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Los Angeles County Probation Department, under the leadership of Guillermo Viera Rosa and Kimberley Epps has become the laughing stock of the probation world. At one time this organization was elite and had countries and countries all over the world visiting to see what make the juvenile facilities work. Things have gone from bad to worse under their leadership.

- 1. There is still a staffing shortage.
- 2 There is still extreme violence in the juvenile facilities (A couple of months ago a female supervisor was punched in the face and spit on by a juvenile detainee without out warrant). This department simply continues to cover up the violence which have over taken the facilities.
- 3. Guillermo and Kimberly continue to "rob Peter to pay Paul", which has caused a safety issue in our communities. They have annihilated the field offices, who are charged with supervising thousands and not hundreds of juvenile and adults on probation in the community, some of which are convicted of domestic violence, sex crimes and serious/violent offenses.
- 4. Instead of upholding the law, they have broken the law by not closing down Los Padrinos under the orders of the BSCC. In fact, Kimberly Epps was quoted saying, that they (BSCC) will have to put our stuff on the curb before we close down our facility. This is the ultimate disrespect and unprofessionalism to an another government entity who is charged with making sure detention facilities are in compliance with Title 15. This department believes they are above the law, yet contemns employees who do not comply with policies.
- 5. Morale among probation employees are at an all time low and there have been an increase of retirements and resignations. Further, creating a staff shortage. Not to mention there have been incidents where new hire's quit within the first couple of months, if not weeks, due to this dysfunctional Department and unsafe conditions in the juvenile facility.
- 6. This department has multiple law suits regarding unfair labor practices, in particularly discriminating against employees who have medical restrictions protected under the American Disability Act.
- 7. The youth are no more safe than they were when BSCC ordered LP to be closed in December 2024.

Granting this Department an appeal or approval to continue running this dilapidated facility places the youths, CBOs, teachers and probation employees in dangerous and unsafe conditions. It is time to take a stand and stop the political grand standing just to continue to financially support and organization, such as Los Angeles County Probation, to continue violate the rights of youths under Title 15.

Respectfully,

A concerned citizen and stake holder

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