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6 **Monitors**

7 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

8 **FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

9 PETER JOHNSON, DONALD  
10 PETERSON and MICHAEL  
CURFMAN, on behalf of themselves  
11 and all others similarly situated,

CASE NO. 2:08-cv-03515-MWF-Ex

**INSPECTOR GENERAL'S TENTH  
IMPLEMENTATION STATUS  
REPORT**

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, a public  
15 entity; ROBERT LUNA, as Sheriff of  
County of Los Angeles, and COUNTY  
16 OF LOS ANGELES, a public entity,

17 Defendants.

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1 Pursuant to section V, subsection M, of the Settlement Agreement  
2 (“Agreement”), the Los Angeles County Office of Inspector General (“OIG”), the  
3 Monitor appointed by this Court, submits the attached *Inspector General’s Tenth*  
4 *Implementation Status Report* (“Report”) evaluating Defendants’ compliance with  
5 the terms of the Agreement. This report was prepared by the OIG to provide  
6 “reasonable and regular reports” to Plaintiffs and Defendants (collectively referred  
7 to as the “Parties”) and the Court. This is the tenth report on the implementation  
8 status of the Agreement. The OIG is available to answer any questions the Court  
9 may have regarding this Report and Defendants’ compliance with the Agreement.

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Dated: March 31, 2026

Respectfully submitted,

By:   
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Dara Williams  
Chief Deputy, Inspector General



1 Background

2           On August 24, 2016, the Parties agreed on compliance measures to serve as  
3 a guideline for implementing the terms of the Agreement and to establish the  
4 Agreement’s minimum compliance standards. The measures were written based on  
5 the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s (the “Department” or “LASD”)  
6 expectations about policies, procedures, practices, and systems that it intended to  
7 implement to ensure compliance with the terms of the Agreement. Where  
8 necessary to serve the interests of Class Members and the Department, and to  
9 promote effective implementation of the Agreement, the OIG will consider  
10 alternative evidence as proof of compliance. Precisely how the Department proves  
11 compliance with each provision is less important than whether each provision is  
12 effectively and durably implemented. Though the OIG is not rigid in its  
13 consideration of the types of evidence that support compliance, all evidence  
14 submitted must be verifiable, replicable, and sufficient to make a compliance  
15 determination.

16           The Department’s Custody Compliance and Sustainability Bureau  
17 (“CCSB”) is responsible for preparing self-assessments and coordinating any  
18 additional documentation as requested by the OIG. Correctional Health Services  
19 (“CHS”) is responsible for providing medical and mental health services to all  
20 people incarcerated in the Los Angeles County jails, including Class Members, and

1 for coordinating, as necessary, with the Department in providing required  
2 accommodations.<sup>2</sup>

3 The OIG makes a compliance finding for each provision based on the degree  
4 to which each provision has been effectively and durably implemented. A *non-*  
5 *compliance* finding means Defendants made no notable progress in achieving  
6 compliance with any of the key components of a particular provision. A *partial*  
7 *compliance* finding means Defendants have made notable progress in achieving  
8 compliance with the key components of a particular provision. A *substantial*  
9 *compliance* finding means Defendants have successfully met all, or nearly all, of  
10 the compliance thresholds for a particular provision. A *sustained compliance*  
11 finding means Defendants maintained *substantial compliance* for a period of at  
12 least twelve months following the OIG’s initial *substantial compliance* finding.  
13 Once a provision has achieved *sustained compliance*, the OIG will stop monitoring  
14 that provision for purposes of the Agreement.

15 On June 30, 2016, the Department implemented Custody Division Manual  
16 (“CDM”) section 5-12/005.10, “Handling of Inmates with Mobility and/or Sensory  
17 Impairment.” This policy was moved to CDM section 5-03/085.00, “Handling of  
18 Inmates with Mobility and/or Sensory Impairments,” on December 19, 2022, and

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20 <sup>2</sup> In 2015, CHS, an agency within the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services, assumed responsibility from the Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department’s Medical Services Bureau for providing medical and mental health care in the jails.

1 updated in September 2023. Unless otherwise noted, references to the “*Johnson*  
2 policy” pertain to this CDM section.

3 Pursuant to stipulation of the Parties, the Court has severed 38 of the 49  
4 provisions from the Agreement that have either achieved *sustained compliance* or  
5 were documented as “completed” during settlement negotiations and are no longer  
6 subject to monitoring by the OIG.<sup>3</sup> See Docket Nos. 237, 248, 256. Four additional  
7 provisions have achieved *sustained compliance* but have not been severed from the  
8 Agreement.<sup>4</sup> See Docket Nos. 259, 269. As such, the OIG will only issue findings  
9 on the remaining seven provisions.

10 Current Status

11 As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, the Department  
12 continues to make strides in improving the conditions for Class Members.

13 While progress has been slow at times, the Department has taken significant  
14 steps to address several issues. For example, it has exceeded the requirements  
15 set forth under provision B.4 (Thermal Clothing) by implementing a process  
16 for distributing thermal clothing to all Class Members, without a prescription,  
17 upon arrival to the IRC and CRDF Reception Center. Another example, is the

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<sup>3</sup> The 38 severed provisions include A.1, A.2, A.3, A.5(a), A.5(b), A.5(c), A.6, B.1(a), B.1(b), B.1(c), B.2, B.3, C.4(a), C.4(b), C.4(c), C.4(d), C.4(e), C.5, D.3, D.5, D.6, E.1(a), E.1(b), E.1(c), E.1(d), E.2, E.3, E.4, F.2, F.3, G.1, G.4, G.5, H.2, H.3, I.1, J.1, and K.1. See Appendix.

<sup>4</sup> The four sustained provisions include D.1, D.2, D.4, and F.1.

1 Department’s approach to addressing the requirement in provision G.2  
2 (“ADA” Designation of “ADA” Grievances) that all “ADA” grievances be  
3 identified and marked as “ADA.” In October 2025, the Department turned to  
4 technology, specifically using its digital databases to assist in identifying and  
5 marking grievances as required under the provision. Even though the  
6 technological update came after this year’s self-assessment period, the  
7 Department’s efforts to find innovative ways to address issues are  
8 commendable and the OIG is optimistic this will bring the Department closer  
9 to compliance in the coming years.

10 While the Department has made some notable improvements, historical  
11 issues continue to hinder the Department’s progress and require serious  
12 reforms before the Department can come into compliance with this ten-plus  
13 year Agreement. One of the most challenging issues the Department faces is  
14 the increase in Class Member population and the locations where the Class  
15 Members are housed within the facility. The Department estimated that it had  
16 a total of 399 Class Members on February 4, 2025; on December 8, 2025, it  
17 estimated that it had a total of 574. This is an approximate 44% increase in  
18 Class Members in a span of 10 months, while ADA housing space has  
19 remained the same for years.

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1 Due to the lack of ADA housing, the Department has expanded the  
2 number of areas where Class Members are housed in MCJ and TTCF without  
3 sufficient consideration for the terms of the Agreement, resulting in a myriad  
4 of issues. In prior years, Class Members at MCJ were generally housed on the  
5 7000 and 8000 floors and Class Members at TTCF were generally housed in  
6 modules 232 and 272 (hereinafter referred to as “ADA housing areas”). Class  
7 Members are now housed in several areas throughout those facilities. For  
8 example, on January 27, 2026, 213 of the 360 (approximately 59%) Class  
9 Members at MCJ were housed in areas outside of the 7000 and 8000 floors and  
10 79 of the 171 (approximately 46%) Class Members at TTCF were housed  
11 outside of modules 232 and 272. The vast majority of Class Members who are  
12 housed in non-ADA housing areas are prescribed assistive mobility devices  
13 other than wheelchairs and require varying types of accommodations that are  
14 not always available in non-ADA housing areas.

15 In its self-assessment, the Department acknowledged the challenges of  
16 an increase in Class Member population. Department staff assigned to  
17 *Johnson* monitoring reported they are “studying, planning, and budgeting,” for  
18 an ADA module at CRDF, and expanding the number of ADA-compliant  
19 showers and toilets available at MCJ. Currently, both projects are still in the  
20 nascent stages of development. While the Department’s recognition of this

1 issue and attempts to address it are encouraging, the current state of the  
2 facilities is not adequate to meet the needs of this population. As discussed  
3 under provision H.1 (Reasonable Accommodations), many Class Members in  
4 those areas continue to face architectural barriers, which pose safety risks, and  
5 are denied accommodations or provided inadequate accommodations. As  
6 recommended in the *Eighth and Ninth Implementation Status Reports*, the  
7 Department, in addition to planning to expand facilities in CRDF and MCJ, must  
8 collaborate with CHS to conduct a comprehensive assessment of its Class  
9 Member population to ensure that all Class Members are housed in appropriate  
10 areas of the jails and are receiving all required accommodations in accordance  
11 with the terms of the Agreement.

12         Several additional factors continue to impede Defendants’ reform  
13 efforts. First, the Department is not actively monitoring ongoing compliance  
14 with all terms of the Agreement. For example, as discussed under provision  
15 A.7 (Notification in Town Hall Meetings), several town hall meeting minutes  
16 were missing, or lacked pertinent documentation that could assist in reaching  
17 *substantial compliance* with this provision. Second, the Department must take  
18 greater care in preparing its self-assessments. For example, the self-assessment  
19 for provision A. 7 (Notification in Town Hall Meetings) did not include all Class  
20 Member housing locations as identified on the Class Member “Mobility Impaired

1 Daily Lists.” In addition, missing or incomplete town hall meeting minutes did  
2 not substantiate whether all Class Members were offered the opportunity  
3 to participate in the town halls and that they received notification of available  
4 programming. Due to the lack of supporting information, the OIG was unable  
5 to verify certain information reported in the self- assessment. The OIG found  
6 similar gaps and flaws in methodology when it came to G.3 (Grievance Response  
7 Time), where the Department failed to identify which grievances should be  
8 handled by custody operations and which should be handled by CHS. These  
9 flaws impacted the Department’s ability to accurately identify all required data  
10 and information pursuant to the compliance measures.

11 The OIG conducted 56 *Johnson* site visits during this reporting period,  
12 which included interviews with Class Members and Department and CHS  
13 personnel, as well as compliance spot checks. OIG staff interviewed a total of 251  
14 Class Members housed at MCJ, TTCF, and CRDF for the purpose of determining  
15 Defendants’ compliance with the remaining provisions.<sup>5</sup> As of March 31, 2026,  
16 Defendants have *sustained compliance* with one of the seven remaining provisions.  
17 Defendants remain in *partial compliance* with six provisions.<sup>6</sup>

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20 <sup>5</sup> Although the daily average population of Class Members fluctuates, 251 Class Members accounted for approximately 43% of the entire Class Member population at the time the interviews were conducted.

<sup>6</sup> The compliance rating for each of the 49 provisions as of March 31, 2026, is set forth in the *Appendix*.  
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1 The issues identified during this reporting period make it unlikely that  
2 compliance on the remaining issues will be achieved without additional extensions  
3 of the settlement term as agreed to by the Parties and approved by this Court. The  
4 OIG actively encourages the Department and CHS to collaborate with its *Johnson*  
5 monitoring team to discuss obstacles in areas for which compliance has yet to be  
6 achieved and develop solutions that meet the requirements set forth in the  
7 Agreement while accounting for the complex nature of jail operations.

8 **IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF AGREEMENT PROVISIONS**

9 **SECTION A – Programming**

10 **Provision A.7 – Notification in Town Hall Meetings – *Partial Compliance***

11 Under paragraph 7 of section A of the Agreement, “[n]otification of  
12 available programs will also be provided during ‘town hall’ meetings at the Jail  
13 where appropriate.” The corresponding compliance measures for this provision  
14 require the Department to promulgate policy and to provide minutes from town  
15 hall meetings for two, one-month periods selected by the OIG. As previously  
16 reported, the Department promulgated policy consistent with this provision.  
17 CDM section 5-14/005.00, “Town Hall Meetings,” provides that “every facility is  
18 required to conduct a town hall meeting for each housing area at least once per  
19 month.” The *Johnson* policy requires Class Members to receive information  
20 regarding all available programming during town hall meetings.

1 The OIG selected the periods of August and September 2025 for review.

2 As discussed in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, in September 2024,  
3 the Department met with the OIG to discuss methods of notifying Class Members  
4 of all available programming during town hall meetings. The Department proposed  
5 distributing to Class Members during town hall meetings a half-sheet flyer that  
6 lists all available programming. The OIG approved of this proposal and reiterated  
7 the ongoing expectation that town hall meetings be held in all Class Member  
8 housing locations and that information regarding available programming be  
9 provided during those meetings.

10 CCSB Self-Assessment

11 On December 3, 2025, the Department provided the OIG with a self-  
12 assessment indicating that it has achieved *substantial compliance* with this  
13 provision.<sup>7</sup> CCSB used “Mobility Impaired Daily Lists” provided by Population  
14 Management Bureau (“PMB”) to identify Class Member housing locations for the  
15 selected periods. CCSB identified 165 housing locations across MCJ, TTCF, and  
16 CRDF where Class Members were housed in August and September 2025.

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19 <sup>7</sup> The self-assessment notes that, since January 21, 2025, CCSB conducted a total of 18 facility briefings  
20 for newly assigned sergeants, deputies, and custody assistants to reinforce the requirements for conducting  
and documenting town hall meetings. Additionally, the self-assessment contains 15 staff briefing rosters  
reflecting that five staff briefings were held in August and September 2025 across MCJ, TTCF, and CRDF.

1 Defendants acknowledged four of the 165 locations did not have town hall meeting  
2 minutes available.<sup>8</sup>

3 The OIG reviewed the 43 “Mobility Impaired Daily Lists” that were  
4 included in the self-assessment and identified a total of 171 Class Member housing  
5 locations for the period of August and September 2025. The OIG notified  
6 Defendants of the six additional housing locations that the OIG identified and  
7 requested town hall meeting minutes for each of the six locations.<sup>9</sup> Defendants  
8 reported that no additional town hall meeting minutes were available. The self-  
9 assessment includes a total of 162 town hall meeting minutes.

10 Class Members at CRDF are housed in various areas throughout the facility.  
11 CCSB identified 15 Class Member housing locations for August 2025, and 17  
12 Class Member housing locations for September 2025. For August 2025, CRDF  
13 submitted 14 meeting minutes reflecting that town halls were conducted in 13 of  
14 the 15 housing locations.<sup>10</sup> Of the 14 meeting minutes, CCSB correctly identified  
15 that the meeting minutes from one town hall were deficient due to missing attendee

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18 <sup>8</sup> In the self-assessment, the Department acknowledged two missing meeting minutes from CRDF and two  
missing meeting minutes from TTCF.

19 <sup>9</sup> The six housing locations identified housed Class Members for at least 30 days and included TTCF  
modules 211 and 152 and CRDF modules 1200 and 1300.

20 <sup>10</sup> Based on its review of the “Mobility Impaired Daily Lists,” the OIG identified two additional Class  
Member housing locations at CRDF (modules 1200 and 1300) for August 2025 that were not identified by  
the Department.

1 names and booking numbers.<sup>11</sup> Of the remaining 13 meeting minutes, Defendants  
2 submitted two town hall meeting minutes for the same location for August 2025,  
3 however, for data integrity purposes OIG excluded one of these meeting minutes  
4 for compliance for housing locations reached.<sup>12</sup> Of the remaining 12 meeting  
5 minutes, 6 indicated that Class Members were present and that information  
6 regarding available programming was provided. For September 2025, CRDF  
7 submitted 17 meeting minutes reflecting that town halls were conducted in 17  
8 identified Class Member housing locations.<sup>13</sup> Of the 17 meeting minutes, 14  
9 indicated that Class Members were present and that information regarding  
10 available programming was provided.

11 Class Members at TTCF are housed in several areas throughout the facility.  
12 CCSB identified 28 Class Member housing locations for August 2025, and 29  
13 Class Member housing locations for September 2025. For August 2025, TTCF  
14 submitted 26 meeting minutes reflecting that town halls were conducted in 26 of  
15 the 28 Class Member housing locations.<sup>14</sup> Of the 26 meeting minutes, 20 indicated

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17 <sup>11</sup> CCSB identified the August 24, 2025, CRDF meeting minutes for module 2100, pod 2, as non-compliant.

18 <sup>12</sup> Town hall meeting minutes included two submissions for the same location conducted on different dates. CRDF module 3400 on August 2, 2025, and August 20, 2025. The meeting minutes for August 20, 2025, were excluded.

19 <sup>13</sup> Based on its review of the “Mobility Impaired Daily Lists,” the OIG identified two additional Class Member housing locations at CRDF (modules 1200 and 1300) for September 2025 which were not identified by the Department.

20 <sup>14</sup> The Department reported that no town hall meeting minutes were submitted for TTCF module 232, D-pod, and module 272, B-pod.

1 that Class Members were present and that information regarding available  
2 programming was provided. For September 2025, TTCF provided 29 meeting  
3 minutes reflecting that town halls were conducted in all 29 identified Class  
4 Member housing locations.<sup>15</sup> The meeting minutes from one town hall indicated  
5 that a town hall was not conducted due to a “scheduling conflict” and two meeting  
6 minutes were missing attendee names and booking numbers.<sup>16</sup> Of the remaining 26  
7 meeting minutes, 17 indicated that Class Members were present and that  
8 information regarding available programming was provided.

9 Class Members at MCJ are housed throughout most areas of the facility.  
10 CCSB identified 37 Class Member housing locations for August 2025, and 39  
11 Class Member housing locations for September 2025. For August 2025, MCJ  
12 submitted 37 meeting minutes reflecting that town halls were conducted in all 37  
13 Class Member housing locations. However, the meeting minutes from one town  
14 hall were missing attendee names and booking numbers.<sup>17</sup> Of the remaining 36  
15 meeting minutes, 33 indicated that Class Members were present and that

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18 <sup>15</sup> Based on its review of the Mobility Impaired Daily Lists, the OIG identified two additional Class  
19 Member housing locations at TTCF (modules 152 and 211) for September 2025 that were not identified  
20 by the Department.

<sup>16</sup> The meeting minutes for the September 13, 2025, in TTCF module 131, C-pod, stated that a town hall  
was not conducted due to a scheduling conflict. The meeting minutes for September 17, 2025, TTCF  
module 131, A-pod, and September 24, 2025, TTCF 162, A-pod, were missing attendee names and  
booking numbers.

<sup>17</sup> The meeting minutes for August 20, 2025, in MCJ 6000 floor were missing attendee names and booking  
numbers.

1 information regarding available programming was provided. For September 2025,  
2 MCJ submitted 39 meeting minutes reflecting that town halls were conducted in all  
3 39 Class Member housing locations. All 39 meeting minutes indicate that Class  
4 Members were present and that information regarding available programming was  
5 provided.

6 As noted above, the OIG identified a total of 171 Class Member housing  
7 locations for August and September 2025. However, Defendants provided meeting  
8 minutes for only 161 housing locations. Additionally, Defendants deemed that the  
9 minutes from one meeting were deficient due to missing attendee names and  
10 booking numbers.<sup>18</sup> OIG deemed three meeting minutes as unreliable and  
11 unverifiable due to missing attendee names and booking numbers and another as  
12 deficient due to the meeting minutes indicating that a town hall was not conducted  
13 because of a scheduling conflict.<sup>19</sup> The remaining meeting minutes reflect that 156  
14 of the 171 required town hall meetings were conducted for the months of August  
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18 <sup>18</sup> CCSB identified the August 24, 2025, CRDF meeting minutes for module 2100, pod 2, as non-  
19 compliant.

20 <sup>19</sup> The meeting minute for September 13, 2025, in TTCF module 131, C-pod, indicated that a town hall was not conducted due to a scheduling conflict. The meeting minutes for September 17, 2025, TTCF module 131, A-pod, September 24, 2025, TTCF module 162, A-pod, and August 20, 2025, MCJ 6000 floor were missing attendee names and booking numbers.

1 and September 2025. Of the 156 town hall meeting minutes, 129 meeting minutes  
2 indicated that Class Members were present and that information regarding  
3 available programming was provided.

4 OIG Findings and Recommendations

5       OIG staff spoke with Class Members at CRDF, TTCF, and MCJ regarding  
6 town hall meetings and whether available programming was discussed during  
7 those meetings. Although most Class Members were not familiar with the  
8 term “town hall,” some advised that Department staff come around periodically to  
9 provide general information and ask if they have any questions or concerns. Most  
10 of these Class Members reported these encounters did not include information on  
11 available programming. Town hall meeting minutes indicated that 167 Class  
12 Members participated in town halls in August 2025 and 235 Class Members  
13 participated in town halls in September 2025. Town halls conducted during the  
14 months of August and September reached approximately 70% of the overall Class  
15 Member population. However, less than 20% of Class Members who spoke with  
16 the OIG in December 2025, and January 2026 reported attending town halls during  
17 which available programming information was provided.

18       The self-assessment reported that CCSB distributes emails five days a week  
19 to all supervising line deputies and sergeants responsible for conducting town hall  
20 meetings. CCSB reported that the emails include the “Daily Mobility Impaired

1 List” and the half-sheet flyer in English and Spanish as attachments. The  
2 Department provided a copy of one such email sent on October 2, 2025, in the self-  
3 assessment. The email reminds all supervising line deputies and sergeants to  
4 encourage Class Member participation, inform all inmates of available custody  
5 programs, distribute the half-sheet flyer, and document the notification in the town  
6 hall meeting minutes.

7         Despite these efforts, only 23 of the 162 meeting minutes reviewed indicated  
8 that the half-sheet flyer was distributed during the town hall meeting. Additionally,  
9 a majority of Class Members interviewed by the OIG reported not receiving the  
10 half-sheet flyer. While some Class Members at MCJ and TTCF reported seeing the  
11 half-sheet flyers posted in their housing areas, several of those Class Members  
12 expressed that the print size was too small to read or that they possess limited  
13 literacy skills.

14         In the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, the OIG explained that it does  
15 not expect that all Class Members will participate in every town hall meeting given  
16 that participation is voluntary. However, everyone in the housing location should  
17 be given the opportunity to attend town hall meetings. Information regarding  
18 available programming must be provided when Class Members are present and  
19 documented consistently in town hall meeting minutes. The OIG explained that  
20 each of the meeting minutes should document clearly and accurately whether

1 (1) everyone in the housing location was offered the opportunity to participate in  
2 the town hall meeting, (2) Class Members attended or participated in the meeting,  
3 and (3) Class Members were notified of all available programming, either verbally  
4 or in writing via the distribution of the flyer.

5 The OIG identified several concerns pertaining to the lack of documentation  
6 with the town hall meeting minutes contained in the self-assessment. It is important  
7 to emphasize that while these concerns do not directly factor into the final  
8 compliance determination, they do impact the Department's ability to demonstrate  
9 compliance with the requirements of the provision.

10 First, Department personnel appear to utilize several different versions of  
11 meeting minutes forms to document town halls, which hinders the Department's  
12 ability to capture consistent and accurate information. Different versions of the  
13 form were found to be used both across facilities and within the same facility.  
14 Many of these forms contain different fields and instructions on documenting  
15 specific information. One particular concern is that some of the forms contained  
16 instructions for Department personnel to list attendees and/or participants who  
17 attended the town hall, while other forms indicated to list only participants who  
18 engaged with questions. The self-assessment indicated that CCSB directed all  
19 facilities to utilize a "previously approved memorandum format" to document  
20 town halls.

1 On January 21, 2026, the OIG requested a copy of the approved memorandum  
2 format and was advised that the format is “still pending approval.”

3 Second, several meeting minutes were incomplete. The OIG identified  
4 meeting minutes with fields that were left blank such as the time the town hall  
5 meeting was conducted or included a blank attendance record. Both factors can  
6 assist in verifying the delivery of town halls.

7 Third, several meeting minutes contained conflicting information. For  
8 example, the OIG identified meeting minutes that indicated Class Members were  
9 present, yet no Class Members were listed in the attendance record. The OIG also  
10 identified town hall meeting minutes that indicated no Class Members were  
11 present, yet at least one Class Member was listed in the attendance record. The  
12 presence of incomplete and inconsistent entries within these documents  
13 compromises data reliability, as the reported information cannot be fully verified.

14 The OIG identified meeting minutes from MCJ indicating that a town hall  
15 was conducted in a specific housing location; however, the notes indicate that  
16 Department staff only engaged with Class Members in one of the four rows within  
17 that housing location, leaving it unclear whether other Class Members were given  
18 the opportunity to participate. The OIG reviewed “Mobility Impairment Daily  
19 Lists” and confirmed that Class Members were housed in other rows on the day the  
20 town hall meetings were conducted. As further review, the OIG looked at Closed-

1 Circuit Television (CCTV) footage of the meetings to determine whether  
2 Department personnel engaged with Class Members in the other rows and  
3 identified five instances in which they did not. In each of these instances,  
4 Department personnel were observed conducting a town hall in only one of the  
5 four rows even though Class Members were housed in at least one other row. In  
6 one instance, Department staff conducted a town hall in one row even though Class  
7 Members were housed in the other three rows. The OIG shared these findings with  
8 Defendants and requested town hall meeting minutes that account for those other  
9 rows. Defendants reported that no additional meeting minutes were available.

10 On August 20, 2025, the OIG observed Department personnel conduct a  
11 town hall meeting in CRDF module 3400. During the meeting, Department  
12 personnel provided all necessary information regarding available programming and  
13 addressed concerns with care and professionalism. The town hall meeting lasted  
14 for about 35 minutes. At the conclusion of the meeting, a limited number of half-  
15 sheet flyers were made available to attendees. The OIG reviewed CCTV footage of  
16 a town hall meeting conducted in CRDF module 3600 from the same day and  
17 identified a significant disparity in the way in which it was conducted. Department  
18 personnel appeared to speak to a few individuals off to the side of the module  
19 while the remainder of the module was programming. The interaction lasted less  
20 than two minutes.

1 While the Department has made strides in providing the required number of  
2 town hall meetings, the concurrent use of different forms, the omission of required  
3 information, and the presence of internal inconsistencies reflect a lack of  
4 standardized documentation practices, which fundamentally undermine the  
5 integrity of the information contained in the town hall meeting minutes. Some of  
6 these concerns were further evidenced by CCTV spot checks. As such, the  
7 Department was unable to demonstrate *substantial compliance* with the  
8 requirements of this provision. Defendants remain in *partial compliance* with this  
9 provision.

10 **SECTION B – Physical Therapy and Outdoor Recreation**

11 **Provision B.4 – Thermal Clothing – *Sustained Compliance* as of**

12 **January 22, 2026**

13 Under paragraph 4 of section B of the Agreement,

14 “Class Members who have been prescribed thermal clothing as a reasonable  
15 accommodation for their disability so that they may participate in outdoor  
16 recreation will be provided warm coats and/or thermal clothing. LASD shall  
17 inform Class Members that they may request thermal clothing as a

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1 reasonable accommodation and shall develop and distribute a unit order to  
2 ensure that all LASD personnel are aware of this policy.”<sup>20</sup>

3 As previously reported, the Department indicated that it would provide all Class  
4 Members with thermals, including tops and bottoms, without requiring a  
5 prescription, which exceeds the requirements set forth in the Agreement. The  
6 corresponding compliance measures require CCSB and the OIG, through regular  
7 site visits and interviews with Class Members and custody personnel, to confirm  
8 that each relevant housing location maintains an adequate supply of thermal  
9 clothing and that all Class Members are provided with thermal tops and bottoms.  
10 In September 2023, the Department updated its *Johnson* policy to state, “[i]nmates  
11 with mobility and/or sensory impairments shall receive thermal clothing as a  
12 reasonable accommodation for their disability. Custody personnel shall ensure  
13 inmates classified as such receive thermal clothing upon their arrival to an ADA  
14 housing module, and exchange soiled thermals with clean thermals during weekly  
15 laundry exchange.”

16 In October 2023, the Department, in response to a motion adopted by the  
17 Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, began providing thermal tops and  
18 bottoms to every person in custody who is eligible to receive them, regardless of

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20 <sup>20</sup> As reported in the Inspector General’s *Second Implementation Status Report*, the OIG has determined that “thermal clothing” includes both tops and bottoms, particularly since mobility impairment usually affects individuals below the torso.

1 ADA status or prescription.<sup>21</sup> To formalize the practice, the Department updated its  
2 policy on standard institutional clothing to include one thermal top and one thermal  
3 bottom.<sup>22</sup>

4 CCSB Self-Assessment

5 On December 3, 2025, the Department provided the OIG with a self-  
6 assessment indicating that it had maintained *substantial compliance* with this  
7 provision.<sup>23</sup> The self-assessment contains signature sheets, electronic Uniform  
8 Daily Activity Log (“e-UDAL”) records, logs, and email confirmations of thermal  
9 clothing distribution and/or exchanges from April 1, 2025, to September 30, 2025.  
10 The self-assessment also contains a total of 18 CCSB spot check reports reflecting  
11 that from April through September 2025, CCSB personnel conducted monthly spot  
12 checks at CRDF, MCJ, and TTCF by interviewing a random selection of Class  
13 Members to determine whether they received thermal clothing, confirming that  
14 each facility had an adequate supply of thermal tops and bottoms, and ensuring that

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16 <sup>21</sup> The Board motion requests that the Department provide thermal clothing to any person in custody who  
17 requests thermal garments. The Department provides thermals to all persons in custody absent a safety or  
18 security concern. The use of the term eligible is meant to convey that these persons do not present such a  
19 concern and are therefore eligible to receive thermal garments. See Los Angeles County, Board of  
20 Supervisors, *Providing Thermal Undergarments to All People in Custody in the Los Angeles County Jails*  
(July 11, 2023).

19 <sup>22</sup> See Custody Division Manual §§ 6-15/010/00, *Inmate Clothing, Bedding, and Personal Hygiene*,  
5-06/010.10, *Allowable Inmate Property - Female Inmates*, and 5-06/010.05, *Allowable Inmate Property -*  
*Male Inmates*.

20 <sup>23</sup> The Department maintains that if the OIG finds the Department to be in *substantial compliance* with  
this provision, the provision would have achieved *sustained compliance*, and the OIG should stop  
monitoring it for purposes of the Agreement.

1 thermal clothing exchanges were being carried out as scheduled.<sup>24</sup> CCSB  
2 conducted a final assessment on October 14, 2025. The final assessment report  
3 concludes that Class Members in all relevant housing locations were consistently  
4 provided with thermals tops and bottoms. While methods for thermal exchange and  
5 distribution varied across facilities, most Class Members reported receiving  
6 thermal clothing and were observed to be wearing thermal clothing during random  
7 CCSB spot checks. CCSB identified areas for improvement such as a lack of  
8 thermal inventory in non-ADA housing areas, limited-to-no supply of larger sizes,  
9 and inconsistent documentation of thermal exchanges. Throughout the assessment  
10 period, CCSB reported efforts to resolve identified gaps and noted ongoing  
11 improvements.

12 CCSB indicated that thermal inventory varied across facilities and over the  
13 course of the assessment period. While CRDF generally maintained sufficient  
14 thermal clothing, larger sizes were not consistently available. MCJ and TTCF  
15 initially had limited-to-no inventory of thermal clothing in non-ADA housing  
16 areas. CCSB reported that inventory levels at these facilities increased in some  
17 non-ADA housing areas in August, and by September in most such areas.  
18 Additionally, CCSB stated that a majority of custody staff assigned to non-ADA

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20 <sup>24</sup> CRDF's last spot check occurred on October 6, 2025.

1 housing areas described a consistent process for requesting and obtaining thermal  
2 clothing when needed from intake, laundry staff, or other housing areas.

3 Unlike in the previous reporting period, the Department’s self-assessment  
4 discusses thermal distribution and exchange for Class Members housed in High  
5 Observation Housing (“HOH”) at CRDF and TTCF.<sup>25</sup> CCSB indicated that  
6 individuals in HOH at TTCF who had no restrictions received thermal exchanges  
7 on a weekly basis. Signature sheets from CRDF indicated that at least four  
8 individuals in HOH received thermal clothing during laundry exchange.<sup>26</sup>

9 OIG Findings and Recommendations

10 As noted above, the OIG interviewed a total of 251 Class Members. Nine  
11 Class Members were excluded from the population for this provision prior to  
12 calculating the compliance rate for data integrity purposes.<sup>27</sup> Of the remaining 242  
13 Class Members, 211 reported having received thermal tops and bottoms, resulting  
14 in an overall compliance rate of 87%. TTCF achieved the highest compliance rate  
15 with approximately 95% of Class Members who reported having received thermal

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18 <sup>25</sup> See Custody Division Manual, § 5-01/050.10, *Housing for Mentally Ill Inmates*.  
19 <sup>26</sup> Three notes state, “Received HOH” and one note states “Deputy gave to her HOH.”  
20 <sup>27</sup> Five Class Members were housed in HOH and subject to property restrictions for safety and security purposes; one reported having declined thermals, one was in custody for less than 48 hours and assigned to temporary housing at CRDF at the time they spoke with OIG staff, and two provided conflicting or unclear responses.

1 clothing, followed by MCJ with approximately 84% and CRDF with  
2 approximately 70%.

3 In line with last year's findings, Class Members who reported not having  
4 received thermal clothing indicated that the primary reason was that their size was  
5 not consistently available. Although some Class Members reported needing larger-  
6 sized thermals that the Department should have readily available, others reported  
7 needing non-standard sizes that are typically special-order items. One Class  
8 Member housed at TTCF reported needing at least a size 8X, another Class  
9 Member housed at MCJ reported needing a size larger than 8X, and two Class  
10 Members housed at CRDF reported needing a size larger than 10X. All four Class  
11 Members reported that they asked custody personnel for their required sizes but  
12 were told none were available. Since extended sizes fall outside of the standard  
13 inventory and are subject to external vendor availability and lead times, they  
14 represent logistical outliers rather than failure in thermal distribution processes.  
15 Although the Department maintains that the reported need for larger sizes does not  
16 match the needs of the incarcerated population, it ordered an additional supply of  
17 size 3X, 4X, 5X, and 6X thermals for CRDF and provided an additional supply of  
18 size XL, 2X, 3X, 4X, 5X, and 6X thermals to MCJ. As previously recommended,

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1 the Department should continue to improve the availability of thermal clothing in  
2 larger sizes during laundry exchange for Class Members who have a physical or  
3 medical need for them.

4 As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, the Department  
5 shifted from providing thermals upon arrival to assigned housing locations to  
6 distributing them during intake at the Inmate Reception Center (“IRC”) and the  
7 CRDF Reception Center. The IRC distributes a thermal top and bottom to all  
8 people in custody, including Class Members, except for those placed in HOH.  
9 Absent any safety or security restrictions, those who are placed in HOH will  
10 receive thermals upon arrival at their permanent housing location. CRDF  
11 Reception Center distributes thermal clothing to people in custody, including Class  
12 Members, who are classified as general population upon arrival at the facility.  
13 Those who require additional medical or mental health attention or detoxification  
14 are provided with thermals upon arrival at their permanent housing location.<sup>28</sup> The  
15 OIG monitored the intake process at the IRC and CRDF Reception Center and  
16 confirmed the distribution of thermal clothing.

17 OIG staff inspected thermal storage lockers/closets in ADA housing areas at  
18 MCJ and TTCF during several site visits and found that most areas consistently  
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20 <sup>28</sup> Anyone assigned to HOH at CRDF requires approval from a mental health clinician to receive thermal clothing.

1 had adequate supplies of thermal tops and bottoms available for distribution.<sup>29</sup>  
2 However, on January 6, 2026, OIG staff identified an absence of thermal clothing  
3 inventory on the 8000 floor at MCJ. Despite the lack of inventory, most custody  
4 staff assigned to the floor described a consistent process for requesting and  
5 obtaining thermal clothing when needed from intake, laundry staff, or other  
6 housing areas. Inventory varied in non-ADA housing areas at MCJ and TTCF  
7 throughout the reporting period. As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status*  
8 *Report*, although having an inventory of thermal clothing in housing area storage is  
9 most important in areas where the majority of Class Members are housed, having  
10 at least a minimum supply in non-ADA housing areas or floors could help address  
11 situations where Class Members do not have thermal clothing and alleviate  
12 operational constraints. CCSB also identified an absence of thermal clothing  
13 inventory in non-ADA housing areas at MCJ during their spot checks and  
14 suggested that “a few thermal items... be kept in storage within the module” and  
15 “talked with laundry staff about the importance of having extra thermals in the  
16 modules that accommodate Class Members.”

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20 <sup>29</sup> OIG staff confirmed the inventory of thermal clothing in storage lockers in modules 232 and 272 at TTCF, as well as in supply closets on the 7000 floor at MCJ.

1 Property Restrictions for Class Members in High Observation Housing

2 As previously reported, the OIG’s review of policies and unit orders  
3 revealed inconsistent language regarding restrictions on thermal clothing for Class  
4 Members who are in HOH. Currently, HOH is available at TTCF and CRDF.  
5 TTCF’s unit order cites Department policy requiring that property restrictions for  
6 individuals in mental health housing be determined by a mental health professional  
7 after a clinical assessment has been conducted.<sup>30</sup> By contrast, CRDF’s unit order  
8 uses conditional language, stating that individuals in HOH should not be issued  
9 thermals unless deemed appropriate by CHS.<sup>31</sup> As previously reported, the lack of  
10 explicit approval from a mental health professional at CRDF effectively prohibits  
11 individuals in HOH from receiving thermals.

12 Defendants contend that no discrepancy exists between TTCF and CRDF’s  
13 unit orders and maintain that both comply with Department policy. The OIG  
14 acknowledges that, in practice, outcomes are generally consistent, as Department  
15 policy requires a clinical assessment by a mental health professional within 24  
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17 <sup>30</sup> TTCF Unit Order § 5-16-030, *Exchange of Inmate Clothing* (“Property restrictions for inmates in  
18 mental health housing shall be determined by a mental health professional after a clinical assessment has  
been conducted (refer to CDM section 05-01/050.15, “Property Restrictions for Mentally Ill Inmates”).

19 <sup>31</sup> CRDF Unit Orders § 5-16-010, *Clothing, Linen, and Bedding* (“Inmates housed in High Observation  
Housing (HOH) areas shall not be issued thermals, unless deemed appropriate by CHS, mental health  
20 personnel, in consultation with custody.”); §5-01-010, *Allowable Inmate Property, Storage of Personal  
Items, and Contraband Control* (“Inmates housed in High Observation Housing (HOH) areas shall not be  
issued thermals, unless deemed appropriate by Correctional Health Services (CHS) mental health  
personnel, in consultation with custody.”).

1 hours of an individual’s initial placement in HOH, and as needed thereafter, to  
2 determine whether property restrictions are necessary.<sup>32</sup> The Department should  
3 consider eliminating redundancy in the unit orders and streamline policy in the  
4 Custody Division Manual to reduce or avoid confusion among custody staff, many  
5 of whom previously reported being unaware that individuals in HOH may be  
6 issued thermal clothing, and to better communicate that Class Members in HOH  
7 should receive thermal tops and bottoms unless restricted for documented safety or  
8 security reasons.

9       The OIG makes compliance findings based on the degree to which each  
10 provision has been effectively and durably implemented. Here, the Department  
11 exceeded the requirements set forth in the provision by committing to provide  
12 thermal tops and bottoms to all Class Members, without requiring a prescription.  
13 Although the Department’s overall compliance rate decreased from approximately  
14 89% in the previous reporting period to approximately 87%, the Department has  
15 streamlined a process for distributing thermal clothing to most people in custody,  
16 including Class Members, upon arrival to the IRC and CRDF Reception Center.<sup>33</sup>  
17 Absent unusual circumstances, the distribution of thermal clothing at intake allows

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19 <sup>32</sup> Custody Division Manual, § 5-01/050.15, *Property Restrictions for Mentally Ill Inmates* (“Within 24  
20 hours of initial placement in HOH, a clinician will make recommendations regarding allowable property  
based upon an individual clinical assessment (Refer to JMHS policy 70.7 Suicide Prevention).”).

<sup>33</sup> The compliance measures for this provision do not prescribe a specific compliance standard percentage  
that the Department must meet to achieve compliance.

1 Class Members to receive thermal clothing consistently and timely. Defendants  
2 addressed the concerns raised in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report* in good  
3 faith and demonstrated continued improvement in the distribution and exchange of  
4 thermal clothing. Defendants achieved *sustained compliance* with this provision,  
5 and the OIG will no longer monitor compliance with this provision for purposes of  
6 the Agreement.

7 **SECTION C – Physical Accessibility**

8 **Provision C.4(f) – Additional Grab Bars and Shower Benches – *Partial***  
9 ***Compliance***

10 Under subsection (f) of paragraph 4 of section C of the Agreement,  
11 “Defendants are required to install grab bars and shower benches in approximately  
12 thirty (30) cells outside of TTCF modules 231 and 232.”<sup>34</sup> The corresponding  
13 compliance measure requires the Department to regularly update the OIG on the  
14 construction status. As previously reported, the Department installed 30 grab bars  
15 and 30 shower benches throughout CRDF and MCJ, and in TTCF module 272. In  
16 order to achieve *substantial compliance* with this provision, a physical-plant expert  
17 must evaluate and determine that all installations meet ADA requirements.

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20 <sup>34</sup> The Parties have agreed that “outside of TTCF modules 231 and 232” refers to any relevant housing location except for modules 231 and 232 at TTCF.

1 As reported in the *Eighth Implementation Status Report*, on April 10, 2023,  
2 Defendants retained Michael P. Gibbens to serve as the new physical-plant expert  
3 and assist the OIG and the Parties in evaluating compliance with provisions C.4(f)  
4 (Additional Grab Bars and Shower Benches) and C.4(g) (Construction of  
5 Accessible Beds).<sup>35</sup> Mr. Gibbens completed on-site evaluations of MCJ, TTCF,  
6 and CRDF on April 24 and 25, 2023. After a significant delay, the OIG received  
7 Mr. Gibbens' report on May 14, 2025.

8 Upon reviewing the report, the OIG identified several areas that required  
9 clarification or elaboration necessary to utilize Mr. Gibbens' findings and opinions  
10 to make compliance determinations.<sup>36</sup> Chief among the concerns, Mr. Gibbens'  
11 report lacked the factual basis and technical justification necessary to support each  
12 finding. On October 2, 2025, the OIG issued a letter to Mr. Gibbens with questions  
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17 <sup>35</sup> As reported in the *Inspector General's Fifth Implementation Status Report*, on September 5, 2019,  
18 Defendants retained a physical-plant expert to evaluate all installations and modifications. On  
19 November 9, 2019, the physical plant expert conducted an on-site evaluation at CRDF and issued a report  
20 with findings and recommendations; however, due to unforeseen circumstances, the physical-plant expert  
was unable to complete the remaining on-site evaluations of MCJ and TTCF. Although the previous  
expert evaluated CRDF and issued a report, the recommended modifications required extensive  
construction. Defendants are requesting that the new physical-plant expert re-evaluate CRDF to determine  
whether any alternative solutions are available to meet ADA requirements.

<sup>36</sup> On June 23, 2025, Plaintiffs' counsel issued a letter to the OIG expressing concerns with Mr. Gibbens'  
methodology, findings, and conclusions. The OIG shared many of these concerns.

1 regarding his findings and opinions.<sup>37</sup> In its letter, the OIG also provided additional  
2 context and background regarding the relevant access improvements.

3 On November 18, 2025, Mr. Gibbens responded to the OIG in writing and  
4 noted that he had no knowledge of, or historical context for, the access  
5 improvements that were made pursuant to the terms of the Agreement, nor was he  
6 made aware of any of the OIG’s implementation status reports. While  
7 Mr. Gibbens’ letter provided information on the inherent complexities of the ADA  
8 standards, it did not provide responses to the OIG’s questions. Mr. Gibbens  
9 ultimately requested to be removed from any further involvement in this litigation.

10 The Parties are in the process of searching for candidates to serve as the  
11 physical-plant expert. The OIG expects the physical-plant expert to exercise  
12 independent professional judgment in determining the governing federal standard  
13 based on all relevant information, including technical specifications and historical

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17 <sup>37</sup> Defendants’ cover letter states, “[i]t is Defendants’ understanding that Plaintiffs’ counsel also provided  
18 the OIG input on the letter prior to its transmission to Mr. Gibbens.” This statement is inaccurate.  
19 Although Plaintiffs’ counsel did request to review the OIG’s questions for the expert prior to transmission  
20 for the purpose of providing input and feedback, the OIG respectfully declined this request. Maintaining  
independence and impartiality is crucial for the credibility of the court-appointed monitoring process and  
sharing the questions with Plaintiffs’ counsel for input would have jeopardized these core principles. The  
OIG met with Plaintiffs’ counsel to discuss, at a high-level, any concerns they may have regarding  
Mr. Gibbens’ report, but at no point was input solicited, nor was feedback received, regarding the OIG’s  
questions for the expert. The OIG suggested meeting with Mr. Gibbens and Defendants’ counsel to  
discuss its concerns with the report, but Defendants’ counsel requested that the OIG instead provide its  
questions in writing.

1 context, for each access improvement that is evaluated.<sup>38</sup> All necessary and  
2 pertinent information must be provided to the expert to facilitate a thorough and  
3 objective evaluation. Defendants remain in *partial compliance* with this provision.

4 **Provision C.4(g) – Construction of Accessible Beds – *Partial Compliance***

5 Under subsection (g) of paragraph 4 of section C of the Agreement,  
6 “Defendants are required to construct approximately ninety-six (96) accessible  
7 beds at TTCF module 272.” The compliance measure for this provision requires  
8 the Department to regularly update the OIG on the construction status. As  
9 previously reported, the Department completed construction of the 96 beds at  
10 TTCF module 272 on May 30, 2017, and began populating the housing unit with  
11 Class Members on June 8, 2017. The Department continues to house Class  
12 Members in TTCF Module 272.

13 The Department provided documentation that all 96 beds in the housing  
14 module meet ADA requirements; however, the accompanying toilet and shower  
15 modifications have not yet been ADA certified. In order to achieve *substantial*  
16 *compliance* with this provision, a physical-plant expert must conduct an evaluation

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18 <sup>38</sup> Specifically, the OIG requests that the expert describe in detail (1) the elements and/or improvements  
19 that are inspected, (2) the evaluation of each element and/or improvement, including all relevant  
20 measurements that are taken, (3) the relevant federal standard that sets the technical requirement for each  
element and/or improvement, (4) whether or not the inspected element and/or improvement meets the  
relevant federal standard, and (5) recommended corrective action, if any, to bring each element and/or  
improvement into compliance with the relevant federal standard. As discussed under provision C.4(g), an  
expert’s opinions must be supported by a sufficient evidentiary foundation to be deemed reliable.

1 and determine that all modifications to the toilet and shower areas used by the  
2 occupants of the 96 beds comply with ADA requirements.

3 Mr. Gibbens conducted an evaluation at TTCF on April 24, 2023, and issued  
4 a report on May 14, 2025. However, as discussed above under provision C.4(f)  
5 (Additional Grab Bars and Shower Benches), the OIG identified several areas that  
6 required clarification or elaboration before utilizing Mr. Gibbens' findings and  
7 opinions to make compliance determinations. The OIG was unable to obtain the  
8 necessary information from Mr. Gibbens prior to his request to be removed from  
9 any further involvement in this litigation.

10 Mr. Gibbens' May 14, 2025, report concludes that the toilet and shower  
11 modifications in TTCF module 272 A, B, C, and D-Pods are "compliant."<sup>39</sup> The  
12 report also concludes that the roll-in shower stalls are "substantially compliant"  
13 and notes that the 24-inch-long grab bar that is installed behind the seat must be  
14 removed.<sup>40</sup> However, the report does not contain any supporting information  
15 regarding the specific elements inspected or the technical requirements applied to  
16 substantiate each conclusion. Without the required evidentiary foundation, the

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<sup>39</sup> Michael P. Gibbens, *Johnson, et al v. Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, et al. U.S.D.C. Case No. CV 08-03515 DDP (JTLx); Findings and Opinions regarding Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Disabled Accessibility Compliance*, at 8 (May 14, 2025).

<sup>40</sup> *Id.*

1 opinions expressed in the report are purely conclusory and cannot be considered  
2 reliable.<sup>41</sup>

3 Defendants' cover letter to the self-assessments requests the OIG find  
4 Defendants in compliance with this provision upon proof of removal of the grab  
5 bars installed behind the shower seats. During a subsequent meeting with  
6 Defendants' counsel, the OIG stated that if Mr. Gibbens can provide the necessary  
7 evidentiary foundation to support his conclusions as detailed in the OIG's  
8 October 2, 2025, letter to him, the OIG would consider this information to make a  
9 compliance determination. On January 23, 2026, Defendants provided the OIG  
10 with email correspondence from Mr. Gibbens stating that the 2010 ADA Standards  
11 were applied in his evaluation of TTCF module 272 and that "...if the grab bar  
12 behind each of the shower seats is removed, the showers would comply with the  
13 2010 ADA Standards." The correspondence also noted that Mr. Gibbens was  
14 unable to provide any of his measurements since he was "... not requested to  
15 document the technical measurements for each improvement." Once again, the  
16 correspondence lacked the necessary evidentiary foundation to demonstrate  
17 compliance with this provision.

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20 <sup>41</sup> It is a well-established principle in professional and legal proceedings that an expert's opinion must be supported by sufficient factual basis. Where an expert fails to provide the underlying data or reasoning, the opinions are considered *ipse dixit* (Latin for "he himself said it") and generally deemed inadmissible.

1 As indicated above, the Parties are in the process of searching for candidates  
2 to serve as the physical-plant expert. Defendants remain in *partial compliance* with  
3 this provision.

4 **SECTION G – Grievance Form**

5 **Provision G.2 – “ADA” Designation of ADA Grievances – *Partial Compliance***

6 Under paragraph 2 of section G of the Agreement, “[a]ll grievances  
7 involving mobility assistive devices and the physical accessibility of the Jail shall  
8 be designated ‘ADA’ grievances even if the inmate who filed the grievance did not  
9 check the ‘ADA’ box.” The corresponding compliance measures require LASD  
10 and CHS to promulgate policy consistent with the provision, to provide a list of  
11 ADA-related grievances for a one-month period selected by the OIG, and to show  
12 that those grievances were properly designated “ADA” grievances. The  
13 compliance measures define “ADA-related grievances” as grievances on which the  
14 person in custody marked the ADA box or used any of the predetermined search  
15 terms in the narrative.<sup>42</sup>

16 As previously reported, LASD created several policies related to this  
17 provision, including the *Johnson* policy and CDM section 8-03/030.00, “ADA-

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19 <sup>42</sup> The predetermined search terms include the following: ADA, mobility, accommodation, wheelchair,  
20 crutch, prosthetic, cane, wheel, chair, disability, grab bars, accessible showers, accessible toilet, shower  
benches, lower bunk, brakes, footrests, prosthesis, walker, crutches, armrest, personal wheelchair,  
orthopedic shoes, and secondary review.

1 Related Requests and Grievances.” For this reporting period, the OIG selected the  
2 period of August 2025. In order to achieve *substantial compliance*, 90% of  
3 identified ADA-related grievances must be properly designated as “ADA.” In  
4 August 2025, the Department and CHS utilized a categorization system within the  
5 Custody Inmate Grievance Application (“CIGA”) to designate grievances.  
6 Department personnel resolve ADA-related custody grievances and CHS personnel  
7 resolve ADA-related medical grievances.

8       On December 3, 2025, the Department provided the OIG with a self-  
9 assessment indicating that it had achieved *substantial compliance* with this  
10 provision. The self-assessment reflects that a total of 54 grievances containing one  
11 or more predetermined search terms were identified in CIGA for August 2025. Of  
12 the 54 grievances, 47 were deemed to be ADA-related. The self-assessment  
13 concludes that 46 of the 47 ADA-related grievances were designated properly. The  
14 one grievance that the Department acknowledged was not properly designated was  
15 categorized as “Sheriff.” The Department explained that this grievance should have  
16 been “split” in CIGA so that the facility ADA coordinator handled the ADA-

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1 related component and the facility grievance team handled the grievance against  
2 staff component.<sup>43</sup>

3 The OIG reviewed the information contained in the self-assessment and  
4 noted that 5 of the 46 grievances the Department reported as designated properly  
5 were designated as “Medical Services (including ADA).” The OIG has consistently  
6 reported that designating ADA-related medical grievances as “Medical Services  
7 (including ADA)” along with all other medical grievances circumvents the terms  
8 of this provision and violates the terms of provision G.4 (“ADA” Grievances Not  
9 Designated as “Basic” Grievances).<sup>44</sup> Thus, of the 47 ADA-related grievances  
10 identified by the Department for August 2025, 1 was improperly designated as  
11 “Sheriff” and 5 were improperly designated as “Medical Services (including  
12 ADA).”

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17 <sup>43</sup> As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, the Department’s grievance policy requires staff  
18 to designate each grievance into only one category and requires that certain categories be prioritized over  
19 others. According to the policy, a grievance against staff is a category that must be prioritized, which  
20 conflicts with the requirements of this provision. To address this concern, the Department added the  
option to “split” a grievance in CIGA. Doing so will generate two separate grievances with the same  
underlying data so the grievance against staff component can be handled on one complaint, and the ADA  
component can be handled on the second linked complaint.

<sup>44</sup> Provision G.4 (“ADA” Grievances Not Designated as “Basic” Grievances) states, “ADA grievances will  
not be designated as ‘basic’ grievances.” This provision was found in *sustained compliance* on  
January 15, 2019, and was severed from the Agreement on May 9, 2019.

1 In the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, the OIG discussed concerns  
2 regarding the redesignation of grievances to Health Service Requests (HSRs).<sup>45</sup>  
3 The OIG identified a number of grievances that were originally submitted on a  
4 grievance form by a Class Member but were deemed to be an “inappropriate use of  
5 the form” and redesignated as a Health Service Request (“HSR”). Once the  
6 grievance is redesignated as an HSR, it is processed as a request and categorized as  
7 an HSR in CIGA. As a result, the OIG concluded the Department should have  
8 included these identified grievances in its self-assessment.

9 For this reporting period, the OIG independently retrieved CIGA data for  
10 August 2025 and queried the predetermined search terms to replicate and verify the  
11 information contained in the self-assessment. The OIG once again identified 11  
12 grievances that were originally submitted on a grievance form by a Class Member  
13 but were redesignated as an HSR.<sup>46</sup> All 11 identified grievances contained one or  
14 more of the predetermined search terms in the narrative and three had the ADA  
15 box check marked. Furthermore, all 11 identified grievances raised ADA-related  
16 custody or medical complaints or concerns and were not merely requests for

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18 <sup>45</sup> The concerns regarding the redesignation of grievances to HSRs were originally discussed under  
19 provision G.3 (Grievance Response Time). Although the concerns were identified during the review of  
provision G.3 (Grievance Response Time), the OIG noted the concerns may also impact compliance with  
provision G.2 (“ADA” Designation of ADA Grievances).

20 <sup>46</sup> The ID number for each of the 11 identified grievances are as follows: 25-32-00061, 25-32-00977,  
25-33-00352, 25-33-00826, 25-35-00016, 25-35-01017, 25-36-00642, 25-33-00862, 25-36-00709,  
25-34-01063 and 25-35-00013.

1 services or information; yet none of these grievances were reported in the  
2 Department’s self-assessment. The Department must include grievances that are  
3 redesignated as HSRs in its self-assessment given that they fall squarely within the  
4 definition of an ADA-related grievance. If, upon review, they are found to not  
5 contain any ADA-related custody or medical complaints or concerns, they may be  
6 excluded from the sample population accordingly.

7       When accounting for these 11 additional grievances, the total population of  
8 ADA-related grievances increases to 58. Of the 58 grievances, 41 were properly  
9 designated as “ADA” and the remaining 17 were improperly designated as either  
10 “Sheriff,” “Medical Services (Including ADA),” or “Health Service Request,”  
11 resulting in an overall compliance rate of approximately 71%.

12       The Department reported that on October 8, 2025, it updated CIGA to  
13 automatically identify any of the predetermined search terms and designate them as  
14 ADA-related custody grievances, medical grievances, or custody requests.<sup>47</sup> The  
15 CIGA development team met with the OIG on January 21, 2026, and provided a  
16 demonstration of the update. With this update, ADA-related grievances and  
17 requests are now automatically flagged with an “ADA” indicator at the top of the  
18 grievances/request page and are uniquely color-coded in salmon pink.

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20 <sup>47</sup> Additionally, any grievance or custody request that is converted to an HSR in CIGA will also be designated ADA-related.

1 Additionally, the Department is able to generate reports of all the grievances and  
2 requests that were flagged as “ADA.”

3         Although this update was implemented after the selected sample period and  
4 thus not reflected in the Department’s self-assessment, the OIG is optimistic about  
5 the update and its ability to independently and automatically designate ADA-  
6 related grievances and requests as “ADA.” Neither the plain language of the  
7 provision nor the corresponding compliance measure prohibits Defendants from  
8 utilizing an additional designation, on top of the existing categorization system, to  
9 designate all ADA-related custody and medical grievances and requests as “ADA.”  
10 The OIG commends Defendants in their efforts to leverage technology to address  
11 longstanding challenges. The implementation of this technology should facilitate a  
12 more seamless path toward achieving full compliance in the coming years.  
13 Defendants remain in *partial compliance* with this provision.

14 **Provision G.3 – Grievance Response Time – *Partial Compliance***

15         Under paragraph 3 of section G of the Agreement, “[t]he response time for  
16 ADA grievances will be no more than that allowed under the standard grievance  
17 policy.” The corresponding compliance measures require the Department to  
18 promulgate policy consistent with this provision and to provide a list of ADA-  
19 related grievances for a one-month period selected by the OIG. “ADA-related  
20 grievances” are defined as grievances in which the person in custody marked the

1 ADA box or used any of the predetermined search terms.<sup>48</sup> In order to achieve  
2 *substantial compliance*, 90% of the grievances must be responded to within  
3 15 days. The OIG selected the period of September 2025.

4 As previously reported, the Department created policies consistent with this  
5 provision, including CDM section 8-03/005.00, “Inmate Grievances,” CDM  
6 section 8-03/030.00, “ADA-related Requests and Grievances,” and CDM section  
7 8-04/040.00, “Time Frames.” These policies require a response time of 15 days for  
8 all non-emergency ADA grievances and 5 days for emergency grievances. CHS  
9 policy M12.04, “Grievances – Health Care and Against Staff,” requires all medical  
10 grievances be analyzed within 24 hours to determine whether there is an urgent or  
11 emergent medical condition that requires immediate attention. If not, the response  
12 timeframe for medical grievances is 15 days, in line with Department policy. An  
13 ADA-related grievance cannot be considered “responded to” until and unless all  
14 components of the grievance are addressed. CHS reported that a grievance is  
15 considered to have been “responded to” within the appropriate 15-day timeframe  
16 when a supervising nurse reviews the grievance and makes a referral for a provider  
17 evaluation.

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19 <sup>48</sup> The predetermined search terms include the following: ADA, mobility, accommodation, wheelchair,  
20 crutch, prosthetic, cane, wheel, chair, disability, grab bars, accessible showers, accessible toilet, shower  
benches, lower bunk, brakes, footrests, prosthesis, walker, crutches, armrest, personal wheelchair,  
orthopedic shoes, and secondary review.

1 On December 2, 2025, the Department provided the OIG with a self-  
2 assessment indicating that it had achieved *substantial compliance* with this  
3 provision. The self-assessment indicated that a total of 19 grievances containing  
4 one or more of the predetermined search terms were identified in CIGA for  
5 September 2025. Of the 19 grievances, 15 were deemed to be ADA-related. The  
6 Department excluded four records based on the determination that they “did not  
7 pertain to ADA mobility-related issues;” however, they did not provide copies of  
8 the excluded grievances. The self-assessment concludes that 15 of the 15  
9 grievances were responded to within the required 15-day timeframe.

10 The OIG reviewed all 15 grievances and determined that 1 was not  
11 adequately responded to. The grievance was originally submitted to the  
12 Department by the American Civil Liberties Union (“ACLU”) on  
13 September 5, 2025. The Department provided the ACLU with a disposition on  
14 September 8, 2025, indicating the Class Member’s wheelchair order expired on  
15 July 11, 2025, and was pending a secondary evaluation. Per the Agreement, the  
16 grievant shall “keep an assistant device while a secondary review and/or grievance  
17 regarding a decision concerning an assistive device is under review.”<sup>49</sup>

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<sup>49</sup> *Johnson* Compliance Measures, September 2016.

1 The Department referred the grievance to CHS but failed to provide documentation  
2 that the issue identified in the grievance had been resolved.

3 Furthermore, the same concerns regarding the redesignation of grievances to  
4 HSRs that were discussed above under G.2 (“ADA” Designation of ADA  
5 Grievances) exist for G.3 (Grievance Response Time).

6 Crucial to this provision, ADA Coordinators, who are responsible for  
7 addressing ADA-related custody grievances, are unable to access HSRs in CIGA.  
8 As a result, any custody-related component of the grievance is not accounted for in  
9 CIGA and has the potential to go unaddressed even though the medical-related  
10 component is responded to within the 15-day timeframe. Additionally, the Class  
11 Member does not receive a disposition when a grievance is redesignated to an  
12 HSR.

13 For this reporting period, the OIG independently retrieved CIGA data for  
14 September 2025 and queried the predetermined search terms to replicate and verify  
15 the information contained in the self-assessment. The OIG once again identified  
16 four grievances that were originally submitted on a grievance form by a Class  
17 Member but were redesignated as an HSR.<sup>50</sup> All four identified grievances  
18 contained one or more of the predetermined search terms in the narrative and had

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20 <sup>50</sup> The ID number for each of the four identified grievances are as follows: 25-37-01016, 25-38-00188,  
25-39-00006, and 25-39-00125.

1 the ADA box check marked. Furthermore, all four identified grievances raised  
2 ADA-related custody or medical complaints or concerns and were not merely  
3 requests for services or information; yet none of these grievances were reported in  
4 the Department’s self-assessment. The Department must include grievances that  
5 are redesignated as HSRs in its self-assessment given that they fall squarely within  
6 the definition of an ADA-related grievance. If, upon review, they are found to not  
7 contain any ADA-related custody or medical complaints or concerns, they may be  
8 excluded from the sample population accordingly.<sup>51</sup>

9       When accounting for these four additional grievances, the total population of  
10 ADA-related grievances increases to 19. The OIG reviewed the four identified  
11 ADA-related grievances and found that two were responded to within the 15-day  
12 timeframe. However, the following two contained ADA-related custody  
13 components that went unanswered, or the OIG is unable to determine whether or  
14 not these grievances have been addressed:

- 15       • Grievance 1: The grievant reported an inability to stand without  
16       support in the shower. The grievant stated there were no grab bars,

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<sup>51</sup> In reviewing CIGA information related to G.2 (“ADA” Designation of ADA Grievances) and G.3 (Grievance Response Time), it became apparent to the OIG that the Department and CHS do not clearly distinguish grievances and requests. The OIG identified several examples of grievances that appeared to be requests but were processed as grievances; and same with requests that appeared to be grievances that were processed as requests. The OIG will engage in discussions with Defendants to determine how to address this matter for the next reporting period.

1 and the water from the shower splashes onto the shower entrance area  
2 and forms a pool of water and creates a slip and fall hazard. He also  
3 reported that no shower chair is provided for sitting while in the  
4 shower of his housing location. Although the grievant was referred for  
5 a provider evaluation, there was no indication staff investigated the  
6 reported difficulties with the shower or the request to use an  
7 accessible shower with grab bars.

- 8 • Grievance 2: The grievant reported Department staff removed and  
9 confiscated their medically authorized medical devices (orthopedic  
10 shoes with insoles). Although the grievant was referred to the  
11 provider, there was no indication in the grievance as to whether the  
12 issue with the confiscated orthopedic shoes was addressed.

13 When accounting for these identified grievances, the Department achieves a  
14 compliance rate of 84%.<sup>52</sup>

15 Since the development of the compliance measures, there has been a  
16 significant evolution in the way ADA-related grievances are processed and  
17 responded to. The Department should refine the process of identifying ADA-

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20 <sup>52</sup> When accounting for the four additional grievances which were identified, the total number of ADA-related grievances for the month of September 2025 increases to 19. Of the 19 grievances, the OIG determined 16 (84%) were responded to within the 15-day timeframe.

1 related grievances to ensure they are all captured and responded to in accordance  
2 with provisions G.2 (“ADA” Designation of ADA Grievances) and G.3 (Grievance  
3 Response Time). In addition, Department and CHS personnel should ensure that all  
4 components of grievances are sufficiently responded to. Defendants remain in  
5 *partial compliance* with this provision.

6 **SECTION H – Accommodations**

7 **Provision H.1 – Reasonable Accommodations – *Partial Compliance***

8 Under paragraph 1 of section H of the Agreement,

9 “Defendants agree that Class Members shall receive reasonable  
10 accommodations when they request them and as prescribed by LASD  
11 medical professionals. Accommodations may include but are not limited to:  
12 assignment to lower bunks; changes of clothing; extra blankets; allowance of  
13 extra time to respond to visitor calls and attorney visits; shower benches;  
14 assistive device to travel outside of a housing module; and assignment to a  
15 cell with accessible features.”

16 As previously reported, the *Johnson* policy includes language consistent with the  
17 terms of this provision.

18 The primary method for Class Members to request reasonable  
19 accommodations is by submitting a grievance, custody request, or HSR form. The  
20 OIG reviewed the availability of these forms at MCJ and found that many Class

1 Member housing locations did not have forms readily available in the designated  
2 bins, which impedes Class Members' ability to request reasonable  
3 accommodations.

4 On January 28, 2026, OIG staff inspected 83 grievance bins throughout MCJ  
5 where Class Members are housed to determine whether grievance, custody request,  
6 or HSR forms were available.<sup>53</sup> Of the 83 bins inspected, 40 were completely  
7 empty, and only 8 contained all three required forms.<sup>54</sup> Of the 83 bins inspected, 20  
8 of the bins had only one to four copies of one of the three required forms. For  
9 example, the bin for housing area 2200, row B, only had three grievance forms and  
10 zero of the other two forms. Similarly, housing area 2200, row C, only had three  
11 custody request forms and zero of the other two forms. At the time of the  
12 inspection, there were six Class Members housed between housing area 2200 rows  
13 B and C.<sup>55</sup>

14 The OIG noted 14 of the 83 bins inspected by OIG staff were missing one of  
15 the three required forms. Although these 14 bins had two of the three required  
16 forms, the quantity of each form that was available in the bin was insufficient for  
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18 <sup>53</sup> OIG staff inspected bins located on the 1000, 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, 8000, and 9000  
floor.

19 <sup>54</sup> Three of the eight bins inspected only had one grievance form and the quantity of the other forms in the  
same bin ranged from two to four copies of the same form. For example, the bin for housing area 4600  
servicing rows A and C had one grievance form, four custody request forms, and two HSR forms, which is  
20 not sufficient for the number of people in this area, let alone Class Members, housed in this area.

<sup>55</sup> Based on the "Mobility Impaired Daily List" for January 27, 2026.

1 the number of people housed in those areas. OIG staff found that 11 of the 14 bins  
2 had between one to four copies of a particular form. For example, the bin for  
3 housing area 2300, row A, had one grievance form and four custody request forms.  
4 Similarly, 3600, row D, had three request forms and one HSR form.

5 The OIG noted one of the 83 bins inspected only had 6 custody request  
6 forms and nothing else. This bin was located in 3200 row C, where five Class  
7 Members were housed at the time of the inspection.<sup>56</sup> Furthermore, Class Members  
8 frequently report that when they request any of the three forms from custody staff,  
9 they are oftentimes advised that forms are not available or that custody staff will  
10 return with a form but rarely do. The lack of consistent access to forms hinders  
11 Class Members' ability to request reasonable accommodations.

12 Boarding and Disembarking Transportation Bus

13 Several Class Members with mobility assistive devices other than  
14 wheelchairs expressed difficulties with boarding and disembarking the  
15 Department's buses during transport to and from the jail. Boarding the bus requires  
16 climbing up at least five, and up to seven, steps followed by walking down a  
17 narrow aisle. Class Members reported that their mobility assistive devices are at  
18 times taken from them when boarding the bus, oftentimes one or both of their

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<sup>56</sup> *Id.*

1 hands remain chained to another person, and that no accommodations are provided  
2 such as uncuffing one of their hands to help with stability. As a result, Class  
3 Members reported struggling to climb the stairs and steady themselves while  
4 boarding the bus, as well as struggling to walk down the aisle without adequate  
5 support.

6 Many Class Members reported concerns regarding difficulties with boarding  
7 and exiting the bus. Eight Class Members reported falling as they tried to board or  
8 were on the bus, one of whom sought medical treatment after falling. OIG staff  
9 reviewed medical records and confirmed that the Class Member reported the fall to  
10 medical staff and received medical treatment.<sup>57</sup>

11 Of particular concern, Class Members with significant mobility limitations  
12 or disabilities that cause severe pain at times are faced with the untenable decision  
13 to risk their safety and board the bus or miss their court hearing. Class Members  
14 reported that it is commonly understood that the Department will deem them as a  
15 “court refusal” and report this to the courts despite the refusal being due to their  
16 inability to board the bus safely.

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20 <sup>57</sup> It is important to note the OIG does not discredit the information from Class Members on the basis that the injury was not reported to medical staff.

1 Physical Accessibility Issues at MCJ and TTCF

2 As reported in the *Eighth and Ninth Implementation Status Reports*, Class  
3 Members housed in non-ADA housing areas face architectural barriers. For  
4 example, most showers in non-ADA housing areas of MCJ and TTCF lack grab  
5 bars and shower benches. The Department acknowledges that non-ADA housing  
6 areas need improvement. In fact, the Department reported it has identified a need  
7 for accessible showers on the 2000, 3000, and 5000 floors of MCJ; however, since  
8 the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, there have been no architectural  
9 improvements made to any jail facility where Class Members are housed.

10 As a result, Class Members continue to struggle with steadying themselves  
11 while showering and those who cannot stand for long periods of time reported  
12 having to use alternatives to shower benches, like plastic chairs that are not  
13 intended for use in a shower. Although the Department has distributed a number of  
14 shower chairs with non-slip feet to certain housing areas, the OIG continues to see  
15 the use of plastic chairs in showers throughout the facilities.

16 Additionally, Class Members housed in non-ADA housing areas of MCJ  
17 reported difficulties with entering and exiting the shower areas due to the presence  
18 of a raised threshold at the bottom of the entrance designed to keep water in the  
19 shower basin. OIG staff inspected shower areas in several non-ADA housing areas

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1 and confirmed the presence of raised thresholds, many of which are high enough to  
2 present significant challenges to those with mobility impairments.

3 Similarly, some Class Members housed on the 7000 and 8000 medical floors  
4 at MCJ face the same challenges as those housed in non-ADA housing. The dorm-  
5 style housing on the 7000 and 8000 floors at MCJ have showers in the dorm;  
6 however, those showers also have architectural barriers. OIG staff confirmed that  
7 many of these showers have a raised threshold at the bottom of the entrance  
8 designed to keep water from spilling out of the shower, do not have an attached  
9 bench in the shower, and do not have grab bars. Some Class Members with  
10 wheelchairs and other mobility assistive devices who are housed in these dorms  
11 reported that they are often required to use the shower in the dorm that has a raised  
12 threshold.

13 Although there are dedicated ADA showers with grab bars and shower  
14 benches located on the 7000 and 8000 floors, Class Members indicated  
15 Department personnel do not always provide them with the opportunity to use the  
16 ADA showers. Some Class Members reported having to wait long periods of time  
17 before custody staff escorted them to or from the ADA shower. This in turn causes  
18 the Class Member to opt for using the non-ADA shower in their dorm; thus,  
19 putting their safety at risk.

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1           OIG staff spoke with six Class Members who reported slipping and falling  
2 while showering due to a lack of accessible features. OIG staff reviewed medical  
3 records and identified documentation reflecting that one of the Class Members  
4 reported the slip-and-fall injury to medical staff.

5 Lack of Consideration for Class Member Needs

6           The Department’s lack of consideration regarding Class Members’ housing  
7 needs continues to result in undue hardship and unsafe conditions. OIG staff spoke  
8 with several Class Members who reported being housed improperly. In addition to  
9 the abovementioned architectural issues, Class Members reported being housed in  
10 areas where accessing the shower poses a risk to their safety. For example, several  
11 Class Members reported being housed on the lower tier and the working shower  
12 being on the upper tier, forcing them to climb and descend a staircase. This places  
13 a substantial burden on a Class Member who must negotiate holding their mobility  
14 assistive device and shower items in one hand and holding the rail for safety with  
15 the other hand.

16 Traveling to and from Housing Locations

17           As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, several Class  
18 Members reported having issues traveling to and from their housing locations. For  
19 example, Class Members who are housed on the 5000 floor of MCJ must descend  
20 approximately 60 stairs on narrow escalators that are always out of service to get to

1 the bus bays to attend court and must ascend the same escalator stairs to return to  
2 their housing location. During this reporting period, the majority of the escalators  
3 continue to be out of service because there have been no notable facility  
4 improvements to improve physical accessibility for Class Members. As a result,  
5 Class Members housed in that area continue to report declining yard time and, in  
6 some cases, missing medical appointments, due to the inoperable escalators. On  
7 January 28, 2026, OIG staff noticed that the ascending and descending escalators  
8 to the 2000 floor of MCJ were in service, providing some relief to Class Members  
9 housed in that area of the facility. Some of those Class Members reported that they  
10 have requested to use the elevator as an accommodation when traveling out of their  
11 housing area because they struggle walking up and down the broken escalators and  
12 their requests were denied, forcing them to use the broken escalators and risk  
13 injury.

14       Compounding the difficulty of traveling outside their housing location, Class  
15 Members reported being rushed by custody personnel when leaving or returning to  
16 their assigned housing. In this reporting period, 35 Class Members interviewed by  
17 the OIG at MCJ and TTCF reported being rushed when going to court, visitation,  
18 or medical appointments. Several of these Class Members reported being told by  
19 custody personnel that they will be marked as a “court refusal” if they do not

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1 hurry. Similarly, seven Class Members at CRDF reported being rushed when  
2 traveling to and from their housing locations.

3 As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, OIG staff spoke with  
4 personnel from PMB, the unit responsible for classifying and housing the  
5 population within the jails, regarding the process when housing Class Members.  
6 PMB personnel reported they rely on information provided by medical staff when  
7 determining housing for Class Members. However, this information is typically  
8 limited to mobility assistive device, bunk assignment, and long-distance transport  
9 orders for mobility-related needs. As a result, PMB does not generally consider  
10 other important factors such as a Class Member's need for grab bars or a shower  
11 bench or a Class Member's ability to ascend and descend stairs. In fact, PMB  
12 personnel reported they do not have a list of cells with accessible features such as  
13 grab bars. While it is unclear if PMB has since modified its process for housing  
14 Class Members, there has been limited to no improvement in this area based on  
15 observations made by the OIG during this reporting period.

16 Comprehensive Assessment of Class Members and Mobility Assistive Devices

17 In the *Eighth and Ninth Implementation Status Reports*, the OIG  
18 recommended that the Department, in collaboration with CHS, conduct a  
19 comprehensive assessment of its Class Member population to ensure that all Class  
20 Members are housed in appropriate areas of the jails and receive all required

1 accommodations. The OIG reasserts the urgent need to implement this  
2 recommendation, especially since many Class Members continue to face  
3 architectural barriers that present unsafe conditions.

4 It is apparent that the Department cannot achieve *substantial compliance*  
5 with this provision until a comprehensive assessment is complete, including  
6 conducting an inventory of its mobility assistive devices. OIG staff once again  
7 observed unassigned wheelchairs, walkers, and crutches sporadically placed  
8 throughout MCJ and TTCF, making it easy for anyone to use without a medical  
9 order.

10 OIG staff spoke with several Class Members at MCJ, TTCF, and CRDF who  
11 were in a wheelchair that did not belong to them based on their wristband  
12 classification. When questioned regarding the wheelchair, they confirmed that the  
13 wheelchair did not belong to them, but they used it to sit. In fact, OIG staff  
14 observed several wheelchairs in one Class Member's housing location at TTCF  
15 that were not assigned to anyone.

16 The unaccounted-for mobility assistive devices throughout facilities could  
17 contribute to the delay in Class Members receiving their prescribed mobility  
18 assistive devices. In addition, mobility assistive devices that are not properly  
19 inventoried or monitored once they are no longer medically necessary present jail  
20 safety and security concerns. The Department and CHS would benefit from

1 establishing an inventory process wherein optical codes, such as bar codes or  
2 quick-response (i.e., QR) codes, are utilized to identify whether a particular  
3 mobility assistive device is medically prescribed to the person in custody using it.

4 Classification Codes and Mobility Assistive Device

5 As reported in the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*, OIG staff continue  
6 to encounter Class Members who have a classification code for a mobility assistive  
7 device but did not have their prescribed device(s). The OIG spoke with 16 Class  
8 Members who reported not having received their prescribed device. OIG staff  
9 reviewed medical records for all 16 Class Members and confirmed that seven had  
10 active medical orders for the device they reported not having received at the time  
11 they spoke with OIG staff. These Class Members complained that they have  
12 difficulty ambulating without their prescribed mobility assistive device.

13 The OIG also encountered several Class Members this reporting period who  
14 had a mobility assistive device but did not have the proper classification code on  
15 their wristband. OIG staff spoke with 34 Class Members that did not have either a  
16 “U” or a “W” on their wristband but had a mobility assistive device.<sup>58</sup> Some of  
17 these Class Members expressed concern that their mobility assistive device would

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20 <sup>58</sup> The Department and CHS place a “U” on the wristband when a person is prescribed a cane, walker, or crutches and a “W” when a person is prescribed a wheelchair.

1 be confiscated because of the delay in receiving their wristband with the proper  
2 classification.

3 Further compounding this problem, medical and custody staff are not  
4 actively monitoring prescriptions for mobility assistive devices, resulting in delays  
5 in the removal of devices once prescriptions expire. Similarly, medical and custody  
6 staff do not have an established process for removing mobility assistive devices  
7 from Class Members, or clarity as to who is responsible for doing so, further  
8 indicating the lack of collaboration or cooperation between the Department and  
9 CHS.

10 Class Members continue to complain that, at times, custody staff does not  
11 abide by the mobility assistive device orders on file or are unaware that they exist.  
12 For example, some Class Members report that they require a wheelchair for long  
13 distances and for transportation to court but were not provided with the device due  
14 to inaccurate wristbands or delays in the classification process.

15 The Department advised that since the *Ninth Implementation Status Report*,  
16 they are fine tuning a “boots on the ground” operation they established wherein the  
17 Department’s ADA coordinators periodically interface with Class Members to  
18 address, *inter alia*, wristband classification issues. While the OIG is not aware of  
19 when this operation commenced, it does believe increased ADA coordinator

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1 engagement and communication with Class Members will help address many of  
2 the issues discussed herein.

3 Egg Crate Mattress Topper

4 As reported in the *Sixth Implementation Status Report*, the Department  
5 leadership agreed to issue an egg crate mattress topper to every Class Member,  
6 regardless of whether they had a prescription. On September 1, 2021, the  
7 Department distributed an “Informational Bulletin” to staff that provides guidance  
8 on issuing and maintaining egg crate mattress toppers for all Class Members. The  
9 OIG, through site visits and interviews, found that the vast majority of Class  
10 Members who are housed on the 7000 and 8000 floors of MCJ, within modules  
11 232 and 272 of TTCF, and throughout CRDF, had received egg crate mattress  
12 toppers. By contrast, a significant number of Class Members housed outside of  
13 those areas had not received egg crate mattress toppers. In the *Ninth*  
14 *Implementation Status Report*, the OIG reported that Department personnel  
15 required additional training regarding the provision of egg crate mattress toppers.  
16 The issue of missing egg crate mattresses toppers is also an area the Department’s  
17 “boots on the ground” operation will reportedly aim to address.

18 The Department advised the OIG that since January 21, 2025, they  
19 “conducted 21 facility briefings for both existing and newly assigned custody  
20 personnel, reaching a total of 349 staff members (including sergeants, senior line

1 deputies, deputies, and custody assistants)” from CRDF, MCJ, and TTCF “with a  
2 particular emphasis on the specific needs and requirements of Johnson class  
3 members.” Although the OIG has seen some improvement in certain areas, the  
4 majority of the issues Class Members reported to OIG staff in the *Ninth*  
5 *Implementation Status Report*, continue to exist in this reporting period. The  
6 Department must implement a system to identify issues and correct them as they  
7 arise. The OIG continues to strongly urge the Department, in collaboration with  
8 CHS, to conduct a comprehensive assessment of its Class Member population and  
9 their mobility assistive devices to ensure that all Class Members are housed in  
10 appropriate areas of the jails and are receiving appropriate accommodations in  
11 accordance with the terms of the Agreement. Defendants remain in *partial*  
12 *compliance* with this provision.

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APPENDIX

DEFENDANTS' JOHNSON COMPLIANCE STATUS		
PROVISION	DESCRIPTION	COMPLIANCE RATING
	<b>Programming</b>	
A.1	Access to Programming	Severed
A.2	Non-Disqualification from Programming	Severed
A.3	Escorts to Programming	Severed
A.5(a)	Class Members Serve as Trustees on Same Floor	Severed
A.5(b)	Trusty Tasks	Severed
A.5(c)	Identify Jobs	Severed
A.6	Notification of Available Programs	Severed
A.7	Notification in Town Hall Meetings	<i>Partial Compliance</i>
	<b>Physical Therapy and Outdoor Recreation</b>	
B.1(a)	Access to Physical Therapy	Severed
B.1(b)	Maintenance of Physical Therapy Room	Severed
B.1(c)	Physical Therapy Availability	Severed
B.2	Outdoor Recreation Time	Severed
B.3	Rotation of Outdoor Recreation Time	Severed
B.4	Thermal Clothing	<i>Sustained Compliance</i>
	<b>Physical Accessibility</b>	
C.4(a)	Housing Expansion for Class Members – Phase 1	Severed
C.4(b)	Housing Expansion for Class Members – Phase 2	Severed
C.4(c)	Housing Expansion for Class Members – Phase 3	Severed
C.4(d)	Housing Expansion for Class Members – Phase 4	Severed
C.4(e)	Housing Expansion for Class Members – Phase 5	Severed
C.4(f)	Additional Grab Bars and Shower Benches	<i>Partial Compliance</i>
C.4(g)	Construction of Accessible Beds	<i>Partial Compliance</i>
C.5	Review of ADA Construction Plans	Severed
	<b>Use of Mobility Devices</b>	
D.1	Initial Decisions and Ongoing Evaluations	<i>Sustained Compliance</i>
D.2	Secondary Reviews	<i>Sustained Compliance</i>
D.3	Assistive Device Leaflet	Severed
D.4	Tracking Complications	<i>Sustained Compliance</i>
D.5	Wheelchair Seating Training	Severed
D.6	Publishing Guidelines for Tracking Complications	Severed

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PROVISION	DESCRIPTION	COMPLIANCE RATING
	<b>Wheelchairs and Prostheses</b>	
E.1(a)	Wheelchair Maintenance	Severed
E.1(b)	Maintenance of the Wheelchair Repair Shop	Severed
E.1(c)	Installing RFID Transmitters	Severed
E.1(d)	Wheelchairs with Moveable Armrests	Severed
E.2	Return of Personal Wheelchairs	Severed
E.3	Assistive Device Policy	Severed
E.4	Return of Prostheses within 24 Hours	Severed
	<b>ADA Coordinators</b>	
F.1	ADA Duties	<i>Sustained Compliance</i>
F.2	ADA Coordinator Authority	Severed
F.3	Training ADA Coordinators	Severed
	<b>Grievance Form</b>	
G.1	Grievance Form	Severed
G.2	“ADA” Designation of ADA Grievances	<i>Partial Compliance</i>
G.3	Grievance Response Time	<i>Partial Compliance</i>
G.4	ADA Grievances Designation	Severed
G.5	ADA Grievance Maintenance	Severed
	<b>Accommodations</b>	
H.1	Reasonable Accommodations	<i>Partial Compliance</i>
H.2	Accessibility of Medical Orders	Severed
H.3	Tracking Mobility Assistive Device Requests	Severed
	<b>Notification of Rights</b>	
I.1	Notification of Rights	Severed
	<b>Training</b>	
J.1	Training	Severed
	<b>Transportation</b>	
K.1	Transportation in Accessible Vans	Severed