

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

AGN. NO.
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Keep on Track: Funding Year One of the Men’s Central Jail Closure Plan

Over the years, multiple conversations, discussions, meetings, and reports were issued on how the County could close Men’s Central Jail (MCJ).

After a March 2026 motion¹ to uphold the objective and goal of JCIT and for there to be a solid timeline and plan, JCIT issued its “Initial Set of Required Actions for Jail Closure”² in April 2026. The report proposed seven different actions the County, through the leadership of County Departments, such as the Departments of Health Services, Public Health, and Public Defender, with collaboration and support from the Los Angeles Superior Court (LASC), needed to take to begin the proposed 5-year timeline for the closure of MCJ.

The actions also included a first-year price tag of \$28,298,500 dollars to fund the following Required Actions:

- **Required Action #1:** Expand the Office of Diversion and Reentry Law Enforcement Assisted Diversion (ODR-LEAD) Program to more communities throughout the County
- **Required Action #2:** Expand the Public Defender’s (PD) Holistic Early

¹ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/213363.pdf>

² <https://ceo.lacounty.gov/wp-content/uploads/2026/05/Quarterly-Report-No.-7-April-17-2026.pdf>

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Assessment and Linkage Program (HEAL) to All Felony Arraignment Courts

- **Required Action #3:** Expand the Department of Public Health’s Substance Abuse Prevention and Control (DPH-SAPC) Client Engagement and Navigation Services (CENS) to Uncovered Felony Arraignment Courts
- **Required Action #4:** Stabilize and Expand the Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) Rapid Diversion Program (RDP)
- **Required Action #5:** Secure Ongoing Funding for Justice, Care, and Opportunities Department (JCOD) Specialized Treatment for Optimized Programming (STOP)
- **Required Action #6:** Stabilize and Expand the Office of Diversion and Reentry (ODR) Housing for P3 and P4 Clients
- **Required Action #7:** Expand ODR Housing for P2 Clients with Higher Mental Health Needs ³

At two different presentations of the County’s budget plan for Fiscal Year 2026-2027, Supervisor Hahn requested to see the initial investment of \$24 million⁴ for the MCJ Closure Plan to be funded in the Supplemental Budget. The purpose is to ensure that the Board continues to commit to “care first, jails last”, MCJ closure, and to fund the closure work. The total estimated cost of the five-year MCJ closure plan is \$2,711,407,854, of which \$1,549,929,854 dollars is still needed, and without the first year of funding of \$28,298,500 dollars, the cost can potentially increase exponentially and will delay MCJ closure.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors suspend Section 22.1 of the

³ Id.

⁴ Updated cost per JCIT is \$28,298,500

Rules of the Board for the limited purpose of considering this motion.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors direct the Chief Executive Office to identify and fund the first year of the Men's Central Jail closure plan, proposed by the Jail Closure Implementation Team, and have it reflected in the 2026-2027 Supplemental Budget.

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