

JJCC Meeting November 2, 2021
Public Comments Submitted via E-mail
Agenda Item IVa.

1. Alex Cina

there are 13 young folks stuck at the compound stagnant, having no progress on their rehabilitation path. We need to get them to Kirkpatrick ASAP. For five months the probation department has been engaging in discussions with the union with no end in sight. This route is harming children and this should be about taking care of children. This county and its departments have put off taking care of them for far too long now.

2. Milinda Khakhani

There are at least 13 young people who have received a secure track disposition. Each of those boys is currently trapped at Barry J. Nidorf, in the compound specifically, without access to meaningful, supportive, rehabilitative programming. These boys need to be transferred to Kilpatrick and MDTs connected to these transfers need to happen immediately. For five months, the Probation Department has been engaging in discussions with the union, with no end in sight, in order to figure out how these youth will be supported. With the delay in transferring these children to Kilpatrick, these children are left without any progress in their individual rehabilitation plan and the chance to be stepped down in 6 months. A young person's period of incarceration should not be contingent on labor discussions. This is about taking care of children, and this county and its departments have put off taking care of them for far too long.

Additionally, everything in this JIRBG plan must be transparent and vetted. Yesterday's last minute addition of transformative mentoring, a concept that has yet to be presented to the community and JIRBG members, is at the very core of why there is so much skepticism around Probation. Be transparent. Move the credible messenger piece forward. Leave transformative mentoring behind.

3. Aditi Sherikar

We need to get these 13 young people to Kilpatrick immediately. For five months, the Probation Department has been engaging in discussions with labor with no end in sight. This has resulted in children forced to remain stuck at the compound within Barry J. Nidorf, without any meaningful progress on their individualized rehabilitation plan. At their 6-month review, there will be no chance of a step-down through no fault of these young people. A young person's period of incarceration should not be contingent on labor discussions. It is completely unfair to these young people that labor negotiations are holding up their individual progress and rehabilitation.

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4. Leah Gasser-Ordaz

The JJCC governance subcommittee must focus on improving the CMJJP process and public engagement in how JJCPA funding is spent.

The CMJJP process has improved A LOT, but it is still very flawed and completely lacks public engagement and transparency. The CMJJP process and the JIRBG should be supported by an entity outside of Probation with expertise in public engagement and facilitating decision-making to provide

more capacity to these subcommittees. The JJCC should look to the successes and challenges of other community-driven funding processes, such as Measure J/CFCI, to learn from what has worked and what has not. All of the funding proposals reviewed by the CMJJP subcommittee should be posted online so the public can also review the details of these proposals, and there should be a comparable way for the public to submit their own proposals. The CMJJP should hold listening sessions and create a way for the public to submit questions and concerns about the proposals so subcommittee members can consider these when making funding decisions. JJCC members and the public need to get all written materials days in advanced of meetings.

We should NOT fund school-based probation again this year. Enough is enough. The JJCC should not fund School based probation any longer. Juvenile Probation has a \$570 million budget. School based probation should be ended, and we certainly should not be using \$4.4 million in JJCPA funding for this.

The Board of Supervisors has endorsed Youth Justice Reimagined (YJR) through multiple unanimous votes, and YJR recommends phasing out school-based supervision in the first 18 months. A year has already passed, so it is the responsibility of the JJCC to stop funding this program. PRA requests have been sent to Probation to better understand this program. They have never been answered, and probation stated there is no specialized training for this program. Last year's CMJJP showed that the number of youth on probation supervision has decreased by 30% over 3 years. Why then do we still need to use JJCPA funding for this program? Which schools have school-based probation officers? What are their caseloads? How many youth are arrested in these schools each year? What is the program's total budget? The JJCC should have all of these answers and more before giving this program any more funding!

5. Casey Massimino

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- What that means is that children are stuck at the compound within Barry J. Nidorf, without any meaningful progress on their individualized rehabilitation plan. What that means is that by the time of their 6 month review they won't have a chance to enter a step-down facility.
- A young person's period of incarceration should not be contingent on labor discussions.
- This is about taking care of children, and this county and its departments have put off taking care of them for far too long
- Everything in this JJRBG plan must be transparent and vetted
- Yesterday's last minute addition of transformative mentoring, a concept that has yet to be presented to the community and JJRBG members, is at the very core of why there is so much skepticism around Probation.
- Be transparent
- Move the credible messenger piece forward. Leave transformative mentoring behind.

6. Nicole Brown

There are 13 young people stuck in Barry J who have received a Secure Youth Track disposition. These youth need to be moved to Kilpatrick immediately. The plan is now done, so we need to get this moving. For five months, the Probation Department has been engaging in discussions with the union, with no end in sight. What that means is that children are stuck at the compound within Barry J. Nidorf, without any meaningful progress on their individualized rehabilitation plan. What that means is that by the time of their 6 month review they won't have a chance to enter a step-down facility. A young person's period of incarceration should not be contingent on labor discussions. This is about taking care of children, and this county and its departments have put off taking care of them for far too long

Everything in this JJRBG plan must be transparent and vetted. Yesterday's last minute addition of "transformative mentoring," a concept that has yet to be presented to the community and JJRBG members, is at the very core of why there is so much skepticism around Probation. It feels like a last minute attempt to co-opt the idea of credible messengers which has been developed collaboratively and transparently for some time. Probation Department, please be transparent.

7. Olivia Shields

My name is Olivia Shields with Urban Peace Institute and Los Angeles Youth Uprising Coalition giving written public comment for agenda items 4a and 4b. Regarding item 4a, the 13 young people who are in Barry J. Nidorf need to be transferred to Camp Kilpatrick immediately. Probation has spent five months engaging in discussions with the union, while children are stuck at the compound with no meaningful progress on their individualized rehabilitation plan. When they reach their 6-month review, therefore, they won't have a chance to enter a step-down facility. These are children, and the county and its departments have neglected them for long enough. Moreover, everything in the JJRBG plan must be transparent and vetted. Probation's last-minute addition of "Transformative Mentoring," which has yet to be explained to community or JJRBG members, highlights why we are so skeptical of the Probation department; move forward with credible messengers as has been thoroughly discussed instead of adding vague new concepts!