



**MINUTES
FOR THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY
PROBATION REFORM & IMPLEMENTATION TEAM
MISSION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MANDATE OF
PROBATION OVERSIGHT COMMISSION (POC)**

**Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Room 374-A
Los Angeles California 90012**

**Wednesday, October 25, 2018
2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

Members Present: Chairman Saul Sarabia, Member Alex Sanchez , Member Cyn Yamashiro, Member Dr. Sheila Balkan, Member Jose Osuna, Member Mack Jenkins, Member Tiana Murillo, Member Carrie Clarke, Member Sheila Williams

Others Present: Rodrigo Castro-Silva, County Counsel
Brian Williams, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission
Max Huntsman, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General
Mark Smith, Inspector General, Office of the Inspector General, Los Angeles Police Commission
Patricia Soung, Director of Youth Justice Policy and Senior Staff Attorney, Children’s Defense Fund

I. Welcome and Overview of Objectives

Chairman Sarabia called the meeting to order at 2:04 p.m. and welcomed the Probation Reform & Implementation Team (PRIT) members, Subject Matter Experts (SMEs) and constituents.

Member Yamashiro provided examples of the struggles that the current Probation Commission is facing. Commissioner Jan G. Levine, Probation Commission, also reiterated the present concerns of the commission and suggested that the Probation Oversight Commission (POC) hire outside counsel.

II. Parameters of Probation Oversight

Mr. Rod Castro-Silva, County Counsel, provided a presentation on the Parameters for the POC, which included a brief explanation of the following:

- Legal Permissions for Probation Oversight in Los Angeles County
- State Law on Access to Information
- Brown Act
- Senate Bill 1421; and
- Welfare and Institutions Code 229

III. Community Input on Expansion to Adult Probation

Ms. Patricia Soung, Director of Youth Justice Policy and Senior Staff Attorney, Children's Defense Fund, introduced herself by providing a brief background history of herself; and her knowledge on the history of Probation Committees and Juvenile Justice Commissions.

Ms. Soung encouraged the participants to use the comment cards and addressed the re-entry for adults by focusing on:

- Homelessness
- Healthy Transition Back into Society
- Mental Health/Substance Abuse Counseling
- Social Supports: Employment, Career Building Guidance, Child Care, Etc.

The community then engaged in conversation by answering the following question:

- What are the most important areas in the oversight of adult probation?

Community members shared their thoughts on the specific needs for the oversight of adult probation.

IV. Exploring Local Oversight Structures

Mr. Brian Williams, Executive Director, Sheriff Civilian Oversight Commission (SCOC) provided an overview of the structure of the SCOC, and explained on the issues and challenges faced by the SCOC.

Mr. Max Huntsman, Inspector General, Office of Inspector General (OIG), also presented an overview of the structure of the OIG and provided scenarios of the benefits from having an oversight commission, and how the partnership between SCOC and the OIG can have an impact on the Sheriff's Department.

Mr. Mark P. Smith, Office of the Inspector General, Los Angeles Police Commission, provided an overview of the structure of the OIG, Los Angeles Police Commission, along with an Organization Chart depicting the commissioner's direct contact between the Los Angeles City Chief of Police and the Inspector General Smith. He further elaborated on the OIG Los Angeles powers when conducting investigations and how an office of 30 staff work in five areas of responsibility: Complaints; Audits and Reviews; Community Relations and Strategic Initiatives; Use of Force; and Administrative Support.

V. PRIT Questions/Community Input

The community then engaged in conversation by answering the following question:

- How can we empower the POC to be effective with expanding oversight authority over adult and juvenile services?

Community members shared their thoughts and posed questions to PRIT members or SMEs.

VI. Closing and Next Steps

Chairman Sarabia announced that PRIT will host its next community dialogue on Wednesday, November 14, 2018 and thanked the PRIT members and the community for participating in today's activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 p.m.