

**JJRBG Meeting August 13, 2021**  
**Written Public Comments Submitted via E-mail**  
**Agenda Item III**

1. Greg Rio

I would like to know why there is this insistence on spending significant amounts of taxpayer money renovating facilities that are less secure than an existing locations such as Barry J Nidorf.

Why are you pretending that these are average juveniles convicted of minor crimes, they are not!

These youth need to be housed at Barry J Nidorf Juvenile Hall. We are NOT talking about shoplifting and other minor crimes, we **are** talking about the most violent of all juvenile offenders, **convicted** of murder, rape, and other significantly violent crimes.

Their victims are the citizens of Los Angeles.

This population demands secure facilities until they have served their sentences or have been reformed.

Other counties are not looking for less secure facilities. San Mateo is using their existing juvenile hall. Apparently, the safety of their citizens is an important consideration.

Currently in Los Angeles, many crimes are will not be prosecuted, shoplifting for instance up to \$950. This will create room in existing locations for this minority of the violent juvenile offenders.

If what you want to help these youth, do it,

do it in a secure facility.

Why this waste of taxpayer money on facilities that are not needed.

Spend it to upgrade existing facilities, not to create less secure facilities.

Spend it to help victims recover,

Spent it in at-risk neighborhoods,

Spend it to help **prevent** juvenile crime,

not perpetuate it by creating safe havens for convicted violent offenders.

2. Gregg Johnson

Please provide updates on the timeline for the decision regarding carry-over funds from 20-21 to this fiscal year