



County of Los Angeles
Chief Executive Office

PUBLIC SAFETY CLUSTER AGENDA REVIEW MEETING

FESIA A. DAVENPORT
Acting Chief Executive Officer

DATE: Wednesday, September 9, 2020
TIME: 10:00 a.m.

**DUE TO CLOSURE OF ALL COUNTY BUILDING, TO PARTICIPATE IN THE MEETING CALL
TELECONFERENCE NUMBER: (323) 776-6996 ID: 752788993#**

AGENDA

Members of the Public may address the Public Safety Cluster on any agenda item by submitting a written request prior to the meeting. Two (2) minutes are allowed for each item.

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **INFORMATIONAL ITEM(S)** [Any Information Item is subject to discussion and/or presentation at the request of two or more Board offices with advance notification]:
 - A. None
3. **PRESENTATION/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):**
 - A. Board Briefing:
CHALLENGER STATUS BRIEFING
Speaker(s): Deborah Kanter
 - B. Board Briefing:
MAINTAINING THE DECREASED OF POPULATION DECREASED IN
LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Speaker(s): Felicia Cotton & Luis Dominguez (Probation) and Taylor Schooley (ODR)
4. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
(2 minutes each speaker)
5. **ADJOURNMENT**

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6. UPCOMING ITEMS:

- A.** Board Letter:
APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT WITH COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING INSTITUTE OF CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION PROGRAM
Speaker(s): Sergio V, Escobedo and Ramona Zamora (Sheriff)
- B.** Board Letter:
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE EURASIAN ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE
Speaker(s): Eduardo A. Hernandez and Ramona Zamora (Sheriff)
- C.** Board Letter:
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE ASIAN ORGANIZED CRIME TASK FORCE
Speaker(s): Eduardo A. Hernandez and Ramona Zamora (Sheriff)
- D.** Board Letter:
ACCEPT A GRANT AWARD FROM THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL FOR THE ALCOHOL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM 2020-2021
Speaker(s): Joseph E. Nicassio and Elida D. Rodriguez (Sheriff)
- E.** Board Letter:
ADVANCE NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO ENTER INTO NEGOTIATIONS FOR A SOLE SOURCE AMENDMENT TO EXTEND AGREEMENT NUMBER 78034 WITH SENTINEL OFFENDER SERVICES, LLC TO PROVIDE CONTINUED LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFENDER MONITORING SYSTEM SERVICES
Speaker(s): Jim Cerda and Angelo Faiella (Sheriff)
- F.** Board Letter:
AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A NON-FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION TO ALLOW ACCESS TO VIDEO PRODUCED BY CLOSED-CIRCUIT TELEVISION CAMERAS
Speaker(s): Robert Smythe and Tom Faust (Probation)
- G.** Board Letter:
AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CHIEF PROBATION OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A NON-FINANCIAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE CITY OF LONG BEACH TO PROVIDE PROBATION SERVICES AT THE LONG BEACH MULTI-SERVICE CENTER
Speaker(s): Robert Smythe and Reaver Bingham (Probation)

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- H.** Board Letter:
AUTHORIZE THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ENTER INTO A THREE-YEAR AGREEMENT WITH THE CALIFORNIA VICTIM COMPENSATION BOARD (CalVCB) TO ADMINISTER THE VICTIMS OF CRIME REVOLVING FUND FOR THE CLAIMS VERIFICATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2020-21, 2021-22, AND 2022-23 ALL DISTRICTS
Speaker(s): Michael Au-Yeung and Michele Daniels (District Attorney)

- I.** Board Letter:
AUTHORIZE THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY TO ACCEPT GRANT FUNDS FROM THE SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION (SSA) FOR THE COOPERATIVE DISABILITY INVESTIGATIONS (CDI) FOR FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2019-2020 THROUGH FY 2023-2024 AND APPROVE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENT FOR FY 2020-2021
Speaker(s): Michael Au-Yeung and Robert Maus (District Attorney)

Transformation of Challenger Memorial Youth Center in the Antelope Valley

Los Angeles County is taking a leadership role in working to achieve a more just and equitable society for its ten million residents. One of its bold, innovative efforts is to close the largest juvenile detention facility in the United States – the Challenger Memorial Youth Center (Challenger) – and transform the site into a voluntary residential educational and career training center for under-served, transition age youth. Challenger is located in the Antelope Valley, one of the most culturally diverse and highest need areas in Los Angeles County. The envisioned program will serve young women ages 18-30 and young men ages 18-25 who were formerly involved in the criminal justice and/or foster care systems, who are homeless, or who are otherwise opportunity youth. Significantly, the facility will accommodate participants' children to make it possible for young women and men who are primary caregivers to access services. The program's participating youth stand at a pivotal point as they move into adulthood. Faced with inter-generational poverty, traumatic life experiences, and lack of opportunity for meaningful education or employment, these young men and women have never been offered the real opportunity for success that this initiative will provide.

As the largest youth probation camp in the country (220,000 square foot facility on 65 acres), Challenger is an ideal site for such an innovation. The campus affords plenty of space to operate a comprehensive program, and its location in the Antelope Valley allows us to build on existing initiatives bringing resources to the community, leveraging these partnerships and investments. The practical and symbolic importance of this project cannot be overstated. Whereas the California State Legislature voted throughout the 1980's-2000's to build over 20 prisons and only one university, this initiative will take a meaningful step toward undoing that legacy.

Operationally, participants will live on site for 6-18 months while they are offered educational pathways (high school diploma, community college and four-year college) and career training. In addition, the program will provide comprehensive mental health services and robust life-skills instruction (everything from parenting to anger management, mindfulness to nutrition, resume building to financial literacy). The center will build collaborative partnerships with local community-based organizations, academic institutions, and industries to ensure the holistic quality and excellence of these offerings. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, the young women and men will be linked with a living wage job and housing.

With regard to housing, one idea under consideration is to provide apartments on site for the graduates of the program. Independent, “transitional” housing would allow the young people a longer runway from which to launch their adult lives. Moving from the dorms to nearby individual apartments, they could stay close to the community, access their teachers, counselors and therapists, and serve as mentors for the next cohort of program participants, taking the next step in their lives in a supportive and safe environment.

While the County will pay for the development of the program and for ongoing operation and maintenance expenses for the facility, this project is being realized through collaborative public-private partnerships. The State of California awarded the initiative a five-million-dollar seed grant from the 2019-2020 budget; the Reissa Foundation and the Specialty Family Foundation have provided planning grants; and Stanford Law School, UCLA Graduate School of Architecture and the USC Annenberg School for Communication and Journalism are providing in kind research and support services.

This pilot project offers a meaningful opportunity at a unique moment in history to achieve transformative social change. By turning away from incarcerating young people and moving toward educating and supporting them, by transforming a punitive detention facility into a place of home, opportunity and hope, we are investing in the future of our youth and our country. Our aim is nothing less than to provide a replicable model that can change the life trajectory of a generation.

For more information, please contact project manager Deborah Kanter (biography attached) at deborahkanter@gmail.com or 310-487-8303.

Deborah L. Kanter



Deborah Kanter is leading the initiative undertaken by the County of Los Angeles to transform and repurpose the country's largest youth detention facility into a voluntary, residential educational and career training center for transition age, opportunity youth who were previously system-involved (justice and/or foster care system) or who are homeless, giving these vulnerable young men and women a real opportunity for a successful future with jobs and housing.

For 16 years prior to undertaking this innovative and transformative effort, Ms. Kanter served as director of major projects and strategic initiatives and general counsel for the Eli and Edythe Broad-funded philanthropies and family office. During this time, she helped envision and oversaw the development of The Broad contemporary art museum and its surrounding complex, working with renowned architects Diller Scofidio + Renfro and Gensler to create a vibrant and wildly successful cultural district on Grand Avenue that has re-made Bunker Hill in downtown Los Angeles. In connection with the development of The Broad, Ms. Kanter led the tax-exempt bond financing underwritten by Morgan Stanley, negotiated all development rights, zoning and land acquisitions, and directed construction of a \$200 million museum building, garage and public plaza. She also developed the innovative, acclaimed restaurant Otium and oversaw its award-winning design and construction.

Prior to joining the Broad organizations, Ms. Kanter was vice president and founding general counsel for the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, where she served on the executive management team during a major turn-around of the institution that involved creating a strategic plan, restructuring the board of trustees, reorganizing staff, fundraising, and implementing disciplined budgetary planning. Ms. Kanter also initiated major joint ventures and new initiatives. Before joining LACMA, Ms. Kanter was a nonprofit tax lawyer at O'Melveny & Myers in Los Angeles. Prior to that, she worked as the director of the Oriental Rugs & Carpets Division of Sotheby's Arcade Auctions and as a special assistant for artist Robert Longo.

Ms. Kanter holds a J.D. from Stanford Law School and a M.A. in art history from Stanford University. She received her B.A. from Wellesley College. Ms. Kanter serves on the boards of The Broad, The Broad Art Foundation, Hope Street Restaurants, LLC and Crossroads School for Arts and Sciences.