not foreclose any alternative before that analysis is complete. Any final decision should ensure that adequate replacement detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, and sustainable funding are fully in place before Men's Central Jail is permanently closed.

Los Angeles County has an obligation to modernize its correctional and behavioral health systems. It also has an equally important obligation to protect public safety and ensure continuity of essential services throughout that process. We believe these objectives can and should be accomplished together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Perez
Mayor
City of Norwalk



July 20, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

RE: Agenda Item 15, Jail Closure Implementation Team Quarterly Report No. 8 (July 21, 2026 Board Meeting)

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

The City of Irwindale submits this letter in regards to Agenda Item 15 on your July 21, 2026 agenda, the Jail Closure Implementation Team's (JCIT) Eighth Quarterly Report concerning the proposed closure of Men's Central Jail within five years. Irwindale is concerned that this effort continues to advance toward a predetermined timeline without first ensuring that adequate replacement detention capacity and the necessary public safety, behavioral health, judicial, and operational infrastructure are in place.

The Men's Central Jail is an ageing facility with serious deficiencies that have persisted for decades. Closing one of the County's primary detention facilities before replacement capacity is available raises significant public safety and operational concerns. Any transition of this magnitude should be driven by demonstrated readiness rather than a predetermined timeline, and every option, including new or replacement detention capacity, must remain on the table.

The Eighth Quarterly Report before your Board underscores how substantial the remaining challenges are. By JCIT's own analysis, the seven Required Actions and additional depopulation strategies would reduce the average daily jail population by only approximately 836 people by 2031, against a projected baseline of roughly 14,500. The proposed facility-driven actions would relocate approximately 1,050 people from Men's Central Jail to other facilities but would not reduce the systemwide population. The report itself concludes that these measures, taken together, are not sufficient on their own to allow closure of the facility within five years without a replacement.

Before moving forward with a decision of this magnitude, the County should provide a transparent financing strategy and clearly demonstrate how these additional costs will be funded without adversely affecting essential County services relied upon by residents and local governments. While Irwindale supports continued investments in diversion, mental health treatment, and alternatives to incarceration where appropriate, those efforts must not outpace the County's responsibility to maintain



sufficient detention capacity for individuals who pose a threat to public safety. The City of Irwindale urges the Board to keep all options on the table when it comes to Men's Central Jail, including replacement detention capacity, phased approaches, and continued operation of existing facilities, rather than committing to a fixed five-year closure timeline. With JCIT's comprehensive report expected in September 2026, the Board should not foreclose any alternative before that analysis is complete. Any final decision should ensure that adequate replacement detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, and sustainable funding are fully in place before Men's Central Jail is permanently closed.

Los Angeles County has an obligation to modernize its correctional and behavioral health systems. It also has an equally important obligation to protect public safety and ensure continuity of essential services throughout that process.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "H. Ortiz", is positioned below the word "Sincerely,".

H. Manuel Ortiz
Mayor, City of Irwindale



CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASSOCIATION



2026-2027 EXECUTIVE BOARD

Dr. John Erickson
President
West Hollywood

Ed Reece
Vice President
Claremont

Sal Melendez
Secretary
Montebello

Oralia Rebollo
Treasurer
Commerce

Brenda Olmos
Immediate Past President
Paramount

Jeff Wood
Ambassadors
Lakewood

Mark Waronek
Associate Members
Lomita

Cedric Hicks
Budget & Audit
Carson

Margaret Finlay
Bylaws
Duarte

Jackie Rocco
City Managers/ Administrators
West Hollywood

Victoria Garcia
Legal & Contracts
San Fernando

Gustavo Camacho
Legislative
Pico Rivera

Jennifer Perez
Marketing
Norwalk

Victor Sanchez
Membership
Bellflower

Juanita Martin
Selection
Santa Fe Springs

Yesenia De La Rosa
Special Events
Avalon

Kaylee May Law
Director-at-Large
Walnut

Horacio Ortiz
Director-at-Large
Downey

Michelle Bean
Director-at-Large
La Mirada

Marcel Rodarte
Executive Director

July 16, 2026

Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors

RE: Agenda Item 15, Jail Closure Implementation Team Quarterly Report No. 8 (July 21, 2026 Board Meeting)

Dear Madam Chair and Members of the Board:

On behalf of the California Contract Cities Association, representing 74 of the 88 cities in Los Angeles County, we write regarding Agenda Item 15 on your July 21, 2026 agenda, the Jail Closure Implementation Team's (JCIT) Eighth Quarterly Report concerning the proposed closure of Men's Central Jail within five years. We remain concerned that this effort continues to advance toward a predetermined timeline without first ensuring that adequate replacement detention capacity and the necessary public safety, behavioral health, judicial, and operational infrastructure are in place.

Our member cities recognize that Men's Central Jail is an aging facility with serious deficiencies that have persisted for decades. We also agree that individuals suffering from mental illness deserve treatment in appropriate clinical settings rather than incarceration whenever possible. These are goals we share.

However, closing one of the County's primary detention facilities before replacement capacity is available raises significant public safety and operational concerns. Any transition of this magnitude should be driven by demonstrated readiness rather than a predetermined timeline, and every option, including new or replacement detention capacity, must remain on the table.

The Eighth Quarterly Report before your Board underscores how substantial the remaining challenges are. By JCIT's own analysis, the seven Required Actions and additional depopulation strategies would reduce the average daily jail population by only approximately 836 people by 2031, against a projected baseline of roughly 14,500. The proposed facility-driven actions would relocate approximately 1,050 people from Men's Central Jail to other facilities but would not reduce the systemwide population. The report itself concludes that these measures, taken together, are not sufficient on their own to allow closure of the facility within five years without a replacement. Even with substantial new judicial resources, expanded diversion programs, increased staffing, and additional behavioral health investments, there is no assurance that the necessary population reductions will be achieved, as decisions regarding diversion and release ultimately remain within the independent discretion of the courts.

Equally concerning are the significant fiscal implications. Los Angeles County voters recently approved Measure ER to help sustain the County's healthcare and social service responsibilities. Yet the Eighth Quarterly Report identifies approximately \$2.7 billion in total implementation costs over the next five years, including roughly \$1.5 billion in new investments beyond existing commitments. Before moving forward with a decision of this magnitude, the County should provide a transparent financing strategy and clearly demonstrate how these additional costs will be funded without adversely affecting essential County services relied upon by residents and local governments.

For each and every one of our member cities, public safety is not simply one priority among many. It is the priority placed above all others. While we support continued investments in diversion, mental health treatment, and alternatives to incarceration where appropriate, those efforts must not outpace the County's responsibility to maintain sufficient detention capacity for individuals who pose a threat to public safety.

We respectfully urge the Board to keep all options on the table when it comes to Men's Central Jail, including replacement detention capacity, phased approaches, and continued operation of existing facilities, rather than committing to a fixed five-year closure timeline. With JCIT's comprehensive report expected in September 2026, the Board should not foreclose any alternative before that analysis is complete. Any final decision should ensure that adequate replacement detention capacity, behavioral health services, judicial resources, and sustainable funding are fully in place before Men's Central Jail is permanently closed.

Los Angeles County has an obligation to modernize its correctional and behavioral health systems. It also has an equally important obligation to protect public safety and ensure continuity of essential services throughout that process. We believe these objectives can and should be accomplished together.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M. Rodarte', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Marcel Rodarte

Executive Director

California Contract Cities Association

My name is Mya Coleman. I am a resident of Supervisorial District 3 and a member of the Reimagine LA Coalition. Today to comment on agenda items 15 and 59B.

JCIT, return the 5 year timeline to your presentation and plan. You have received the full support of the Board and County departments, so there is no excuse for being unable to focus on what needs to be done: closing Men's Central Jail as quickly as possible.

The Board has tentatively allocated funding and county departments are waiting on you to take the reins and move implementation with the urgency it deserves. Every delay risks more lives lost..

Stop listening to the sheriff's department when they tell you who can and cannot be moved from MCJ. Before Prop 1, we were told it was impossible to dramatically expand FSP programs, but once County departments were told they **had to**, they found a way to work out a complex process that will benefit thousands directly, and millions indirectly. As we saw today, when we talked to the Sheriff's Department about this the conversation just goes back to building a new jail. We're past that, the motion was closing MCJ without a replacement. Judges are remanding people to LASD custody because diversion programs aren't talked about in court. More political education and outreach is needed to help mandate programs that will actually help them

Listen to the community and listen to the Board. You need to think boldly about what an alternative to our pretrial incarceration system looks like, not just accept the system as it currently is. The status quo is deeply broken; this is a major opportunity to be creative.