



# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES PROBATION COMMISSION

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AUGUST 13 AT 10 AM

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Downey, CA 90242

**AGENDA FOR THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE PROBATION  
COMMISSION COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020  
10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**



**Commissioners**

Joe Gardner-President

Hon. Jan Levine (Ret)-1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Gale Swartz-2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President  
Donald Meredith, Hon. Betsy Butler (Ret.) Daniel Seaver, Azael Martinez-Sonoqui  
Cyn Yamashiro, Esq., Jacqueline Caster, Esq. Jo Kaplan, Esq.  
Olivia E. Mitchell, Peter Shutan, Randy Herbon, Hon. Sunny Zia

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**ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

1. Excused Absences:
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes: July 9, 2020, July 23, 2020

**Attachment(s): July 9, 2020, July 23, 2020**

**The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion, and take vote and action relevant to item 3.**

**PROBATION DEPARTMENT**

4. Update from Department leadership regarding current conditions in juvenile halls and camps including brief overview of service kiosks accessible to youth in camps.
5. Update and discussion of the status of the Probation Department Reserve Program.
6. General report from Deputy Director Ron Barrett of Internal Affairs regarding investigations into allegations that Probation staff committed timekeeping fraud.
7. Response from the Probation Department Human Resources regarding testing of field staff for COVID 19, including briefing on recent changes to the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (H.I.P.A.A.)

8. Trailing agenda item continued from previous meeting to be addressed as the Probation Department obtains more information. These items will be in future agendas.
- Budgetary cuts by percentage
    - Where would cuts be made?
    - Freezing positions?
    - Freezing programs?
    - Delayed procurements?
  - The impacts of transition of DJJ custody services to the supervision of LA County.
    - a. Public Safety Concerns (DJJ ages goes to age 25)
    - b. Custody management (Need to increase training from current BCSC Juvenile Core Course?)
    - c. Field Supervision (Similar to how PCRS/AB109 is done or like currently done by Juvenile Field Services?)
    - d. Fiscal Impact (any state reimbursement? Cost to county? Revenue source?)
    - e. Facility needs (Upgrades for handling a higher risk population)
    - f. Anticipated numbers - 70+- as stated by Deputy Director Cotton on 6-11-2020
    - g. Types of offenses (Usually very serious)
    - h. Mental Health issues
    - i. Alternatives to incarceration
  - SB 889 (Proposed legislation changing minors to youth)
    - a. Makes Juvenile prosecution and juvenile 19 and under
    - b. How to use facilities to keep 18+ separate from those 17 and under
    - c. Fiscal Impact due to adding 18 and 19-year-old the Juvenile System, (any state reimbursement? Cost to county? Revenue source?)
  - Education planning for new arrivals from DJJ - high school diplomas for those who have not gotten already; college courses for others.
  - Community service providers that they are working with to provide services both within the facilities, and once youth are released:
    - a. Job training/placement.
    - b. Mental health support.
    - c. Drug and alcohol support.
    - d. General re-entry preparation.
  - Family counseling

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### **GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENT**

9. Opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest within the subject matter of the Commission.

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## BUSINESS CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS MEETING

### COMMISSIONER REPORTS AND UPDATES

10. Developments regarding search for new Chief Probation Officer

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### NEW BUSINESS

Discussion regarding proposed topics for next meeting, scheduled for August 27, 2020.

The Probation Commission will receive, exchange, distribute information, conduct discussion and take possible action relevant to NEW BUSINESS and proposed topics next meeting.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ADJOURNMENT

August 24 is the anniversary of the loss of Los Angeles County Fire Department/Probation Crew 4-4. The plaque below was made and is now on display at the flagpole at Los Angeles County Fire Station #97 in Azusa. It honors one Los Angeles County Firefighter and eight Los Angeles County Probation Crewmembers from Crew 4-4. They perished in the "Canyon" wildfire on August 24, 1968 about 500 yards from where station 97 is now located. We adjoin this meeting in remembrance of them.

