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.		**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: 7/22/2026 9:00:14 AM

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

			• 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	
	Other	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-Slentz	Concerns and urge for reconsideration
		Item Total	**10**	
59-B.	15	**Favor**	Mark S Gale	
		Other	Mya Coleman	
		Item Total	**2**	
Grand Total			**12**	

As of: 7/22/2026 9:00:14 AM