

**POC Motion to Learn About and Make Recommendations on Visitation
Best Practices for Los Angeles County Probation Facilities
POC Meeting Agenda of August 14, 2025**

AGENDA ITEM 5

Discuss and take possible action on Probation's visitation policy.

PREAMBLE

During the last year, commission staff and commissioners have repeatedly observed and learned of challenges related to inconsistently applied and concerning policy for families visiting young people in Probation's juvenile facilities. Recently, the Ombudsperson's Division of Office of Youth and Community Restoration (OYCR) also observed visitation and sent the Probation Department a letter expressing serious concerns and recommendations regarding what they witnessed during visitation at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. Given the critical role that family engagement plays in the accountability and rehabilitation process of detained young people, visitation policies and practices should be designed and implemented with the concept that family members and other supportive adults are vital to the young person's healing and in preparing them to reenter the community.

MOTION

I move to instruct the POC Staff to:

- 1. Conduct observations of visitation at Probation's juvenile facilities, interview families, youth, probation staff, and advocates about their visitation experiences and recommendations.**
- 2. Work with OYCR and conduct additional research about policies and practices in other jurisdictions to learn about best practices.**
- 3. Submit a report outlining findings and recommendations about Probation's visitation policies and procedures to the POC's Policy Ad Hoc Committee for approval to bring back before the full Probation Oversight Commission.**