

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

Parking Fee Waiver for the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Bonding, Empowering, and Reuniting (BEAR) Program at the Century Regional Detention Facility

The Bonding, Empowering, and Reuniting (BEAR) program that is operated by the LA County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) is a one-of-a-kind, specialized initiative at the Century Regional Detention Facility (CRDF) that allows qualified incarcerated parents to build and maintain healthy parental relationships by providing opportunities for meaningful in-person contact visits and virtual sessions with their children.

The BEAR program operates through two primary components to help parents connect with their families:

- Contact Visiting: Allows qualifying incarcerated individuals in-person contact to bond with their children.
- Webex Visiting: Facilitates secure virtual visits so parents can maintain contact even when in-person visits are not feasible.

The BEAR program not only focuses on providing incarcerated parents at CRDF with resources for successful societal reentry, but it can help break generational separation, incarceration, and trauma.

Currently, there are approximately 30 families who are participating in the in-person program once a week. The children who arrive at CRDF to visit their incarcerated

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parent are brought to the facility by their family members or caregivers. A significant portion of families travel hundreds of miles from other counties or north Los Angeles County locations to participate in this vital family reunification program. Many of these caregivers require taking a day off from work and the added cost of parking for every visit can be taxing on an already marginalized population. Research has demonstrated cost and geographic distance are leading reasons families do not visit incarcerated loved ones. Reducing financial burden of visiting on families can help sustain the parent-child relationship.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Internal Services Department (ISD) to waive the parking fees in the below listed amounts, excluding the cost of liability insurance, for the BEAR program participants at the Century Regional Detention Facility's parking lot located at 11705 S Alameda St, Lynwood, CA 90262 from August 2026 to December 2026, at a the total cost of \$2,640.

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