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MOTION BY SUPERVISOR JANICE HAHN

AGN. NO.
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Ensuring Equitable and Consistent Access to Hygiene Kits in the Los Angeles County Jails

On May 5, 2026, the Los Angeles County (County) Board of Supervisors (Board) issued a motion called, “Health and Dignity: Providing Hygiene Kits to Incarcerated People in Los Angeles County”¹ with a request from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department (LASD) to provide a report back in 14 days on cost to provide hygiene kits to all incarcerated people, an accounting of stock, identification of potential funding sources to provide the hygiene kits, and any attempts to explore other cost saving approaches to provide hygiene kits to people who are incarcerated in the County jails.

On June 19, 2026, LASD provided the Board with a report back² providing the estimated cost to provide people who are incarcerated with a free hygiene kit, ~~which is, per the report, a “codified requirement”³ for a “recurring, guarantee entitlement.”⁴ LASD was utilizing the Inmate Welfare Fund (IWF) as the sole source to fund hygiene kits, despite County Counsel stating that the IWF was not “an appropriate funding source”⁵.~~

The question at hand is not whether LASD should be providing hygiene kits to

¹ <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/215877.pdf>

² <https://file.lacounty.gov/SDSInter/bos/supdocs/216140.pdf>

³ Id.

⁴ Id.

⁵ Id.

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people who are incarcerated, regardless of indigency, but rather their need to provide them⁶ at a certain frequency standard⁷ per the Board of State and Community Corrections' Title 15, in addition to ensuring an appropriate funding source is identified to account for this need.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors request the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to:

1. Implement a more equitable and consistent process so that any incarcerated person in Los Angeles County jails can access hygiene kits, without cost, per Title 15 frequency standards⁸ or better or when requested, in 30 days, and
2. In consultation with the Chief Executive Office, identify another form of appropriate funding and/or ensure the full cost is included in the Department's annual budget as a codified requirement to provide free hygiene kits for incarcerated persons.

I, FURTHER, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

- ~~1. Direct the Auditor Controller, in consultation with County Counsel, to review and audit the Inmate Welfare Fund's annual expenditure report, from the last three years to ensure all provisions funded by the IWF is in accordance to Penal Code §4025, and provide the Board with a report back, in writing, in 90 days with findings and recommendations.~~
- ~~2. Direct County Counsel and Risk Management to provide in-depth training for LASD~~

⁶ Title 15, §1265, Issue of Personal Care Items

⁷ Title 15, §1266, Showering

⁸ "There shall be written policies and procedures developed by the facility administrator for showering/bathing. Incarcerated persons shall be permitted to shower/bathe upon assignment to a housing unit and at least every other day or more often if possible. Absent exigent circumstances, no person shall be prohibited from showering at least every other day following assignment to a housing unit. If showering is prohibited, it must be approved by the facility manager or designee, and the reason(s) for prohibition shall be documented."

~~staff whose responsibilities include IWF, including the IWF Commission members on:~~

- ~~a. The proper use of the Inmate Welfare Fund;~~
- ~~b. Update or create new policies to ensure compliance with Penal Code §4025 by October 1, 2026; and~~
- ~~c. Proper approval processes for future Inmate Welfare Fund uses.~~

3. ~~D~~irect the Office of Inspector General, in collaboration with County Counsel, to review the annual itemized report of IWF expenditures, 30 days before they are submitted to the Board, with any findings and concerns, including if any are repeatable findings per Directive 1.

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